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Significant Improvement In J&K Situation: MoS Home In RS

Says 3 Kashmiri Pandits Among 14 Minorities Killed In Jammu & Kashmir In 2022

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Government has a policy of zero tolerance against terrorism and the security situation has improved significantly in Jammu and Kashmir with a substantial decline in terrorist attacks from 417 in 2018 to 229 in 2021, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said

Wednesday. Rai said 180 terrorists, 31 security personnel and 31 civilians were also killed in J&K in 123 terrorist incidents this year so far.

"14 persons belonging to minorities including three Kashmiri Pandits have been killed in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir since January, 2022 till November 30, 2022," he said replying to a written question.

Rai said there were certain media reports of Kashmiri



clock 'nakas' at strategic points Pandit Sangharsh Samiti highamong others. lighting their security concerns and various measures "Various measures have have been taken by the govbeen taken by the Government ernment to protect the lives to protect the lives of minorities which include, group seof minorities which include curity in the form of static group security in the form of static guards, day and night guards, day and night area

domination, round More on P6

Threatened Journalists Will Be Protected: MHA

ight journalists working in Kashmir have received threats from militants online and four of them have reportedly resigned from their iobs. Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. Rai said a case has been registered at the Shergari police station in Srinagar in this regard. "As reported, eight journalists working for Srinagar-based local newspapers received threat through terror blog "Kashmir Fight". Four media persons have reportedly resigned. The media persons who resigned belong to the media house 'Rising Kashmir'," he said More on P6

Study Leaves Being Sanctioned In Violation Of Rules: Govt

Agencies

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday said that the Administrative Departments either sanction study leave in violation of Leave Rules at their own level or recommend cases to the General Administration Department without adhering to the other relevant parameters.

The government also directed that the study leave shall not ordinarily be granted to a government servant who has rendered less than five years' service under the Government.

As per a circular issued by the government under 49-JK(GAD) of 2022, dated 07-12-2022, the government has said that "In terms of J&K Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1979 (SRO-44 of 1979 dated 18.01.1979, issued by Finance Department), as amended from time to time, grant of study leave in respect of an employee of the

Government is governed by some conditions, which, interalia include certifying exigencies of public service, direct and close connection with sphere of his/her duty."

The study tour has to be of definite advantage to the Government from the point of view of public interest etc. The grant of study leave does not affect regular work or cause cadre difficulties owing to his/her absence on leave, the circular reads.

It further said that there is dearth of such technical qualified officers/officials in the Department and that Study leave shall not ordinarily be granted to a Government servant who has rendered less than five years' service under the Government. "Notwithstanding, the above mentioned provisions governing the issue, it has been observed that the

Administrative Departments either sanction study leave in violation of More on P6

Police Attaches House For 'Harbouring' **Militants In Khrew**

Srinagar: Police on Wednesday attached a house for allegedly harbouring militants in Khrew area in outskirts of Srinagar. "On 19/20 August 2021,

Police in Awantipora received an information through reliable sources regarding presence of a group of (militants) in the house of Ghulam Ahmad Najar son of Ghulam Mohammad Najar of Danak Mohala Khrew who are conspiring to carry out (militant) act in the area," a police spokesperson said in a

statement to GNS. Accordingly, police said, a joint cordon and search operation was launched along with Army 50RR and CRPF's 185 battalion. "When the cordon was being laid, the hiding (militants) fired indiscriminately upon the operational party with the intent to kill the Police and Security forces," he said. The fire was effectively retaliated, leading to an encounter, he said.

During the gun battle, he said, the militants by taking advantage of darkness managed to shift into the house of Ghulam Nabi Najar son of Ghulam Mohammad in the vicinity. Subsequently, he said, the militants were zeroed down and again the fire fight erupted and two hiding militants were killed. They were later identified as Musaib Mushtaq Bhat son of Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat and Muzamil Ahmad Rather son of Nazir Ahmad Rather of Chakoora Pulwama.

