

## Student Enrollment Improved In J&K Schools During Last 4 Years GER In Higher Secondary Level Up By 10%, Secondary By 2 Percent

Zaid Bin Shabir

**Srinagar:** In the last four years, Jammu & Kashmir's Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) in higher secondary and secondary level has increased by over 10 percent and 2 percent, respectively; reveal the figures emerging from Government of India's latest Unified District Information System For Education Plus (UDISE+).

As per the reports accessed and analyzed by Kashmir Observer, J&K's GER since 2018 has increased to 10.8 percent in higher secondary level in 2022 and 2.4 percent in secondary level in the past four years.

The data available with the

Kashmir Observer states that in 2018-19 J&K's GER in higher secondary level was 42.4 percent and in 2021-22 the figures increased to 53.2 percent. For the secondary level, in 2021-22, J&K recorded 60.5 percent against 2018-19's 58.1 percent.

In 2019-20, J&K's GER in higher secondary level was recorded at 38.4 percent and in the same period, GER in secondary level stood at 58.7 percent.

Gross Enrolment Ratio or Gross Enrolment Index is a statistical measure used in the education sector by the Government to determine the number of students enrolled in school. The GER can exceed



100% because of early, late entry or grade repetition.

Pertinently, in 2018-19 J&K had

28,654 schools including both secondary level and higher secondary level schools. However, in

2021-22, with an addition of 151 more schools, the total number of schools functioning in J&K increased to 28,805.

When compared with the data from previous years, the number of total schools in Kashmir came down. In 2020-21, with an addition of 276 more schools against 2018-19 data, the total number of schools functioning in J&K had increased to 28,930.

In 2019-20, J&K had 28,863 schools including both secondary and higher secondary level educational institutes.

Besides this, as per the reports, in 2021-22, J&K had a total 344485 students enrolled

in secondary level, of which 182592 were boys and 161893 were girls. In 2018-19, enrollment of students in secondary level in J&K was 3,22,717, of which, 171863 were boys and 150854 were girls. In 2019-20, J&K had a total of 328628 students enrolled in secondary schools of which 174451 were boys and 154177 were girls. In 2020-21, J&K had a total 337787 students enrolled in secondary level, of which 179809 were boys and 157978 were girls.

The report also added that in 2018-19, J&K's total student enrollment in higher secondary schools was 231398 including 123040 boys and **More on P6**

## India Assumes Presidency Of UNSC For December

Press Trust Of India

**United Nations:** India on Thursday assumed the rotating Presidency of the 15-nation UN Security Council for the month of December, during which it will host signature events on countering terrorism and reformed multilateralism.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj will sit in the President's seat at the horse-shoe table. Days before India's Presidency, she met Secretary General Antonio Guterres as well as President of the General Assembly Csaba Kórsi and discussed priorities during its presidency of the powerful body.

"Today, delighted to call on Secretary General @antonoguterres. Discussed the priorities and programme of work ahead of India's December Presidency in the @UN Security Council," Kamboj

## Smuggling Via Drones New Challenge: BSF

Press Trust Of India

**Srinagar:** Smuggling of arms and drugs through drones is a new challenge, but the BSF has undertaken several measures, including using anti-drone technology, to foil such attempts, a senior officer of the force said here on Thursday.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a function here, Inspector General, Kashmir Frontier, BSF, Ashok Yadav, said the force's endeavour is to keep the borders protected and foil any efforts of infiltration or smuggling.

"Smuggling of arms and drugs through drones is a new challenge and to overcome it, the BSF has taken several measures, including using anti-drone technology. We are improving our **More on P6**

## Ecosystem Nurturing Terrorism Has Been Dismantled: LG

'J&K Has Marched A Great Distance Forward In The Last Three Years'

Observer News Service

Reasi: Asserting that Jammu and Kashmir has marched a great distance forward in the last three years, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that his administration has kept the wheels of progress moving to ensure that no section of society is left behind, growth benefits marginalised groups and prosperity brings bright future for youth.

"All round economic growth is primary importance for us so that every citizen is able to live a life of honour and dignity in the environment of peace. The new dynamism in rural infrastructure will result in far greater prosperity for the people," the LG said.

He made these remarks while inaugurating Amar Jawan Shourya Sthal at Pouni, here, and paid his respectful obeisance to Param Poojya Sant Balak Yogeshwar Das Ji Maharaj.

"J&K has marched a great distance forward in the last three years. We have kept the wheels of progress moving to ensure that no section of society is left behind, to ensure that growth benefits marginalised groups and to ensure that prosperity brings bright future for youth," he said.

Referring to the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, Sinha said that the ecosystem nurturing terrorism has been dismantled.



"Jammu and Kashmir government is committed that until last terrorist and mentors on the ground are eliminated, anti terrorist operations will not be stopped and assault on terror ecosystem will not be slowed down," the LG said.

He said that fear, corruption and dynasty rule in Jammu and Kashmir for a long time had caused damaged to the social setup here, but during past 2-3 years, there has been a great change. "The effort is to bring major positive changes in social setup in J&K."

He said that for the past thirty years, cross-border terrorism in the Union Territory has been posing a challenge to us. "It is history in itself, the way the army, paramilitary **More on P6**



Icicles formed over a water supply pipeline in the tourist spot of Drang in Tangmarg due to falling mercury. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

## Centre, EC Defend J&K Delimitation Exercise, SC Reserves Verdict

Press Trust Of India

**New Delhi:** The Centre on Thursday told the Supreme Court that a delimitation commission formed to redraw the Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir was empowered to do so.

Seeking dismissal of a plea challenging the government's decision to constitute a delimitation commission, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, told the top court that the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 does not preclude the establishment of Delimitation Commission by the Central government.

"It is submitted that Sections 61 and 62 of the 2019 Act do not preclude the establishment of Delimitation Commission by the Central Government under



section 62 of the 2019 Act... It is submitted that the 2019 Act provides for two alternative mechanisms to carry out delimitation for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

"By virtue of Sections 60-61, while the power to determine delimitation is conferred on Election Commission, Section 62(2) and 62(3) confers powers to carry out delimitation on the Delimitation Commission

constituted under Section 3 of the Delimitation Act," Mehta told a bench of Justices S K Kaul and Abhay S Oka which reserved its verdict on Thursday.

On March 6, 2020, Union Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department) had issued a notification in exercise of power under Section 3 of the Delimitation Act, 2002, constituting a Delimitation Commission, with former Supreme Court judge (Retd) Ranjana Prakash Desai as the chairperson.

The Solicitor General also opposed the submission of the petitioners that Article 170 of the Constitution barred delimitation exercise on the basis of the 2011 census.

He said petitioners are wrong in their submission that delimitation exercise had to either happen on the basis of 2001 census or await "the first census after the year 2026."

"The idea was **More on P6**

## J&K Issues New Rules For Ladakh Deputations

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha led administration on Thursday notified new guidelines for the deputation of employees of Jammu and Kashmir to the Union Territory of Ladakh.

According to the guidelines, all the administrative departments/ HoDs/ controlling offices shall maintain a complete database of employees relating to their period of deputation/ service in Ladakh region.

While processing the proposals for deputation to Union Territory of Ladakh, the eligibility and suitability of the concerned employees and the interest of government work shall be given the utmost priority, the guidelines state.

"The convenience of the employees may also be considered, as far as possible," reads the guidelines. "Employees deputed

from Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir shall, as far as possible be posted at or around the District/ Sub Divisional headquarters of Leh/ Kargil Districts," they further state.

As per guidelines, all proposals relating to deputation of employees to Union Territory of Ladakh and any repatriation from said Union Territory, shall be submitted to the General Administration Department for seeking approval of the competent authority in terms of the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019.

The government has also notified the calendar for transfers. According to the order, transfers of teaching staff shall only be ordered in the first month of the financial year i.e. April every year.

"However, in exceptional cases, the transfers of teaching staff may be considered at the close of an academic session or during **More on P6**

## 'Technology Has Made Society Smarter'

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that the impact of climate change is also visible in new & extraordinary innovations changing our lives and the industry experts, engineers, academic have an important role to invent new tools, new products and future path for prodigious change. Sinha made these remarks while inaugurating the 8th National Conference & Exhibition on emerging and innovative trends in engineering technology at the Government College **More on P6**

**WE ARE MAKING EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A MECHANISM, in the coming three months wherein if the services are not provided within set timelines, officials will be held responsible."**

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

### Sufficient Funds To Pay Salaries: JKP

The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday asserted that it has sufficient funds to pay the monthly salaries to its personnel. "Some social media accounts, media persons and individuals are falsely reporting that due to non-availability of budget, the salary of the police employees covered under NPS (new pension scheme) could not be drawn. There is no truth in it and is far from the facts," the police said in a statement.

The police's clarification came after some news reports suggested that the salaries of a section of police personnel covered under the NPS were on hold for the last two months due to non-availability of the budget. **More on P6**

### Cold Wave Continues In J&K

There was no let-up in freezing cold conditions in Kashmir Valley and Ladakh as Srinagar, the summer capital of J&K, equalled the second coldest night recorded so far this season at minus 2.1°C.

A meteorological department official said that amidst mist this morning, Srinagar recorded a low of minus 2.1°C against minus 1.6°C on the previous night.

The temperature was 1.2°C below normal during this time of the year for the capital city, he said. On Sunday last, Srinagar saw minus 2.2°C which was the coldest night so far this season.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 2.0°C against minus **More on P6**

### Junior Assistant Falls In ACB Net

Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau on Thursday evening trapped and arrested a junior assistant of divisional commissioner office Kashmir for accepting bribe.

An official told a local news agency KDC that one Shahid Pandit junior assistant at the revenue section of Divisional Commissioner office in Srinagar was trapped and arrested by a team of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) while demanding and accepting Bribe of Rs 60,000 for issuing an order in alienation of Property Case.

He said that on receipt of the complaint, a FIR was registered, under section 7 Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 **More on P6**

### 3 Of Family Killed In Road Accident

Three members of a family were killed when the car in which they were travelling skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on Wednesday night, police said.

Two other members of the family were injured in the accident, they said. After skidding off the road, the car rolled down into over 300-ft-deep Sewa 'nullah' in Mangiar near Bani, the police said. While three members of the family died on the spot, two others were seriously injured. The injured were rescued by the Bani administration with the help of locals, they said. Police said the injured were referred to the **More on P6**

### Youth Found Dead In Banihal

A 25-year-old youth was found dead under mysterious circumstances in a rented accommodation in Banihal area of Ramban district on Thursday.

An official told a local news agency KNO that the youth identified as Rayees Ahmed Zohda (25) son of Mohammad Iqbal Zohda of Chanjloo Banihal was found dead in his rented accommodation in Gund Adalkoot locality of Banihal.