Consequent upon this case FIR No. 57/2021 U/S 307-IPC 7/27 A. Act 16,18,20 & 38 UA(P) Act was registered in Police Station Khrew and investigation was taken up, he said.

"During the course of investigation, involvement of Nizamud-Din Naiar son of Gh Ahmad Najar resident of Danik Mohalla Khrew (son of House owner) came to fore for providing of intentional harbouring and logistic support to the neutralized (militants) and was accordingly arrested in the instant case on 21 August 2021, for the commission of offences punishable U/Ss 19 and 39 UA(P) Act which were invoked in the instant case."

Accordingly process unde section 25 UA(P) Act for attach-

ment of the house for "inten-

tional harbouring of accused

was initiated and submitted to

DGP J&K for accord of prior ap-

proval and was More on P6

Kashmir Freezes; Pahalgam At Minus 5.6°C

Snowfall Forecast On Dec 9-10, 12-13 And Dry Weather Thereafter Till Dec 18

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Cold wave conditions in Kashmir intensified on Wednesday as the mercury continued its southward journey at most places, officials said.

At minus 5.6 degrees Celsius, Pahalgam was the coldest recorded place in the Union Territory, they said.

Srinagar, which had recorded the coldest night of the season at minus 3.4 degrees Celsius on Sunday, witnessed a low of minus 3 degrees Celsius on Tuesday, slightly down from minus 2.2 degrees Celsius on Monday, an official of the Met department here said. The night temperature was lower at the ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, which recorded a low of minus 4 degrees Celsius, a slight drop from minus 3.5 degrees Celsius recorded on Tuesday.

Pahalgam, in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, which serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath yatra, was the coldest recorded place in the valley at minus 5.6 degrees Celsius, down from minus 3.8 degrees Celsius. Qazigund, the gateway town to the Valley, recorded a minimum of minus 3.6 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag registered a low of minus 1.9 degrees Celsius. Kupwara in north Kashmir recorded minus

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3.1 degrees Celsius. meteorological The department has forecast dry weather but haze till December 8.

MeT department has already forecast light to mode snowfall in Kashmir from the evening of December 9 to 10. "A fresh Western Disturbance is likely to affect J&K and adjoining areas from December 9. Under the influence of the system, there is a possibility of More on P6



Illuminated Shikaras row inside Srinagar's Dal Lake on the beginning of two-day houseboat festival that started on Wednesday..KO Photo, Abid Bhat



A FRESH WESTERN DISTURBANCE IS LIKELY TO AFFECT J&K AND ADJOINING AREAS from December 9. Under the influence of the system, there is a possibility of light snow over plains and lower reaches, light to moderate snow over middle and higher reaches during 9th December (evening) to 10th December (evening) particularly over north, northwestern, central parts of Kashmir and South Kashmir."

Under-Utilised Assets Can Generate Jobs: LG

'Improving Quality Of Life Of Every Citizen Is Prime Objective Of The Administration'

Observer News Service

Jammu: Asserting that the prime objective of his administration is to improve quality of life of every citizen, the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said Wednesday that many under-utilised assets can generate employment, business opportunities with engagement of local community. Sinha made these remarks

while inaugurating a Multi-Level Parking Facility at Panjtirthi here



on Wednesday.

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Dedicating the new parking facility to the people of Jammu, the LG said that the project AMRUT-Atal Mission under for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation is part of the smart parking More on P6

Salutes Courage Of Soldiers On 'Flag Dav'

Observer News Service

ieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday that the Flag Day is an opportunity to express gratitude and solidarity with brave armed forces personnel and urged the citizens to contribute generously to Armed Forces Flag Day fund and serve the noble cause of welfare of More on P6

Man Fakes Death Twice To Draw Rs 56L Insurance

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In what seems to be a script of a bollywood blockbuster, a man from North Kashmir's Kupwara district faked his death twice in separate road accidents to draw a whopping Rs 56 lac insurance from a private firm.