He said Rayees was a driver by profession. The official said investigation into the matter has been initiated to ascertain the cause of his death. **More on P6**

### All-Woman Bench To Hear Matters In SC

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud has constituted an all-woman bench comprising Justices Hima Kohli and Bela M Trivedi to hear transfer petitions involving matrimonial disputes and bail matters on Thursday. This is the third occasion in the history of the apex court that an all-woman bench has been constituted. The two-judge bench is currently sitting in Court number 11 of the top court. The bench has 32 matters listed before it, starting with 10 transfer petitions involving matrimonial disputes and followed by 10 bail matters.

The first all-woman bench was set up in 2013 when a bench of Justices Gyan Sudha Misra **More on P6**





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# The World's Best City For Expats, And The Worst

Bloomberg

Three different cities on three separate continents are the best places for expats to live and work, according to a new survey.

Spain's Valencia topped the InterNations Expat City Ranking list 2022 - with respondents raving about quality of life, public transport and sporting opportunities - followed by Dubai, which was lauded for the welcome it gives new arrivals. Mexico City came in third for its affordability.

Not faring so well was Johannesburg, which ranked bottom of the 50-strong list, with those surveyed branding the South African city unaffordable and unsafe. Sitting just above it are Germany's Frankfurt and the French capital Paris, which both scored poorly when it came to affordable housing.

Miami was the highest-ranking North American city on the list, in 12th place, with New York clocking in at number 16 and Toronto in 19th position. In the UK, London limped in at 40th place.

Elsewhere in Asia, Bangkok came in sixth thanks to its low cost of living, Melbourne's work-life balance earned it eighth spot, and Singapore rounded out the top 10.

InterNations collected information from 11,970 expats living in 181 countries or territories. Fifty cities met the sample size requirement of at least 50 participants per destination.

Here's the top 10 in full - with a brief description by InterNations of each city's major polling features:

1. Valencia, Spain: Liveable, friendly and affordable
2. Dubai, UAE: Great for work and leisure
3. Mexico City, Mexico: Friendly and affordable, but unsafe
4. Lisbon, Portugal: Amazing climate and quality of life, mediocre work options
5. Madrid, Spain: Great leisure activities, a welcoming culture
6. Bangkok, Thailand: Expats feel at home despite safety concerns
7. Basel, Switzerland: Expats satisfied with finances, jobs, quality of life
8. Melbourne, Australia: An easy city to get used to



9. Abu Dhabi, UAE: Excellent health care, worry-free bureaucracy

10. Singapore: Easy administration, satisfying finances, improved career prospects

And the bottom 10:

1. Rome, Italy: Expats feel at home despite low quality of life

2. Tokyo, Japan: Hard to navigate but quality of life high

3. Vancouver, Canada: Housing unaffordable and local residents not so friendly

4. Milan, Italy: Troubling financial situation, difficult working life

5. Hamburg, Germany: Expats unhappiest here, have hardest time making friends

6. Hong Kong, China: Frustrating environmental and work-life factors

7. Istanbul, Turkey: The worst city for working abroad

8. Paris, France: A top destination for culture and cuisine - if you can afford it

9. Frankfurt, Germany: Struggle with digitization, administration and language

10. Johannesburg, South Africa: The world's worst expat destination

## 'New Potential Drug Target To Treat Heart Disease Found'

Press Trust Of India

Scientists have uncovered details of a phenomenon that contributes to coronary artery disease, more commonly known as heart disease, an advance that may lead to new drug treatments for fighting heart disease, according to a study.

Soon after cholesterol and fat start depositing on the lining of the blood vessels that supply your heart, the smooth muscle cells that give the blood vessels strength and flexibility start to get bigger and multiply.

While scientists studying the phenomenon suspect these vascular smooth muscle cells are trying to help, this atypical behavior for these strong cells instead contributes to coronary artery disease.

In a bit of a vicious cycle, stents as well as bypass grafts used to treat coronary artery disease can prompt the same response.

Now Medical College of Georgia (MCG) scientists

report new insight into how the cells enable this unhealthy growth and a new target to intervene.

The endothelial cells that line our blood vessels are in constant communication with the layers of vascular smooth muscle cells that encase them and play a key role in regulating our blood pressure, said Yuying Huo, director of the Vascular Inflammation Program in the Vascular Biology Center at MCG.

In states of good health, for example, the two cell types share messages about how it is time for our blood vessels to dilate a little because we are exercising. Early in vascular disease, however the conversations change, said Huo, corresponding author of the study in the journal Circulation.

"They get the message that something is wrong," said Huo, and existing cells get exponentially bigger and start proliferating, which these cells don't normally do, perhaps in an effort to make more room inside for

blood to flow since cholesterol and fat are narrowing the existing passageway.

"Normally, the smooth muscle cells provide strength. If they start to proliferate a lot, it changes their identity," Huo says.

Whatever the reason, the result is more narrowing and scarring of the vital passageway for blood and worsening disease. So, the scientists looked at the building blocks needed to enable the unhealthy response.

They knew that growing more and bigger cells required more DNA, RNA and the proteins they produce. To make that happen required more purines, one of two chemical compounds in the body used to make the building blocks of DNA, in this case adenine and guanine.

What they didn't know was precisely how these cells make more purine when faced with arterial disease, says Dr. Qian Ma, postdoctoral fellow with Huo and the study's first author.

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For Companies to participate in Job Fair the Registration Link is <https://forms.gle/PHIGLBJCSR6LIEZ6>

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## Directorate of State Motor Garages Department

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**Multi Tasking Staff (MTS), EC No. 1075,**  
**State Motor Garages Department, Jammu.**

**No. MF-1075/455559 DSMG**

**Dated: 30/11/2022**

**Subject: Charge Sheet- Extension of time for filling written statement of defense.**

The Disciplinary Authority/ Director State Motor Garages Department J&K proposes to hold an inquiry against you under J&K Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed charge sheet already issued to you vide No. MF-1075/3861-65/DSMG dated 21.10.2022, the reply of which is still awaited.

You are as such again provided with an opportunity to submit a written statement in your defense and also to state whether you desire to be heard in person, of the enclosed charge sheet within 15 days of the receipt of this Letter. In case, you fail to do so it will be presumed that you have nothing to say in your defense and inquiry proceedings will be held ex-parte against you under the provisions of J&K Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeals) Rules, 1956.

(Malik Tahir Gani)  
Director/ Disciplinary Authority,  
State Motor Garages Department,  
J&K, Srinagar

**DIPK-14423/22 DATED 01-12-2022**

**CHARGE SHEET**  
**ANNEXURE-I**  
**(Charges)**

Articles of charge framed against Mr. Sahib Farooq, Multitasking Staff (MTS) Employee Code No. 1075.

1. That you while functioning as cleaner on 18-05-2017 in the State Motor Garages Department Jammu found un-authorized absent from duty w.e.f 18.05.2017 to 21.05.2017 for a period of 04 days.
2. That you while functioning as cleaner on 22-07-2017 in the State Motor Garages Department Jammu found un-authorized absent from duty w.e.f 22-07-2017 to 15-11-2017 for a period of 117 days.
3. That you while functioning as cleaner on 27-02-2018 in the State Motor Garages Department Jammu found un-authorized absent from duty w.e.f 27-02-2018 to 31-05-2018 for a period of 94 days.
4. That you while functioning as cleaner on 04-08-2018 in the State Motor Garages Department found un-authorized absent from duty w.e.f 04-08-2018 to 04-03-2021 for 943 days.
5. That you while functioning as Cleaner on 06-08-2021 in the State Motor Garages Department Jammu marked your last attendance in the office and since then you are Absconding/Un-authorized absent from duties till date,

**ANNEXURE- II**

Statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of the articles of charge framed against Mr. Sahib Farooq, Multitasking Staff (MTS) Employee Code No. 1075.

Un-authorized absent from duty.

That vide Director, State Motor Garages Department J&K Srinagar order No. 223-DSMG of 2017 dated 15-05-2017, you were transferred to Regional office SMG Jammu for further duties and you joined Regional Office, SMG Jammu on 01-05-2017 and remained present upto 17-05-2017 whereas from 18-05-2017 to 21-05-2017 you remained un-authorized absent from duties for a period of 04 days without any reasonable explanation and without any prior permission or information to the Department.

2. Un-authorized absent from duty.

That you applied for 30 days Earned leave w.e.f 22.05.2017 to 21.06.2017 for self treatment which was sanctioned by the Deputy Director SMG Jammu vide order No. 72 of 2017 dated 30.05.2017 and you applied for extension of Earned leave by 30 days w.e.f 22.06.2017 to 21.07.2017 which was also sanctioned vide order No. 91 of 2017 dated 18.07.2017 by the Deputy Director SMG Jammu.

That you again applied for extension of your earned leave for a period of 46 days w.e.f 22.07.2017 to 05.09.2017 which was not accepted by the competent authority as no leave was due in your leave account at that time and you remained un-authorized absent from duties w.e.f 22-07-2017 to 12.10.2017 for a period of 83 days without any reasonable explanation.

That you submitted leave application form for 30 days commuted leave w.e.f 13.10.2017 to 12.11.2017 which was not sanctioned by the competent authority and you were asked to apply for commuted leave in the prescribed Form-3 and Form-4 duly recommended by Authorized Medical Authority which you have failed to submit and no leave was sanctioned in your favour whereas you remained un-authorized absent from duties at your own w.e.f 13.10.2017 to 15.11.2017 for a further

period of 34 days and reported back for duties on 16.11.2017 and remained present w.e.f 16.11.2017 to 26.02.2018 except 05.01.2018, 06.01.2018 and 21.02.2018 without any leave or prior permission.

3. Un-authorized absent from duty.

That you were again found un-authorized absent from duties at your own w.e.f 27.02.2018. On 28.03.2018 you submitted commuted leave form for 23 days w.e.f 28.03.2018 to 19.04.2018 which was supported by the Medical Certificate issued by Dr. Mohinder Sandhu on his letter head and the same was not accepted by the Competent Authority and you were again directed to apply Medical leave on prescribed Form-3 and Form-4 under Rule 19 and 24 of Civil Services Leave Rules, 1979, which you failed to submit and your commuted leave was not sanctioned and you remained un-authorized absent from duties w.e.f 27.02.2018 to 31.05.2018 for a period of 94 days without any leave or prior permission.

4- Un-Authorized absent from duty.

That you resumed your duties w.e.f 01.06.2018 to 03.08.2018 and remained un-authorized absent from your duties w.e.f 04.08.2018.

That while taking cognizance of continued un-authorized absence and conscious negligence of duties on your part, you were placed under suspension by the Deputy Director, SMG, Jammu vide order No.94 of 2018 dated 27.08.2018 and even after suspension, you remained un-authorized absent from duties.

That a charge sheet was served upon you by the Deputy Director, SMG, Jammu vide No. PF-1075/SMGJ/4495-98 dated 17.09.2018 wherein you were given an opportunity to explain your position for remaining continuously un-authorized absent from duties w.e.f 04.08.2018 and you were directed to resume your duties but you neither replied to the charge sheet nor resumed your duties.

That you alongwith your family members approached Deputy Director, SMG, Jammu and pleaded that you were ill and was not in a position to attend duties and assured that you will remain punctual in future and a lenient view on medical and humanitarian grounds was taken and you were given an opportunity to overcome the above shortcomings and you were re-instated by the Deputy Director, SMG, Jammu vide Order No. 48 of 2019 dated 08-04-2019 with the remarks that the period of your un-authorized absence shall be decided later on. But in spite of your re-statement you did not resume your duties.

The way of your working and to remain un-authorized absent from duty for years together proves that you are habitual of not attending office regularly which created gross indiscipline in the Department and a Notice was served to you by the Deputy Director, SMG, Jammu for your un-authorized absence from duties vide No. Estb/SMGJ/3428-29 dated 01.12.2020, mentioning therein date wise periods of your un-authorized absence and you were given an opportunity to explain in writing as to %ly appropriate disciplinary action under Article-128 of JK CSR should not be taken against you and you did not pay any heed to the aforesaid notice and remained continuously un-authorized absent from duties.

That instead of responding to the Notice served upon you, you submitted leave application form on 23-02-2021 for 90 days Extra Ordinary Leave w.e.f 23-02-2021 on the grounds of self treatment which was not sanctioned by the competent authority in view of your continuous un-authorized absence and remained un-authorized absent from duties w.e.f 04.08.2018 to 04.03.2021 for a period of 943 days again at your own level.

5 Abconding/ Un-authorized absent from Duty:-

That on 26-07-2021 you submitted a written reply to the Deputy Director SMG Jammu in pursuance to the Notice served to you vide No. Estb/SMGJ/3428-29 dated 01-12-2020 but the same was found un-justified and was not accepted by the Administration. Section officer (Tpt), SMG Jammu reported that you remained present w.e.f 05.03.2021 to 06.08.2021 and again remained un-authorized absent from duties w.e.f 07.08.2021 without any leave application or any intimation to the competent authority and is absconding since then,

**ANNEXURE III**

**List of Documents by which the Articles of charge framed against Mr. Sahib Farooq, Multitasking Staff (MTS) Employee Code No. 1075 are proposed to be sustained.**

1. Attendance sheet for 04 days w.e.f 18.05.2017 to 21-05-2017 (copy enclosed as Annexure A).
2. Attendance sheet for 117 days w.e.f 22-07-2017 to 15-11-2017 (copy enclosed as Annexure B).
3. Attendance sheet for 94 days w.e.f 27-02-2018 to 31-05-2018 (copy enclosed as Annexure C).
4. Suspension order issued by Deputy Director, SMG Jammu vide No. 94 of 2018 dated 27.08.2018 (copy enclosed as Annexure D).
5. Charge Sheet issued by Deputy Director, SMG Jammu vide No. PF-1075/SMGJ/4495-98 dated 17.09.2018 (copy enclosed as Annexure E).
6. Re-instatement order issued by the Deputy Director, SMG Jammu vide No. 48 of 2019 dated 08.04.2019 (copy enclosed as Annexure F).
7. Notice served to you by the Deputy Director, SMG Jammu vide No. Estb/SMGJ/3428-29 dated 01.12.2020 for your un-authorized absence from duty (copy enclosed as Annexure G).
8. Attendance sheet for 943 days w.e.f 04-08-2018 to 04-03-2021 (copy enclosed as Annexure H).





# Man Arrested For Committing Unnatural Sexual Offence

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Police on Thursday arrested a man for committing Unnatural Sexual offence with a minor boy whose identity has been withheld. The accused has been identified as Wahid Sofi, a resident of Gulshan Bagh. A case has

also been lodged at Safa Kadal in this regard. "One accused namely Wahid Sofi of Gulshan Bagh, Srinagar arrested for unnatural sexual offence with one minor boy (name withheld). Case under relevant sections registered in Safakadal PS." Srinagar Police tweeted on Thursday evening.

# SKIMS Organizes Blood Donation Camp At NIT

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Soura Thursday organized Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with NIT Hazratbal, Srinagar.

The Department of Blood Transfusion and Immunohematology (BT&IH), SKIMS, organized a voluntary blood donation camp in collaboration with NIT, Hazratbal on the eve of "NCC DAY" on 27.11.2022 aimed to create awareness among general public about the importance of blood donation.

After proper donor screening and medical examination and following all the SOPs rec-

ommended by DGHS&MHF GoI, more than 45 donors donated blood.

HOD Blood Transfusion & Immunohematology (BT&IH) informed that the event saw enthusiastic participation from the members of all the communities, who came in large numbers to be part of the blood donation campaign.

After donating the Blood, the Donors were given a Donation certificate by the Department of BT&IH SKIMS.

Doctors of BT&IH encouraged the community to donate blood at regular intervals as blood donation is considered as one of the best ways of helping mankind. There is a global call for people to come forward and donate blood voluntarily.

# Rs 1.25 Cr Sanctioned For Establishment Of Skill Lab At GMC

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Government has accorded sanction to the advance drawl of Rs 125 lakhs for establishment of a skill lab at GMC Srinagar.

"Sanction is hereby, accorded to the advance drawl of Rs. 125.00 lakhs (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five lakhs) only, available under Capex Budget 2022-23 of "Government Medical College Srinagar Sector", by Principal, Government Medical College, Srinagar for "Establishment of Skill lab in GMC Srinagar as per MCI Norms (bearing woks code: HMESS2021100070)" and its further placement to Managing Director, J&K Medical Supplies Corporation for utilization of funds during the current financial year (2022-23),"reads an order issued by Bhupinder Kumar Secretary Health and Medical

Education, a copy of which lies with news agency—Kashmir Observer.

"The approval for advance drawl shall be subject to the conditions that Accounts Officer, Government Medical College, Srinagar shall vouchsafe the availability of funds for the purpose, the expenditure shall be booked on admissible items only as approved by the competent authority after observing all the required codal formalities at all levels with due diligence provisioned under GFR-2017, the funds shall be utilized for the specific purpose without any diversion, UCs/ Red Accounts of the advance drawl shall be furnished to the concerned quarters within the stipulated time and All conditions as contemplated in BEAMS generated release order shall be adhered to in letter and spirit," order reads further.

# 21-Day Winter School On GIS Begins At KU

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Department of Geo informatics University of Kashmir is hosting a 21-day Winter School aimed at enhancing the skills of diverse professionals in geospatial science and technology.

KU Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan was the Chief Guest and Dr Debapriya Dutta, Advisor, National Geospatial Programme, Department of Science and Technology, was the Guest of Honour at the inaugural function held Thursday.

The inaugural session was also attended by Prof Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, VC, IUST and Coordinator of the Winter School, Prof Shamim A Shah, Dean, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, KU, Prof M. Farooq Mir, Head, Geoinformatics Department, faculty members from various departments and participants. More than 20 delegates from various universities

and institutions across the country are attending the Winter School, and a number of seminars by renowned experts on a range of topics relating to geospatial science and technology are scheduled for the Winter School. The programme also includes lectures, project work and hands-on learning to develop the participants' GIS skills.

During the capacity building programme, specialists will present lectures on a variety of topics relating to the use of space and geospatial technologies for rural and urban development, resource planning, disaster management, public health, revenue records, and land and water resource management.

In her presidential address, Prof Nilofer Khan stated that geospatial technology has to be more widely used and made available to the general public rather than remaining the purview of scientists.



# Traditional 'Sozni Caps' Get Modern Day Makeover

Agencies

Srinagar: Two friends from Srinagar are giving a modern twist to old traditional 'Sozni' skull caps and are selling them online.

Mohsin Fayaz (26), an MBA pass out and Owais Ahmad Bhat, a B.Com graduate both from Eidgah area of Srinagar have been designing the Sozni caps with embroidery lines and selling them across India and

even abroad.

Mohsin Fayaz said that they readied embroidery caps for the first time in 2018.

"We stitched the caps for ourselves. But many were curious to get the same and that is how we started the venture," he said.

According to him, they started an online venture and have been receiving orders from both within the country as well as outside.

The caps, he said, are made of pashmina and they have en-

gaged artisans to make the caps.

The duo has included beret caps to make choices available for women as well.

The process involves procuring pashmina, dyeing, design followed by needle work or Sozni. Later, it is washed and is stitched by a tailor.

The duo has a message for their counterparts, 'instead of waiting for government jobs, try to create a niche for themselves. (KNO)

# Awareness Programme On Women Empowerment Held At Gandhi College

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The NSS Wing of Gandhi Memorial College, Srinagar in collaboration with District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) on Thursday organised an awareness programme on Women Empowerment, here.

The awareness programme attended by a large number of female students started with the introductory address by the Principal, Prof (Dr) Asmat.

Prof Asmat impressed upon the female students to be assertive, ambitious and well



aware of all the schemes aimed at their empowerment.

In her keynote address, Dr Humaira, resource person, gave a detailed description about the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme.

Ruqaya Ashraf, Women Welfare Officer, DHEW, Srinagar gave a description of various facilities aimed at empowering women which include among other things free legal and medical aid.

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## This Day In History

- 1790 - Austrian army occupies Brussels.
- 1804 - Napoleon Bonaparte is crowned Emperor of France in Paris.
- 1805 - Napoleon defeats Russians & Austrians at Austerlitz.
- 1840 - William Henry Harrison elected the 9th President of the United States of America.
- 1899 - US & Germany agree to divide Samoa between them.
- 1914 - Austria army occupies Belgrade Serbia.
- 1927 - Paleontologist Davidson Black announces to the Geological Society of China that the ancient human fossils from Zhoukoudian, China are a new species which he has named 'Sinanthropus pekinensis' (now known as 'Homo erectus').
- 1942 - World's 1st self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction occurs in Chicago Pile-1 (world's 1st nuclear reactor) at the University of Chicago, overseen by Enrico Fermi.
- 1952 - First human birth televised to public (KOA-TV Denver, Colo).
- 1961 - Fidel Castro declares he's a Marxist & will lead Cuba to Communism.
- 1968 - US President Richard Nixon names Henry Kissinger security advisor.
- 1969 - Boeing 747 jumbo jet 1st public preview (Seattle to NYC).
- 1971 - Soviet Mars 3 is first to soft land on Mars.
- 1971 - United Arab Emirates (Trucial States) declares independence from UK.
- 1971 - Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Fujaira, Sharjah & Umm ak Qiwain form United Arab Emirates.
- 1971 - Zayid bin Sultan Al Nuhaayyan of Abu Dhabi becomes President of UAE.
- 1974 - Soyuz 16 launched into Earth orbit for 6 days
- 1976 - Fidel Castro becomes President of Cuba, replacing Osvaldo Dorticos Torrado.
- 1981 - Spanish government requests membership of NATO.
- 1982 - 1st permanent artificial heart successfully implanted (U of Utah) in retired dentist Barney Clark; lived 112 days with Jarvic-7 heart.