According to the Economic Offence Wing of Crime Branch Kashmir, Taveen Ahmad Shah of village Gundi Syedain in Kupwara had opted for life insurance policies twice with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance and had fraudulently extracted the huge amount by showing himself as dead, an EOW

spokesperson said.

He said that the fraud came to fore after Jatinder Pal Singh, Area Manager, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, Jammu, filed a written complaint in year 2008.

Accordingly, he said, a case FIR No. 15/2008 was registered and investigation into the matter set in motion.

During the course of investigation, the spokesperson said, it surfaced that the accused had hatched a criminal conspiracy in league with his mother and father and misrepresented the actual facts before the ICICI insurance More on P6

'Blast-Like' Sound **Prompts Probe**

olice have launched an investigation after a "blastlike" sound was heard near a checkpoint on a vital bridge here, officials said on Wednesday. The sound was heard late Tuesday night near a bridge over the Tawi river, the officials said. There was no report of any casualty or damage in the "blast", they said.

Jammu Senior Superintendent of Police Chandan Kohli said "a blastlike sound was heard near Sidhra bridge checking point. A thorough search is being carried on the spot to verify the matter". Officials said police reinforcements including Special Operations Group More on P6

3.0 Magnitude **Earthquake Hits Kathua**

n earthquake of magnitude 3.0 on Richter scale was Reported from Kathua district on Wednesday morning, according to meteorological department here. While no loss of live or damage to property was reported, the earthquake struck at 9:15 a.m. at a depth of 10 km from the surface. Its coordinates are latitude 32.71 degrees and longitude 75.65 degrees, the officials said, as per news agency GNS. According to local reports, the jolt was felt momentarily and there was hardly any panic among the people.

Omar Picks Shahmiri As Political Advisor

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ational Conference Vice-President and former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday appointed Mudassar Shahmiri as his political advisor.



Mudassar thanked the

outgoing political advisor Tanvir Sadiq for his services and wished him luck for his new assigned roles," the National Conference said in a tweet. Sadiq was appointed the party's chief More on P6

Minor Girl Drowns To Death

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minor girl died on Wednesday after drowning In river Jhelum in Banyari village of north Kashmir's Bandipora district. 4-year-old Zehrish Tariq drowned in the river Jhelum in her native village Jadalpora Banyari of the district on Wednesday morning, reports said. Her body was retrieved and handed over to the family for last More on P6

Two JKAS Officers Among 3 Shifted

he Union Territory government on Wednesday ordered transfer of officers, two of them Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) in the interest of administration. According to a government order, Ms. Monica Thappa, Jr. Scale JKAS, Tehsildar, Jammu Development Authority, has been transferred and posted as Administrative Officer, Government Medical College, Jammu, vice Rajinder Kumar, who has been asked to await further orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department. Rohit Kumar, Jr. Scale JKAS, awaiting orders More on P6

Gunfight Rages On In Shopian



n encounter broke out between militants and security forces in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, police said. Security forces launched a cordon and search operation in the Watho area of Shopian following information about the presence of militants there, a More on P6

"JKNC Vice-President Omar Abdullah appointed Shahmiri as his political advisor.

The vice-president



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Pedestrians Choose Healthy Obstacles Over Boring Pavements: Research

ANI

p to 78% of walkers would take a more challenging featuring route obstacles such as balancing beams, steppingstones and high steps, research has found. The findings suggest that providing 'Active Landscape' routes in urban areas could help tackle an "inactivity pandemic" and improve health outcomes. But would adults opt for such 'fun' routes if given the choice? A University of Cambridge-led study published today in the journal Landscape Research suggests that with the right design, most would.