## From KO Archives

## Rath Yatra Begins To 'Liberate' Sufi Shrine

New Delhi- Hundreds of VHP and Bajrang Dal activists chanting Vande Mataram swarmed the city of Chikmagalur in Karnataka today even as security was put on maximum alert to thwart their attempts to occupy a shrine dedicated to a Sufi saint.

The VHP and Bajrang Dal have threatened to 'liberate' the shrine of sufi saint Baba Budangiri situated atop a hill some 30 kms from the city centre. The VHP Bajrang Dal activists swarmed the city as five Rath Yatras from different corners of Karnataka and one from Maharashtra wound their way through the busy thoroughfares before culminating in a rally.

The procession passed off peacefully under the watchful eyes of the rapid action force and the Karnataka Reserve Police which were deployed in strength.

Karnataka Chief Minister J H Patel said a tight security cover had been thrown at Baba Budanagiri Hill named after the disciple of Muslim Saint Hazrat Dada Hayath Meer Khalandar and warned of stem action against law breakers.

The Karnataka High Court today directed the state government to take steps to preserve the Shrine's sanctity as top Union Ministry official M B Kaushal flew in here to review the situation.

In New Delhi, Union Home Minister L K Advani told parliament the centre was in touch with the Karnataka government to ensure communal harmony and peace at the Shrine as an agitated opposition sought to rap the Vajpayee government for not taking steps to stop the yatras.

The opposition led by Congress in Lok Sabha today charged the Vajpayee Government with not taking any action to stop the reported Rath Yatra being planned by VHP and Bajrang Dal activists to liberate a shrine dedicated to a sufi saint near Chikmagalur in Karnataka.

Senior Congress leader P. Shiv Shanker warned during zero hour that permitting such a yatra would disrupt peace and communal harmony in Karnataka and have a direct fallout on the rest of the country.

While asking the Centre to take prompt action to stop the yatra, he demanded the house should also strongly condemn the move by BJP's frontal organisations.

Former Prime Minister H.D. Devi Gowda said both Hindus and Muslims, over the years, had been offering prayers at the shrine dedicated to Sufi Saint Baba Budangiri. There has been no question of a confrontation so far. Gowda asserted the Karnataka Government was capable of handling the situation and would not allow these activists to enter the shrine.

Shiv Shanker said by directly or indirectly encouraging such acts, the Vajpayee government had shown that it was not in a position to effectively run the affairs of the country. He said the minorities were restless.

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Slowing Economic  
Growth

India's economic growth has slowed to 6.3 percent in the third quarter of 2022-23 compared to 13.5 per cent in the second quarter due to the contraction in output of manufacturing and mining sectors, government data revealed on Wednesday. But despite the slower GDP growth in the July-September period, India remains the fastest-growing major economy ahead of even China which recorded a growth of just 3.9 percent in the quarter. Last year, India's economy had grown 8.4 percent in the third quarter. As is apparent, India's growth rate is now averaging pre-pandemic level, signalling a fast recovery from the contagion.

India's steady growth rate over the last one year will go a long way to bring the lost jobs back. The last three years have seen global economy go from crisis to crisis which hit the global economy, including that of India very hard. Russia's invasion of Ukraine which followed soon after the pandemic was receding made things worse. Its repercussions are still playing out across the global economy. One major fallout of the war has been that the world's three largest economies - the United States, Europe and China - are stalling. This has triggered worldwide inflation, fuelled by the pause in exports of food grains from Russia and Ukraine. The two countries are big food producers. Ukraine is the world's biggest producer of sunflower oil, and Russia is number two. Together they account for 60 percent of global production. They also account for 28.9 percent of global wheat exports. This temporarily caused the wheat prices to trade at their 15-year highs. But the prices have since retreated to levels last seen before the Russia's invasion.

This has also impacted India's economy. Inflation touched record levels this year pushing most essential items, including food products beyond the purchasing power of the common man. Those at the bottom of the pyramid have been hit the hardest. Situation has been further exacerbated by the growing unemployment. It was 9.5 per cent in the second quarter. The unemployment rate in urban areas declined to 6.6 per cent in third quarter as against 9.3 per cent a year ago. The continuing war in Ukraine will not be good for the world economy. If the war drags on in Ukraine, India's economy is likely to come under severe stress. Skyrocketing oil prices will also wreck the European economy. Therefore, it is incumbent on the world to come together to resolve the crisis in Ukraine and find a solution that addresses the concerns of all the parties involved. And if the war lingers, the global economy could very well plunge into recession. And India's economy won't be immune to it.

OTHER OPINION

Selective rage

Incidentally, Mr Guterres's revelation comes at a time when India is grappling with coming to terms with the brutal murders of two women: Shraddha Walker was killed and dismembered by her live-in partner in Delhi; soon after, a man in Uttar Pradesh murdered his former girlfriend in a similar manner. These grim crimes are, however, consistent with data on violence against women and girls. The Asia-Pacific region accounted for the highest number of intimate partner or family-related femicides in 2021. The National Crime Records Bureau has found that crimes against women have increased by 15.3% in 2021 over the previous year, while the general crime rate has risen from 56.5% in 2020 to 64.5% in 2021.

But these murders do not tell the whole grisly tale. Broader reactions to the women's deaths are instructive in ascertaining the embedded social malaise. Consider Ms Walker's case. In a telling indication of the prevailing socio-political mood in India, there have been relentless efforts to link the crime to 'love jihad', the bogey peddled by bigots who allege that the minority community lure Hindu women into marital unions. Another perverse sentiment was echoed by none other than a public representative — a Union minister — Kaushal Kishore, who blamed 'live-in' relationships for the abuse inflicted on women. Evidently, the civilised idea of women exercising their own agency in choosing their partners has no place in Mr Kishore's patriarchal universe. Shockingly, the victim has also been vilified for ignoring red flags; this only goes to show how superficial the collective understanding is of the underpinnings of abuse. This prevalent culture of victim-shaming can be put in perspective. Data from the National Family Health Survey indicate that such are the deep roots of toxic masculine mores that a significant percentage of married women end up justifying — and, hence, perpetuating — the violence that is inflicted upon them.

It is imperative that domestic abuse is understood as the consequence of larger processes. The inequitable distribution of power and resources among the sexes, to cite one of the structural anomalies, leads\* to institutionalisation and even valorisation of violence against women. Law as a deterrent is in place. It must be complemented by timely and empathetic intervention to check abuse; there must also be adequate scope of rehabilitation for women lacking a support system. Equally important are discussions on agency, consent and bodily integrity; these must begin at the earliest, at home and school. Righteous indignation at the violation of women is not enough. It must be accompanied by the societal ability to identify concealed conditions that are catalysts of violence.

Telegraph India

Qatar World Cup  
Old Wive's Tale of White  
Colonial Capitalist Greed

Joseph Massad

As the World Cup kicked off last week, liberal European and American attacks on Qatar's human rights record, including an Amnesty International report, filled the airwaves and social media, with much focus on migrant workers and LGBTQ rights and the religiosity of the country.

The passions that football has given rise to over the decades, however, seem oblivious to the colonial, racial, national and capitalist history of the sport.

Indeed, the question of human rights did not seem to perturb white liberals much before the 2018 games in Russia, or this year's in Qatar.

That liberal human rights concerns more often than not fully reflect those of the imperialist US and European countries is hardly coincidental.

Liberal hypocrisy

When England hosted the World Cup in 1966, homosexuality was still illegal, and remained so in Scotland until 1980 and in Northern Ireland until 1982. When the law was finally amended, it merely "decriminalised private homosexual acts between men aged over 21, while at the same time imposing heavier penalties on street offences".

As for workers' rights, ongoing discrimination against non-white workers was rampant, including in British trade unions.

Britain maintained its colonial holdings across the globe, from the then defiant white settler-colony of Rhodesia to Hong Kong and the Malvinas (Falkland) Islands to what were yet recent crimes against the Kenyan people who had just obtained independence in 1963. They were of little concern to human rights defenders.

Qatar itself was at the time under British colonial rule.

Britain then, as now, still had blasphemy laws and the Church of England remains its official religion. Still, it hosted the World Cup without complaint from Europe's civil libertarians, least of all from Amnesty International.

In 1974, when West Germany hosted the World Cup, the population in that country was experiencing its latest wave of government repression.

In 1972 the West German government began to purge "radicals" from the civil service (which then included 20 percent of the West German workforce). West German trade unions routinely expelled "activist" members. The Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution investigated 2.5 million citizens.

In fact, 800,000 applicants for civil service jobs were investigated regarding their "allegiance" to the constitution. A policy of blacklisting, or "Berufsverbot" - for signing petitions, joining demonstrations, etc - of those deemed guilty ensued.

A crackdown on universities, dismissal of teachers, and "voluntary" withdrawals of "questionable" books by publishers was the order of the day. Whereas Nazi anti-homosexual laws, which remained on the books, were repealed in 1969, official anti-homosexual discrimination continued in the country until 2000.

West German racism against Turkish migrant labour was also rampant. Indeed, most of the leadership of West Germany's Justice Ministry between 1949 and 1973 were former members of the Nazi party, including dozens of former paramilitary SA members.

The campaign has been so intense that Israel, one of the world's biggest human rights violators, waxed moral about Qatar's record

But West Germany hosted the World Cup without complaint from Europe's civil libertarians, least of all Amnesty International (which was urged to intervene on behalf of the Baader-Meinhof prisoners who staged a hunger strike in German prisons, protesting against torture.

Amnesty refused to adopt them, as allegations of torture, in Amnesty's estimation, were not "justified".)

When the World Cup was held in the United States in 1994, half the US states had anti-sodomy and anti-homosexual laws, and the widely disseminated claim that Aids was a "gay disease" had not yet subsided. The country was proceeding at the time with its sanctions against Iraq, which led to the death of half a million Iraqi children.

Police killing and beating of

human rights record should therefore be viewed in the context of this illustrious history in which Europe and the white-ruled US are exempt from most criticism, but not so non-white countries.

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Fifa's president, the Swiss-Italian Gianni Infantino, responded to



The ongoing liberal European and American attacks on Qatar's human rights record should therefore be viewed in the context of this illustrious history in which Europe and the white-ruled US are exempt from most criticism, but not so non-white countries.

black men on the streets of US cities became a public scandal in 1991, when the video of police violence against Rodney King in Los Angeles went viral. This aside from the ongoing New Jim Crow system of incarcerating Black people in US prisons, to which the Bill Clinton administration contributed significantly; the use of prisoners as slave labour as permitted by the 13th amendment to the US constitution, and the ongoing violation of Native American rights.

But the US hosted the World Cup without complaint from European and US civil libertarians, least of all Amnesty International (whose report that year criticised the death penalty, and police brutality, and the forcible return of Haitian refugees, but not anti-homosexual laws, let alone the abuse of migrant workers, etc).

When the US hosted the Olympics in 1996 in Atlanta Georgia, Amnesty's annual report did not even mention the Olympics and repeated its usual criticisms of the death penalty, police violence, and forced repatriation of Haitian refugees it had made in previous years. It did however release a short statement condemning the execution of one man by the state of Georgia.