Millions of people in the UK are failing to meet recommended targets for physical activity. Exercising "on the go" is key to changing this but while walking along a pavement is better than nothing it causes no significant increase in heart



challenging route over a

conventional one and which

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enced their choices.

rate so only qualifies as mild exercise. Walking also fails to significantly improve balance or bone density, unless it includes jumping,

Lead author, Anna Boldbalancing, and stepping ina, from the University of down. Previous research on Cambridge's Department 'healthy route choices' has of Architecture, said: "Even focused on people's likeliwhen the increase in level hood of walking instead of and extent of activity level using transport. But this is modest, when millions of study examined how likely people are using cityscapes people are to pick a more every day, those differences

can have a major positive impact on public health.' 'Our findings show that pedestrians can be nudged into a wider range of physical activities through minor changes to the urban landscape. We want to help policymakers and designers to make modifications that will improve physical health

and wellbeing." Boldina began this research after moving from Coimbra in Portugal -- where she found herself climbing hills and ancient walls -- to London, which she found far less physically challenging. Working with Dr Paul Hanel from the Department of Psychology at the University of Essex, and Prof. Koen Steemers from Cambridge Boldina invited almost 600 UK residents to compare photorealistic images of challenging routes -- variously incorporating steppingstones, balancing beams, and high steps -- with conventional pavements

SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION A Community Approach To Dog Bite Prevention

Dog nuisance is a community-based issue that can be managed with the active involvement of every section of the community.

1) Keep your locality neat and clean.

2) Restaurants, food shops, hotels, residents, etc. are advised to use the Srinagar Municipal Corporation waste pick-up service.

3) Poultry shop outlets are advised to use the poultry slaughter waste collection service of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

4) Don't disturb dog that is eating, sleeping or feeding puppies.

5) Don`t chase, hit, kick or shout at the dogs.

6) When you face a growling dog, stand still and don't scream.

7) Children of the age group 4-9 years are the most common victims of dog bites; always accompany your children whenever they venture out of home.

8) If a dog bites, wash the bite wound with soap and running water for 15 minutes and visit the nearest hospital for treatment.

9) If you see a dog in the locality with an abnormal or aggressive behavior with froth dribbling from its mouth; keep away from such dogs and report immediately to Srinagar Municipal Corporation on following help line nos. +911942474499, 1-800-180-7038, +911942470465.

Citizens are requested to cooperate and coordinate with the Srinagar Municipal Corporation for implementation 10) of Animal Birth Control and Anti Rabies Vaccination (ABC/ARV) Programme in which stray dog will be caught, sterilized and vaccinated against Rabies and then released back to the pickup location.

DIPK-NB-5433/22 dated 07-12-2022

-sd-Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Selection Committee, under Juvenile **Justice Rules, J&K Rehmat Avenue, Baghat Sanat** Nagar, Srinagar -190005 /

29-D/C, Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu - 180004 E- Mail: sc.juvenilejustice@gmail.com / Member Secretary: psicpssgr@gmail.com (www.jkicps.org)

Subject:- Interaction Notice for the candidates who have applied for the position of Chairperson/ Member, Child welfare committees and Member Juvenile Justice Boards for Kashmir province.

NOTICE

Whereas, applications on prescribed format were invited from the eligible and interested Social Workers for appointment as Chairperson/Member, Child Welfare Committee and Member, Juvenile Justice Boards in each district of UT of J&K vide advertisement Notice No. 01 SC(MV) of 2022 dated 01-08-2022 & Notice No. 02 SC(MV) of 2022 dated 01-08-2022;

Whereas, applications were received and subsequently scrutinized in pursuance of Section 4 & 27 of Juvenile Justice (Care & protection) Act 2015 read with J&K Juvenile Justice (Care & protection) Rules 2021 and accordingly list of all the eligible and In-eligible applicants/candidates were published in two local newspapers of J&K besides uploading on official website of Social Welfare department, J&K for inviting objections, if any;

Whereas, several representations has been received and has been examined and considered by the department whichever found genuine;

Whereas, in the meanwhile the Hon'ble High Court at Srinagar in the case titled Court on Antion V/s State of J&K & Ors. Pll. No 09/2013 & 09/2015, vide order dated 30-11-20

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rected that the applicants shall be allowed to submit their applications within three days from today before Member Secretary Selection Committee, Mission Director Vatsalya, J&K and on receipt of the applications, the applicants shall be allowed to compete the process of selection, if otherwise eligible":

Whereas, accordingly the application forms has been received from the eligible applicants for three days in pursuance of the Hon'ble High court order dated 30-11-2022;

Now, the interaction/interview dates for Kashmir province has been fixed by the Committee and has been annexed with this notice for the information of all the eligible candidates. The interaction/interview dates for Jammu province will be issued separately.