In contrast, Human Rights Watch (HRW) released a report in 1996 about the state of Georgia's death penalty, anti-sodomy laws, racism, and anti-poor policies, criticising the fact that the city was hosting the Olympics despite this bad record (in its 1994 report on the US, HRW made no mention of anti-sodomy laws).

Neither group, however, was part of an international orchestrated campaign against the US being the host to the Olympics. Indeed, as the US, Canada, and Mexico will be hosting the next World Cup, no campaign has been raised as of yet about the three countries' ongoing human rights violations.

It should be noted that the US won the joint bid to host the 2026 games in 2018 during the Donald Trump administration.

Colonial roots

The ongoing liberal European and American attacks on Qatar's

onship, established in 1919, and vied for the North African Cup, established in 1930.

Similar to other European colonialists, the Zionist movement, since its founding, was most invested in sports and athleticism. One of its founders, Max Nordau, emulated the Protestants by calling for a "Muscular Judaism". Nordau founded gymnasiums for Zionist Jewish youth across Europe.

Due to British influence and missionary schools, the Palestinians already had a few football teams at the beginning of the 20th century. Once the British conquered Palestine in 1917, they used their sports to normalise and integrate the Jewish colonial settler population they were introducing to the country through sports clubs, to which they invited the colonists and the natives to join, so as to forestall native Palestinian resistance.

But the plan did not work, and most of the teams remained separate and independent of the British. Soon, the Zionist colonists set up the Palestine Football Association, which remained exclusively Jewish (save for one Palestinian who joined only one of its directorate meetings), even though it marketed itself to Fifa as representing Mandate Palestine.

Only teams of colonists played in its championship, where the Zionist anthem was played.

Anti-colonial resistance

Despite British intentions, the colonised Palestinians, like the Indians and the Egyptians before them, saw football as a way to assert their anti-colonial nationalism. They organised more sports clubs in the 1930s independent of the British colonial government.

In 1931, the Palestinians established their own Arab Palestine Sports Federation, which had 10 clubs as members, but it would disappear amid the Palestinian Revolt of 1936-1939.

In 1944, despite ongoing British harassment, the Palestinians set up the Arab Palestine Sports Association, which 21 Palestinian clubs joined. By 1947 it had 65 clubs as members. It held its football championship games in 1945 in Jaffa. Indeed, a Palestinian team beat the British army team in a match that year, to the cheers of Palestinians.

Whereas the Palestinian Association sent teams to play in neighbouring Arab countries and Iran, it was unable to register with Fifa, which had already recognised the Jewish colonists' association as representing Mandatory Palestine.

Arab sports associations protested against Fifa's decision. As the Zionist conquest of Palestine in 1948 was proceeding, Fifa was in the process of reconsidering the Palestinian and Arab applications.

But if colonised peoples used football against their colonisers to assert anti-colonial passions, it would also lead to endemic hooliganism among British and other European spectators, and to nationalist discord between the colonised themselves, especially in the Arab world.

In Jordan, football has been, since the late 1970s, one of the main arenas to stage an exclusivist Jordanian identity and nationalism against Palestinian identity and nationalism in the country. It is an ongoing conflagration which led last month to the death of a child, who was killed by another child after a match between Al-Wehdah and arch-rivals Al-Faisaly, leading to the intervention of public personalities from both sides to contain the crisis.

The continuing rivalry between the Algerian and Egyptian teams since 2009 led to diplomatic and popular enmity between the two countries. This aside, national pride in French-Algerian (Zinedine Zidane) and Egyptian (Mohamed Salah) players who play on European teams spans the entire Arab world.

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# My Town My Pride: CS Emphasis On Delivery Of Services, Efficiency Says Prabhari Officers To Mentor Their Towns For Few Years

**Jammu:** Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today remarked that the ‘Prabhari Officers’ for towns under ‘My Town My Pride 2.0’ should assimilate themselves into the ethos of these places as they are going to mentor these for few years.

He made these comments while speaking during an interactive session held to sensitize the visiting officers about this programme.

The meeting was attended by all the Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and other senior officers besides the designated visiting officers for all the 78 ULBs.

Kashmir based officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Dr Mehta impressed upon them to be proactive throughout this programme and have close allegiance with them so that the relationship is long-lasting and favorable. He observed that there are sufficient funds at the

disposal of PRIs and they should be assisted fully to develop efficient plans for the people of respective areas.

The Chief Secretary also made out that focus should be on service delivery instead of creating the infrastructure only. He maintained that soft power like Aadhar Card, Golden Card, Property Certificate, Land Passbook, Ration Card, enrolment in Social Security Schemes are equally significant for people. He stated that these services empower people and make access to utilities easy. He asked the officers to create ample awareness among public about all the online services and portals created by the government during past few years.

He laid emphasis on formulation of different plans like City Tourism Plan, City Livelihood Plan, City Cleanliness Plan and others in consultation with the locals and elected Municipal bodies. He sensitized all the officers about the importance of such activities and called upon

them to put in their best efforts to saturate demand for self employment. He also asked them to saturate the Centrally Sponsored Schemes meant for such areas.

The Chief Secretary observed that the cities are the face of every region and people in cities are most sensitive, vocal and knowledgeable. He advised the officers to engage with them more purposefully and make best out of this engagement. He stressed on creating each of them into ‘Aspirational Towns’.

The Chief Secretary also stressed on making the revenue records of cities like Jammu and Srinagar readily available to people for their viewing. He directed officers to undertake time bound updation and reconciliation of these records based on the allied facts and documents. He also told them to take the initiative of creating geo tagged and 3-dimensional digital records for these cities so that those owning vertical properties like flats etc have better avenues to monitor it. He called on the

Visiting Officers to create the awareness about online services and RAS feedback in public so that they are able to avail these at their doorsteps.

About the programme the Principal Secretary, H&UDD said that the essence of the programme is to strengthen a feeling of connect between the government and the people with the participation of the ULBs.

It was given out that a suggested Activity Schedule has been prepared for the visiting officer. He/she shall hold interactions with prominent citizens, frontline government functionaries, social organization, respectable citizens of the area and the general public.

The Officers were also instructed to visit schools, health institutions besides important town assets/amenities related to various sectors including town halls. The Prabhari officers shall visit major projects of public importance, participate in exhibitions/melas, distribution of certificates etc.

# Competition Among Congress Leaders To Abuse Me, Teach Them Lesson By Voting For 'Lotus': PM Modi

Press Trust of India

**Ahmedabad:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said there is a competition among Congress leaders as to who will use the most abusive words against him, referring to the opposition party president Mallikarjun Kharge's 'Ravan' jibe at him.

Before Kharge, another Congress leader had said the party will show Modi his 'aukat' (place), the PM said, apparently referring to Madhusudan Mistry's remark last month.

Addressing a poll rally at Kalol town in Panchmahal district of Gujarat, Modi said such abusive words used for him were an insult of Gujarat and its people because he was raised by the people of this land.

He asked people to teach the Congress leaders a lesson by voting for the 'lotus' (BJP's symbol) in the state elections.

Kharge on Monday night addressed a rally in Behrampura area of Ahmedabad city where he said the prime minister asks people to vote "looking at his face" in

all elections. "Are you 100-headed like Ravan," he had said.

On Thursday, Modi said, "I respect Khargeji but he has to follow orders of the party high command. He was compelled to say that Modi has 100 heads like (demon king) Ravan."

"But, the Congress did not realise that Gujarat is the land of Ram Bhakts. Those who never believed in the existence of Lord Ram, have now brought in Ravan from Ramayana just to abuse me," the PM said.

"And, I am surprised they never expressed repentance, forget about tendering an apology, after using such cuss words for me. Congress leaders think it is their right to use abusive language for Modi and insult the country's prime minister," he said.

In an apparent jibe at the Gandhi family, Modi said Congress leaders are abusing him because their allegiance is towards a family, not India's democracy.

"For them, that family is everything. They will do anything to make the family happy. There is a competition among

Congress leaders as to who will use the most abusive and most toxic slurs for Modi," he said.

One leader even used such words during his (leader's) Pakistan visit, the PM said.

He said the opposition leaders have used all kinds of slurs for him, like "he will die a dog's death, he will die Hitler's death and one even said he will kill Modi if he gets a chance".

Modi said such abusive words used for him were an insult of Gujarat and its people because he was raised by the people of this land.

"There is only one way to teach them a lesson. Vote for the BJP on December 5 by pushing a button (on EVM) near lotus. And I want to tell the Congressmen that our lotus will bloom more every time you indulge in mud-slinging," he said.

Voting is underway on Thursday for the first phase of the Gujarat Assembly elections in 89 out of the total 182 seats in the state.

The remaining 93 seats, including Kalol, will go to polls in the second phase on December 5.

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### Student Enrollment

108358 girls. In the same category, in 2021-22, J&K had 294473 student enrollment including 157488 boys and 136985 girls.

As per the report, in 2018-19, there were 170449 total teachers in J&K including 90865 male and 79584 females. In 2021-22, there were 167106 teachers in J&K of which 86779 were males and 80327 were females. In the same category, in 2020-21, there were 172129 teachers in J&K of which 90119 were males and 82010 females. In the same category, in 2019-20, J&K had 173183 teachers including 91087 males and 82096 females.

The report further added that in 2021-22 the Pupil Teacher Ratio was 13 in secondary level and 28 in the higher secondary level. Similarly, in 2018-19, J&K's Pupil Teacher Ratio was 13 in secondary level and 21 in higher secondary level. In 2020-21, the Teacher Pupil Ratio (TPR) was 12 in secondary level and in 2019-21, J&K's TPR was 12.1 in secondary schools and 20.2 in higher secondary schools.

According to the data, the enrollment of Children with special needs (CWSN) was 17946 including 10489 boys and 7457 girls for the Primary to Higher Secondary (1 to 12) category in 2021-22. In 2018-19, the report said that total enrollment of CWSN was 26722, of which, 15271 were boys and 11451 were girls.

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As per the data, in 2018-19, the Net Enrollment Rate (NER) of J&K in secondary level was 33.4 percent including 33.1 percent boys and 33.8 percent girls. In higher secondary, the NER was 24.4 percent including 24.6 percent boys and 24.1 percent girls.

As per UDISE 2020-21, J&K's NER was 31 percent including 30.6 percent boys and 31.4 percent girls in secondary level. The higher secondary's NER in the same year stood at 30.2 percent including 30.3 percent boys and 30.1 percent girls.

It is pertinent to mention here that the School Education Department has been on toes for the last couple of years to enhance enrollment in schools especially in the far flung areas. One of the initiatives was the Enrollment Drive, run by the School Education Department to enroll more children in government schools in order to ensure universal enrollment and retention of children in government schools.

**India Assumes**

tweeted on Tuesday.

On Monday, Kamboj met Korosi, who tweeted, "Always a great pleasure to meet with India's PR @ruchirakamboj. Today's discussions focused on India's presidency of the Security Council, which begins on Thursday. I look forward to the month ahead."

India assumes the monthly rotating Presidency of the Security Council from December 1, the second time after August 2021 that India will preside over the Council during its two-year tenure as an elected UNSC member.

India's 2021-2022 term on the Council ends December 31, with Kamboj, India's first woman Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York sitting in the President's seat at the powerful horseshoe table for the month.

Countering terrorism and reformed multilateralism will be among the key

priorities for India during its UNSC presidency that will culminate in the completion of its two-year tenure as non-permanent member of the 15-nation powerful body.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will travel to New York to preside over "signature events" in the Security Council on renewed orientation for reformed multilateralism on December 14 and on countering terrorism on December 15.

As is customary, on the first day of its Presidency there will be the Permanent Representatives' Breakfast, Political Coordinators' Meeting and Consultations on the monthly Programme of work. Kamboj will then brief reporters in the UN Headquarters on India's priorities for the month and the programme of work for the Council.

### Smuggling Via

technology and we will thwart all such efforts," Yadav said.

"We are alert and will give a very strong response to such attempts," he added.

He said, the security forces are also engaging youth in border areas so that they stay away from drugs.

"It is our long-term programme to make the youth stakeholders in Kashmir's development," he said.

### Ecosystem Nurturing

forces and police has given befitting reply to this challenge."

The LG said that the crackdown against terror came became more intense after the Indian Parliament took a "historic decision" in August 2019 under the command of Prime Minister.

The army, CRPF and police have got many successes and stone-pelting and strike have become part of history now, he said.

"The nation is truly indebted to the brave Jawans for safeguarding national security," he said.

"The results of our efforts to rejuvenate rural economy are clearly visible. Farmers are receiving better prices, path breaking schemes have been implemented to ensure social safety net for vulnerable section & PRI's have been empowered to push forward rural development," he added.

The LG observed that the accelerated speed of completion of developmental projects, creation of better infrastructure, streamlining of public service delivery mechanism, improved educational & health facilities, and growing industrial sector with massive investment proposals have laid down a solid foundation for the glorious future of Jammu Kashmir.

"During Back to Village -IV programme, efforts were made to identify 15 youth from each panchayat for self-employment generation assistance. 27,000 sanction letters have been issued and by the end of December, all the sanction letters will be issued," he said.

"We have improved public service delivery and ensured higher financial outlays for district development. Health, education, industry, agriculture, handicraft is being given special attention as part of our strategy for inclusive and higher economic growth," he added.

The LG also observed that the administration has taken various steps to implement e-service delivery of public services but some people are facing difficulties in certain areas.

"We are making efforts to establish a mechanism in the coming three months wherein if the services are not provided within set timelines, officials will be held responsible," he added.

Speaking on the developmental

scenario in Reasi district, the LG said that in the last financial year, 1012 projects were completed in Reasi under the District Capex scheme while the target for this year is to complete more than 1500 projects.

"Last year, under District Capex, Rs 1125 crore was allocated to Reasi district for development works and this year the amount has been increased to Rs 1183 crore," he added.

Earlier, the LG honoured the Parents of Param Vir Chakra Awardee Captain Vikram Batra; Veer Naris and families of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the security of the country.

Sinha also inaugurated Yagyashala and felicitated ex-servicemen and organisations for their selfless service towards the welfare of the families of the martyr soldiers.

**'Technology Has**

of Engineering and Technology, Chak Bhalwal here, an official spokesperson said.

The LG, he said, addressed the gathering of students and technocrats from across the nation and said the Industry 4.0 technologies and the fourth industrial revolution is driving economic growth and building skills for future jobs.

"Extraordinary engineering innovations will not only change our lives but also shape the future to realise socio-economic good. Rapid adoption of digitisation in many fields of manufacturing & business will ensure smart factories significantly increase output of production lines," the LG said.

He said that the impact of climate change is also visible in new and extraordinary innovations changing our lives.

"Industry experts, engineers, academic experts and the platforms like NCEETIT have an important role to invent new tools, new products and future path for prodigious change," he said.

"High performance Industry 4.0 tools, engineering enterprise, technological dynamism to nurture an innovation-driven economy and our resolve to 'Make in India, Make for the World' will propel India to the category of advance economy," he added.

Emphasizing that today's engineering education must sync with tomorrow's industry, the LG said that in the next 25 years of Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal Khand, the speed of technology evolution will help in achieving sustainable economic, social and environmental goals.

"Transformation and new invention in energy, material and information technology in the next 5 years will impact engineering sector. Global energy infrastructure will witness re-engineering and solar and wind will become effective and economically productive energy source," Sinha said.

He said that the engineers will play a critical role to meet the basic needs of the human society and also to create solutions to modern world challenges. He also underlined that the Industry 4.0 technologies such as Internet of Things, Automation, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data & Analytics, the Cloud, simulations etc will allow industries to make data-driven decision, increase efficiency and accomplish the goal of smart factory.

"Every engineering invention has increased the ease of living. Technology has made the society faster, connected and smarter. This is a new normal and result of innovation and imagination," the LG said.

"Industry 4.0 and new inventions will end the system of working in silos in engineering sector. Different fields of academics & engineering will come

together in a self-supporting manner and strong relations will be established between Science, Technology & Information," he added.

The LG also laid foundation stone of Electrical Engineering Block at GCET Chak Bhalwal and inspected the impressive models and exhibits displayed by the Industry Professionals and Students.

The students were motivated to develop curiosity & inquisitiveness and contribute in the making of AatmaNirbhar J&K and AatmaNirbhar Bharat with breakthrough innovations, discoveries and start-ups, and to find solutions to local problems of Jammu and Kashmir, the spokesperson said.

The LG, he said, appreciated Principal GCET, Chak Bhalwal for her outstanding work in taking the institution to new heights.

**Centre, EC Defend**

that last delimitation under the old regime took place in 1995. It was also the government's idea was to immediately give democracy to the newly-formed Union Territory... For that to wait till 2026 or to do it as per 2002 was found to be legislatively unwise. The reorganisation provided for Section 59 recognising that commission would be more apt," Mehta told the top court.

The counsel appearing for the two petitioners, Haji Abdul Gani Khan and Mohammad Ayub Mattoo, had argued that the delimitation exercise was carried out in contravention of the scheme of the Constitution and alteration of boundaries and inclusion of extended areas should not have been done.

The plea had sought declaration that the increase in the number of seats from 107 to 114 (including 24 seats in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir) in Jammu and Kashmir is ultra vires constitutional provisions and statutory provisions, particularly under section 63 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019.

It had said the last delimitation commission was set up on July 12, 2002 in exercise of powers conferred by section 3 of the Delimitation Act, 2002 after the 2001 census to carry out the exercise throughout the country.

The plea had said the commission had issued guidelines and methodology for the delimitation of assembly and parliamentary constituencies vide letter dated July 5, 2004 along with the constitutional and legal provisions.

"It clearly stated that the total number of existing seats in the Legislative Assemblies of all states, including UTs of the National Capital Region and Pondicherry, as fixed based on the 1971 census shall remain unaltered till the first census to be taken after the year 2026," the plea had said.

It had sought to declare as unconstitutional the notification dated March 6, 2020 constituting the delimitation commission to take up delimitation in the UT of J&K and states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Nagaland by the Centre.

The plea had also challenged the consequential omission of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland from the process of delimitation vide notification dated March 3, 2021, claiming that it amounts to classification and violates Article 14 (equality before law) of the Constitution.

**J&K Issues**

the academic session, in consultation with Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh", the order states.

"An employee, whose order of

deputation to Union Territory of Ladakh is issued, shall be immediately relieved and be eligible for availing joining time as provided under Jammu and Kashmir Civil Service Regulations," reads the fresh guidelines. "No employee shall be repatriated from Union Territory of Ladakh unless a suitable replacement is provided by the concerned department".

Regarding tenure of deputation, the government said the employees shall be deputed for a period of two years to Union Territory of Ladakh. "The period of two years shall be counted from the date of joining of such employees in the Union Territory of Ladakh", the order states.

The fresh guidelines state that an employee, who has completed the prescribed tenure of two years in the Union Territory of Ladakh, shall not be deputed to Union Territory of Ladakh for a second term. "However, in case of non-availability of suitable substitute and in case of specific request made by the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh, an employee may be considered for deputation for another term, in the interest of administration," read the guidelines.

The guidelines further mentioned that no employee having residual service of less than two years shall be deputed to Union Territory of Ladakh. "In exceptional circumstances, and, if a specific request is made by the administration of union Territory of Ladakh, officers having less than two years residual service may be considered for deputation to Union Territory of Ladakh", the guidelines state.

According to the guidelines, no physically challenged employee shall be deputed to Union Territory of Ladakh.

"Once the transfer/ deputation order is issued with the approval of competent authority, the only ground for modification of such order shall be serious illness of the employee or his/ her spouse/ children fully dependent upon him/ dependent parents, to be certified by Standing Medical Board of Government Medical College in the Union Territory of J&K. The Board shall give a categorical opinion in such cases after examining the employee or his/ her spouse/ children/ parents," reads the order.

According to the guidelines, proposals for cancellation/ modification of deputation orders, wherever found genuine shall be submitted by the concerned administrative department only after receiving clear recommendation of Standing Medical Board to the effect that employee is medically unfit to serve in Union Territory of Ladakh or alternatively his/ her spouse/ children/ dependent parents suffer from an illness of the nature that warrant the presence of the employee at his home.

In order to enable settlement of pension cases, employees deputed to Union Territory of Ladakh, who are having less than 6 months residual service, shall be repatriated to Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir at least 3 months prior to their date of superannuation. The employees of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir deputed to Union Territory of Ladakh shall be eligible for incentives, as may be made available to them in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The guidelines further elaborated that if any question arises relating to interpretation or implementation of these guidelines, the matter shall be referred to General Administration Department for a decision thereon which shall be final.

**Sufficient Funds**

Rebutting the "false information", the Jammu and Kashmir Police said the police headquarters has made available adequate funds to all its units for salary of its employees including those covered under the NPS.

Earlier, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar, also said the report was fake.

"Regarding a #fake news doing rounds on social media that the salary of Police personnel hadn't been paid for past 2 months. It's hereby clarified that every DDO has got sufficient funds in salary heads," the ADGP Kashmir said in a tweet.

Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti had also raised the issue on Twitter.

"Sad that salaries of those who serve on the frontline have been withheld since two months. One can well empathise with the plight & pain of these families who solely rely on these salaries as their only source of income," Mufti tweeted.

**Cold Wave**

1.6°C on the previous night while in Pahalgam, the mercury settled at minus 3.8°C against minus 3.4°C on the previous night and it was normal for the south Kashmir resort, he said.