The candidates are advised to report for personal interaction/interview in the office of Selection Committee at Rehmat Avenue, Baghat-Sanat Nagar, Srinagar, as per date and time shown against each:-#Note

The eligibility of the candidates is subject to the provisions contained in Juvenile Justice (Care & protection) Act 2015 read J&K Juvenile Justice (Care & protection) Rules 2021.

The selection committee will evaluate the candidates on the basis of the qualifications, b. experience of working with children and personal interaction/interview with the candidate. The allocation of points/marks, out of 100 marks will be as under:

For qualification 35 Marks i.e 25 for basic required qualification, 3 marks for PG/LLM, 2 marks for M. Phil, 4 marks for Phd/LLD and 1 marks for post doctorate provided the qualifications are in a relevant discipline from the recognised universities.

For experience 35 marks i.e. 25 for basic required experience, 1 marks for each additional year of experience subject to the maximum 10 marks.

For personal interaction/interview by the Selection Committee 30 marks to be awarded by the Selection Committee.

The candidates shall produce all the original certificates/testimonials/marks sheets on the date of interaction.

The permission to appear in the interaction is purely provisional and subject to fulfilment Pulw of eligibility conditions under rules. y conditions under rules. The interaction/interview dates are subject to change in case of exigency. (Harvinder Kour),

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ission Director, Mission Vatsalya, J&K/
Ex-officio Member Secretary,

Selection Committee

No. MS/SC/2022/

DIPK-14689/22 Dated:- 07-12-2022

Annexure to the Notice

The candidates are advised to report for the interaction as per the date and time shown against each:-

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Unidentified Body Recovered **Near Budshah Bridge**

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Srinagar: An unidentified body was recovered on the banks of river Jhelum near Budshah Bridge in Lalchowk area of Srinagar last evening, reports said here on Wednesday.

Reports said that locals spotted the unidentified semidecomposed body lying on the banks of river Jhelum near Budshah Bridge.

They said the locals subsequently informed the local police and the body was later recovered.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident. (KNO)

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vicemen and their families. Meanwhile, Ex-Service-

Armed Forces Flag Day Celebrated In City

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Observer News Service

Srinagar: In connection with the celebrations of Armed Forces Flag Day, a Programme was held at Zilla Sainik Bhawan, Srinagar to hon-

our the war martyrs and men in uniform who fought to safeguard the country's integrity and sovereignty. Deputy Commis-

sioner, Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, who is also President Zilla Sainik Board, Srinagar was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Speaking on the oc-

casion, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the role of Sainiks and called them guardians

of the Nation who protect its citizens. He said Flag Day brings to the forefront our commitment of looking after our veer naris, disabled soldiers and families of martyrs.

During the interaction with the veterans, the DC Srinagar assured all support from the civil administration



Srinagar for the welfare of exservicemen community.

Pertinent to mention that senior Officers of the District Administration Srinagar recently visited the homes of war veterans and Veer Naris and met their family members and enquired about their well being and issues confronting them.

Install Transformer In Our Area, Noorbagh Locals Appeal Admin.

Agencies

Srinagar: 'Al-Falah' Committee of Bagh-e-Lala Pandit locality in the Noor Bagh area of Srinagar city Wednesday appealed to the Power Development Department to install 400 KVA transformer in their area.