Kokernag recorded a low of 0.2°C against minus 0.3°C on the previous night and it was 0.6°C above normal for the place, he said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 1.0°C, the same as on the previous night, the official said. It was 2.1°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, the official said.

In Kupwara town, the mercury settled at minus 2.6°C against minus 2.5°C on the previous night, the official said. It was 1.5°C below normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 9.3°C against 10.0°C on the previous night. It was 1.0°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said. Banihal recorded a low of 1.2°C (0.7°C below normal), Batote 4.7°C (0.6°C above normal), Katra 9.0°C (0.1°C above normal) and Bhardarwah 3.0°C (1.7°C above normal).

In Ladakh, Leh recorded minus 7.0°C, Kargil minus 11.3°C and mercury in Drass, the world's second coldest place after Siberia, settled at minus 10.0°C, the official said. The MeT department has forecast mainly dry weather till December 7.

**Junior Assistant**

in Police Station ACB and an investigation was taken up.

Accordingly, a trap team was constituted. The trap team laid a successful trap and caught Shahid Pandit, a resident of Chanapora Srinagar while accepting a bribe on the spot.

The officer was taken to a police station in Srinagar and further investigation into the matter is going on.

**3 Of Family Killed**

Government Medical College in Kathua. The identities of the deceased are yet to be ascertained, they said.

**All-Woman Bench**

and Ranjana Prakash Desai was constituted followed by a bench of Justices R Banumathi and Indira Banerjee in 2018. There are three women judges in the top court at present including Justice Kohli, B V Nagarathna, and Trivedi.

Justice Nagarathna is also set to become first woman Chief Justice in 2027. The apex court currently has a strength of 27 judges including the CJ, against a sanctioned strength of 34.



## Govt Okays Subsidized Rooftop Solar Power Plants On Residential Buildings

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** In a significant step towards a greener future, the Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved installation of Roof Top Solar power plants on Residential Buildings across all districts of J&K.

The 20 MW Rooftop Solar Power Plants on Residential Buildings shall be installed by the Jammu and Kashmir Energy Development Agency (JAKEDA), Science and Technology Department, under "Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Programme, Phase-II" of Ministry of New Renewable Energy at approx-costofRs104Crore. These Rooftop Solar Power Plants will be connected with the Grid on Net Metering basis.

Besides, providing a clean and

green environment through reduction of carbon emission, the generation of solar energy through Rooftop Solar Programme shall also offset power requirements of domestic consumers in Jammu and Kashmir.

Under the new progressive and investor-friendly policy, the government would extend subsidy contribution equivalent to 25% of the project, for the installation of Grid Tied Roof top Solar Power Plants on residential buildings across all districts of UT of J&K. The project is to be completed by the end of November 2023 and shall be maintained free of cost for a period of five years by JAKEDA through the empanelled vendors.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K attended the meeting

## LG Asks Banks, Depts To Address Needs Of Industries, Youth



Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday directed banks and the departments to work in close collaboration for seamless credit flow to address the needs of industries, youth, and farmers for their capacity building and entrepreneurship development.

He passed these directions while chairing a meeting of financial institutions, public sector banks and government departments at the Civil Secretariat here, an official spokesperson said.

Sharing his views on the overall assessment of financial inclusion led interventions and reaching out to underbanked sections of rural economy, the LG said that our collective efforts must strive towards supporting sectors working as the power engines of our economy.

Earlier, department-wise issues and analysis of banking sector services were presented before the Lt Governor via a PowerPoint presentation.

## Raj Bhavan Bids Farewell To Outgoing Officers

**JAMMU:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and the staff & officers of the Raj Bhavan on Thursday accorded a warm farewell to the outgoing Additional Secretaries Jagdish Singh & Pankaj Bhagotra and Deputy Secretary Anush Hans.

In a ceremony at the Raj Bhavan, the Lt Governor felicitated the officers with a memento and expressed his appreciation of the sincere devotion with which the outgoing officers performed their duties. He wished them good health, prosperity, and success in future.

The function was attended by all the officers in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat.

## Legal Heirs Of An Agriculturist Also Fall In Category Of Agriculturist: Govt

Issues Order Under J&K Land Revenue Act



Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** In a significant move, the Jammu & Kashmir Government has ordered that the legal heirs of an agriculturist shall also fall in the category of agriculturist under the Land Revenue Act.

In an order, the Revenue department has said that the legal heirs of an agriculturist- mother, father, wife and children- of an agriculturist shall also fall in the agriculturist category for the purpose of section 133-H of the said Act.

The order has been issued by the department in exercise of the powers conferred by the section 141 of Jammu & Kashmir Land Revenue Act, Svt, 1996.

The Jammu & Kashmir Land Revenue Act bars transfer of land in favour of a person who is not an agriculturist.

It defines agriculturist as a person who cultivates land personally in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir or such category of persons as maybe notified by the Government

from time to time.

The Government's move came after the Revenue Department's field formations received applications wherein legal heirs of agriculturists were also claiming to be agriculturists.

The matter was referred to the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs for an advice after its examination in the department.

In its advice, the Law Department drew the Revenue Department's attention towards section 141 of the Land Revenue, which empowers the Government to remove difficulty in implementation of the said Act, and suggested them to pass appropriate orders by taking recourse to this provision.

"If any difficulty arises in giving the effect to the provisions of this Act, the Government may by order, published in the official gazette, make such provisions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as it appears to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of removing the difficulty," reads section 141 of the Act—(KNO)

## Will Continue Fight For J&K's Statehood: Azad

Press Trust Of India

**DODA:** The Democratic Azad Party (DAP) chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Thursday said he will continue to fight for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood.

The former chief minister also urged the Union government to fulfil its commitment over the same.

Azad said his party will create diverse employment opportunities for the youth in a bid to bring lasting peace and stability to the Union territory.

"I will continue to fight on the political front to ensure statehood is restored to Jammu and Kashmir and all the rights that were taken away on August 5, 2019, will be granted back to its people", Azad said during his visit to Udyanpur in Doda district.

In 2019, the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was bifurcated into two Union territories - Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir - and Article 370, which granted special powers to the state, was abrogated.

Azad said for lasting peace and stability, his party will create diverse employment opportunities for the youths if it gets into power after the elections.

"As long as employment and economic opportunities are not created, the youth will continue to feel dejected. We have a substantial youth population and we need to tap their energy positively for the growth of the country," he said.

"We can only engage with the youth when we offer them better employment opportunities and unemployment is a soaring



problem in the Union territory and the present regime has no roadmap available to tackle it," the former Congress leader said.

He said his party is committed to stand for the legal and genuine rights of the people of the union territory.

"Our agenda is pro-people and we will ensure the people of Jammu and Kashmir are empowered with socioeconomic rights," he said.

During his tour of the Doda-Kishtwar belt, which concluded on Thursday, he met hundreds of people and apprised them of the party agenda.

Hundreds of people joined his party in these districts.

He assured the people that he will not ignore them and the region will emerge as an epicentre of economic activities if his party secures the win in elections whenever they take place.

"We all know that this belt was overlooked by successive regimes. The region has an immense economic crisis with poor job opportunities for the local educated youth. I hail from the region and I know its potential and challenges," he said.

Azad said he has a clear vision for the Doda-Kishtwar belt in which not only the fresh economic opportunities will be created but the infrastructure will be developed at par with international standards.

### G-20 AND INDIA'S PRESIDENCY

## CUK's Dept Of Politics And Governance Holds Special Lecture

Observer News Service

**GANDERBAL:** Department of Politics and Governance, Central University of Kashmir (CUK) organized a Special Lecture titled 'G-20 and India's Presidency: India's Moment in Global Politics' at varsity's Green campus here Thursday.

Registrar and officiating Dean, School of Social Sciences, Prof. M. Afzal Zargar, gave special remarks. Asst Prof. Dr. Arshid Iqbal delivered the special lecture and spoke on the significance of India's presidency of G-20.

The faculty members and research scholars also shared their ideas on the theme. On the prestigious occasion of India's assumption of G20 Presidency on December 1, 2022, 'G-20 University Connect' has been launched to create awareness among the youth and the academic community of the country.

The Ministry of External Affairs(MEA) and Research & Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi conducted the inaugural G-20 University Connect event today in Hybrid mode.

A delegation from CUK including Prof. M. Afzal Zargar, Asst Prof. Dr. Abhiruchi Ojha, Research Scholars Mr. Firdous Reshi and Mr. Maqbool Wagay also participated in the event during online mode. Dr. Abhiruchi Ojha moderated the event while Ms Tahira Khatoon proposed the vote of Thanks.

### SI Recruitment Scam

## Court Rejects Bail Of Accused Teacher

Agencies

**JAMMU:** Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Jammu Anjum Ara Thursday rejected the bail application of one accused teacher, Jagdish Lal, who as per CBI's charge-sheet, was involved in sale of papers in much publicized Sub Inspector Recruitment Scam.

As per a local news agencyKNO, while rejecting the bail application of accused Jagdish Lal, the CJM Jammu after hearing both the sides observed that the charge-sheet in the present case has been filed. However, it is evident from the record that CBI is conducting further investigation in the matter and will file subsequent charge-sheet in the case as there are more evidence to be collected by the non-applicant and there is possibility of

involvement of many more accused in the present case of the recruitment and the leakage of paper of sub-inspectors.

The accused is involved in a serious economic offence regarding the irregularities in written examination of Sub Inspectors and he has played a key role in the criminal conspiracy to leak the question paper and sell the same to the candidates in lieu of money.

The investigating agency i.e CBI has prayed in the charge sheet that further investigation is still going on in the case and they will file a subsequent charge sheet as and when the investigation is complete.

It is also alleged that the present accused is highly influential and if bailed out may hamper the investigation and may influence witnesses and destroy evidence which is yet to be collected. It appears that the alleged accused involves

interstate gangs operating in several states. In such circumstances, the accused cannot claim bail on medical grounds or on the basis of parity.

CJM Jammu observed that the offence involved in the case impact the whole society and the public interest factor is to be taken into consideration and such socio-economic offences need to be considered with a different approach atleast at the time when the application for bail is to be decided by the courts.

In the backdrop of observations made above, in view the facts and circumstances of the case, the larger interest of public/state and the case law relied upon by the non-applicant/CBI, the accused is not found entitled for any leniency of bail at this stage. With these observations, Court rejected the bail application.

## Govt Doctors Run Private Hospitals In Kashmir: DAK

### 'Seeks Ban On Private Practice In Medical Colleges'

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Thursday said it is ironical that government doctors are allowed to run private hospitals in Kashmir.

"Doctors take salary from public hospitals and surprisingly work for private hospitals," said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

Dr Hassan said public

hospitals are the places where poor seek health care. Majority of our population is still poor and cannot afford expensive treatment in private hospitals.

"Diverting human resource from government hospitals to private sector deprives poor and underprivileged of essential health care," he said.

The DAK President said government doctor is a government servant all the 24 hours of the day, round the clock and does not cease to be one during spare hours when he/she is

away from duty.

"Permitting private practice at any time in the day is bound to affect the discharge of official duties by government doctor," he said.

Dr Nisar said the dual practice creates pervasive incentives for doctors to increase waiting time at government hospitals so that patients are forced to go to private clinics.

"Doctors concentrate their attention and work effort on private practice at the expense of public hospitals.

They use public hospitals

as recruiting grounds for their private practice and orchestrate scenarios to generate business for their clinics," he said.

General Secretary DAK Dr Arshad Ali said private practice has eaten away our premier health institutions which not only are crucial life-saving assets but also full-time centers for medical education and research.

The academic character of the health institutions has got damaged and profession of healthcare has got affected by private practice.

UT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

SHER-I-KASHMIR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE SRINAGAR

TENDER NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Single COVER SYSTEM

e-NIT No : - 27 SKICC of 2022-23; Dated: 30/11/2022

For and on behalf of the LG of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tender/s (in single cover system) is/are invited from approved and eligible Registered electrical contractors registered with J&K, UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/UT/Central Government Department on aggregate percentage basis for the below mentioned work/s.

S. No	Name of work	Adv. Cost Rs in Lacs	Cost of t/ doc. (in rupees)	Earnest money (in rupees)	Time of completion	Head	Class of contractor
01	Renovation of Vip lounge/Directors office Bathroom by way of redesigning and re construction i/c change of all fixtures at SKICC Srinagar	11.00	600/-	22000/-	45 Days	Non Plan	C & D - Class
02	Gate by way of Providing & fixing of sign boards and allied works at SKICC Srinagar	1.50	200/-	3000/-	30 days	Plan	D Class

Position of AA: - Accorded Position of funds: - Available Position of technical section: - Obtained Special conditions: -

I. Bidder shall furnish / uploaded proof of latest returns in GST, 3/GSTR-3B. FORM GST-3B i.e., latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B Of the preceding month to the issue of e-NIT.

II. Affidavit on correctness of information submitted / uploaded with the bid.

III. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

IV. All the documents / information regarding the qualification criteria shall be uploaded by the agency. Hard copy of the same shall not be entertained.

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	30/11/2022
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	30/11/2022 to 12/12/2022
3.	Bid submission Start Date	30/11/2022
4.	Bid Submission End Date	12/12/2022 up to 5:00 PM
5.	Date & time of opening of ONLINE Bids (Online)	12/12/2022

a) All bidders have to submit bid security declaration form instead of earnest money as per annexure A as per circular of finance department.

b) The first lowest has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in the shape of CDR / FDR within 3 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.

c) Any item found necessary to be executed at site but not covered by the allotment shall be paid on in vogue LMR along with allotted percentage allotment

d) The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on web site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).

e) The bids for the contract shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of financial bid.

f) All the materials used have to be of highest quality and standards and have to be approved by the engineer i/c before using them on site. Instructions of the engineering staff will be binding on the successful bidder.

g) The earnest money shall be forfeited if:

a) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

1. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

a. 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](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) to acquire bid submission process.

b. 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 vendors.

c. The bidders have to submit their bids on line in electronic format with digital signature. No financial bids will be accepted in physical form.

d. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary / documents with bid.

Note: Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option

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

3. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly credited to:  
Director SKICC 0229010200000020 J&K bank, Brein Branch.  
The original demand draft (cost of tender documents) CDR/FDR shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before fixation of contract.

4. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents, in no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the items rate inclusive of all taxes and should be saved with the same name as it contains.

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

6. Instructions to the bidders (ITB)

a. All the bidders shall include the following information and documents with their bids. GST No. and Pan No. along with Registration Card Renewed.

b. The bidders are advised to visit and examine the site of work at their own cost before submission of bid.

c. All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.

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

e. All bidders shall upload Copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business with Cell No. and Correspondence address.

f. All bidders shall upload DD

g. All bidders shall upload Valid GSTIN No. & PAN No

h. All bidders shall upload Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B i.e., latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B.

i. Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies. No document (s) which has / have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises

7. General Conditions of Contract: -

The date of start of work shall be reckoned within one week from the date of issuance of LOI/contract allotment as the case may be

a. Penalty for delay in completion: in case of delay in completion of work beyond stipulated period of completion penalty shall be imposed.

FUNDAMENTAL BREACH OF CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE: -

29. If in case contractor failed to supply manpower, & items within the stipulated time period / earnest money shall be forfeited after termination of the contract, besides defaulting contractor shall be deferred from taking works in SKICC at least for one year.

30. In case of any dispute / difference between contractor and department arise the decision of the Director, SKICC will be final.

31. Time Extension: The work is to be completed within the time limit specified in the NIT/allotment.

32. The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill requirement as laid down in NIT

33. All other terms and conditions as per PWD Form 25 (Double Agreement Form)

No: SKICC/EE/22/ 630-33  
Dated: 30 /11/2022  
DIPK-NB-5313-22  
Dt: 01-12-2022

Sd/= Executive Engineer SKICC



Real Kashmir Defeats  
TRAU In 5-Goal Thriller

**Press Trust of India**

**SRINAGAR:** Real Kashmir scored two second half goals to beat TRAU FC 3-2 in a thrilling fifth-round fixture of the Hero I-League 2022-23 at the TRC Stadium here on Thursday and maintained their top position in the league standings.

In a high-intensity game, where TRAU took the lead twice through Komron Tursunov and Salam Johnson Singh, an amazing solo goal in the second half by Real Kashmir captain Moro Lamine proved to be decisive as the Snow Leopards maintained their unbeaten run in the league.

TRAU established a low block right from the kick-off and allowed the hosts to dominate as they played on the counter themselves with Tursunov at the helm of affairs.

Midway through the first half, TRAU settled into the game and kept the ball, foiling the Real Kashmir high press. The visitors gained the lead in the 30th minute. Tursunov made a run towards goal before the Tajik was pulled back for a foul by Lamine. Tursunov spectacularly curled

On one occasion during the added time in the first half, Tursunov found Salam Johnson Singh, who was making a drifting run into the box and the centre-forward finished deftly to regain the lead for the visitors.

Following a rather sub-par performance, Real Kashmir head coach Mehrajuddin Wadoo made strategic changes at half-time.

Issahak Nuhu Seidu, who was ineffective in the first half was replaced by Ibrahim Nurudeen, while Alocious Muthayyan came in for Samuel Kynshi.

The visitors restarted with high energy and looked more likely to score another goal, but Real Kashmir overcame the early pressure.

Near the hour mark, Real Kashmir scored two goals in a span of five minutes as the Snow Leopards took the lead in the game for the first time.

In the 58th minute, a header from substitute Muthayyan, following a long throw-in by George, found Wadudu near the penalty spot as the Ghanaian unleashed a cracker that beat TRAU goalkeeper Loitongbam Bishorjit Singh.

Five minutes later, Real Kash-



the resulting free-kick into the top corner as goalkeeper Subhassish Roy Chowdhury conceded his first goal of the season.

Three minutes later, the Snow Leopards equalised. Nozim Babadzhanov received the ball at the edge of the penalty area and continued his run into the box before slotting the ball into the bottom-left corner to restore parity.

mir captain Lamine went on a charge. The Ghanaian centre-back made a run from his own 18-yard box into the opponent's box catching his rivals off-guard.

Lamine then used substitute Nurudeen's run as a decoy as he launched a shot from long-range beating the goalkeeper Bishorjit Singh, who struggled to keep the ball out of the net.

Portugal Looking  
To Avoid Brazil By  
Winning WC Group



**Agencies**

**DOHA:** Back-to-back wins. Qualification with a game to spare. Cristiano Ronaldo already among the goal scorers. The group stage could hardly have gone any better for Portugal at the World Cup.

There's still one loose end to tie up.

Portugal needs a point in its last Group H match against South Korea on Friday to guarantee finishing in first place. That might come with a perk — avoiding Brazil in the last 16.

"If we had to face each other, it would be a game between two great teams," Portugal coach Fernando Santos said. "But our wish, and Brazil's, is that we meet later on."

After the 2-0 win over Uruguay on Monday, Santos said he wasn't planning to rest too many key players against

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**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Teams	Kick Off
South Korea vs Portugal	8:30 PM
Ghana vs Uruguay	8:30 PM
Serbia vs Switzerland	12:30 AM
Cameroon vs Brazil	12:30 AM

South Korea. Ronaldo may be an exception.

Three games in nine days could prove to be too much for the 37-year-old striker, who hasn't played significant minutes this season for Manchester United — the English team which recently terminated its contract with Ronaldo after his explosive pre-World Cup interview blasting the club's manager, owners and even his teammates.

Ronaldo missed team training on Wednesday, instead completing a session in the gym, and there's a chance he will be saved for the last

16. That would give the likes of Gonçalo Ramos or Andre Silva a rare chance to start up front.

Santos said he will take into account which players are tired and also who has already collected a yellow card, to avoid the threat of suspension. The players who have been booked are Ruben Dias, Ruben Neves, Joao Felix, Bruno Fernandes and Danilo.

South Korea needs a win as well as a favor in the other game taking place concurrently, between Ghana and Uruguay, to join Portugal in advancing from the group.

A win for Ghana, which is in second place on three points — three behind Portugal and two clear of South Korea and Uruguay, would mean the South Koreans cannot qualify whatever their result at Education City Stadium outside Doha. (AP)



Gulmarg Gearing To Host Slew  
Of Winter Sports Activities

**Agencies**

**BARAMULLA:** With Kashmir Valley bracing up for snowfall, Kashmir's ski resort Gulmarg is gearing up to welcome tourists from different parts of the world.

Gulmarg is not only the best tourist destination, but it has become the epicentre of winter sports as well, with thousands of people participating in winter games every year.

The government is also organising National Winter Games including Skiing, Alpine Skiing, Snow Rugby, Ice Stock, Snow Baseball, Mountaineering, Snowshoe Running, Figure

Skating, etc., besides, events like Christmas celebrations, New Year and winter carnivals.

Assistant Director Tourism, Gulmarg Javed Ahmed told news agency KNO that about 6,000 tourists visit Gulmarg per day, but this winter season they are expecting to see 10,000 tourists mark per day.

"We are trying our best to attract the tourists for the upcoming winter season. The Ski resort is ready and in coming days, many more events will be organized," the official said, adding that "Kashmir should not be an optional address, but a must visit winter destination." (KNO)

KIIT Conferred FICCI India  
Sports Award



**Observer News Service**

**BHUBANESWAR:** Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) has been awarded India Sports Awards by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in recognition of the University's contribution to the field of sports. The award was given on November 26 in New Delhi and was received by the Director General of KIIT Sports Dr Gaganendu Dash.

Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta in his congratulatory message said the award will continue to inspire KIIT to contribute more to the development of sports in India. KIIT has been promoting sports and athletes for over 20 years.

"From the latest and greatest sports infrastructure to creating Olympians, KIIT has made a name for itself around the sporting world," Dr Samanta said.

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