The Committee said that a XVA transformer had been installed in the area 10 years ago for 30 households but that number has grown to 150.

this 250 KVA transformer develops a snag as a result the area reels under darkness. A couple of days ago, it was repaired but again was damaged due to overloading," the Committee members told news agency Kashmir News Trust. The 'Al-Falah' Commit-

tee made a fervent appeal to authorities to install 400

"Every alternate day



Shikaras illuminated with LED lights on the eve of Houseboat Festival at Dal Lake. KO Photo Abid Bhat.

Boon Ties Up With SSC To Monitor Water Quality In Dal Lake

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Boon, a global watertech startup, has teamed up with Srinagar Smart City Limited to keep an eye on quality of water in the famous Dal Lake in Jammu and Kashmir, the company said on Wednesday.

'Boon will use its proprietary and patented drinking water Internet-of-Things platform (Clairvoyant) to detect irregularities in the water of the Dal Lake and send timely alerts to the concerned authorities for quick remedial action," a spokesperson of the company said. Dal Lake is the second larg-

est lake in Jammu and Kash mir and one of the most visited places in Srinagar by locals and tourists. It's also treasured

as an essential hub for water plant harvesting and fishing, providing food and water to nearby villages.

"Lately, increased commercialization of the place has led to high pollution levels in the water, making it unfit for drinking and domestic activities. According to a report in 2017, approximately 50 million litres of sewage flow into the lake every day and close to 80,000 tonnes of silt is deposited yearly," the spokesperson said.

In order to restore the glory of the lake, Srinagar Smart City Limited will deploy Clairvoyant at a cost of Rs 1.28 crore to run historical data models using AI and compare them with current data samples to find variances over time, informing authorities of remedial action

if the water quality is beyond the prescribed limit.

"In recent years, the quality of water has become a subject of discussion around the country owing to high levels of pollutants. At Boon, we aim to address this by empowering hotels, schools, metro stations, and other institutions to adopt a healthy and sustainable drinking water solution," Vibha Tripathi, MD of Boon, said.

"Our partnership with Srinagar Smart City Limited further bolsters this initiative and intends to check and keep the water clean in Dal Lake. Live screens will also make it easier for authorities to continue monitoring the water quality in the lake and take remedial action," she added



This Day In History

- 1710 Battle of Brihuega in the War of the Spanish Succession: British General James Stanhope captured by French & Spanish forces.
- 1863 2,500 reported killed as result of fire at Jesuit Church of La Compana, Santiago, Chile,
- 1863 Abraham Lincoln issues his Amnesty Proclamation and plan for Reconstruction of the South.
- 1869 Timothy Eaton founds T. Eaton Co. Limited in Toronto, Canada.
- 1881 Vienna's Ring Theater destroyed by fire, kills between 640-850.
- 1895 Battle at Amba Alagi: Ethiopian Emperor Menelik II drives Italian General Baratieri out.
- 1921 Eamon de Valera publicly repudiates Anglo-Irish Treaty.
- 1923 German-US friendship treaty signed
- 1923 Salary & price freeze in Germany.
- 1941 London: Dutch government-in-exile declares war on Japan.
- 1941 US & Britain declare war on Japan, US enters WW II.
- 1952 Isaak Ben-Zwi elected president of Israel.
- 1953 Dwight D. Eisenhower gives his "Atoms for Peace" speech at the UN in New York.
- 1962 114-day newspaper strike begins in NYC.
- 1963 Pan Am Flight 214 crashes outside Elkton, Maryland with 81 killed. Only case of lighting causing air crash.
- 1965 Nikolai Podgorny succeeds Mikoian as president of USSR.
- 1969 Greek DC-6B crashes in storm at Athens, 93 killed. 1972 - United Airlines crashes at Chicago's Midway Airport
- killing 45 1974 - Sovuz 16 returns to Earth.
- 1982 Colombian writer Gabriel García Márquez receives the
- Nobel Prize for Literature

rants of lakhs of rupees on the pretext of arranging medical seats for them in private colleges over the past 15 years. After hearing prosecu

ta granted bail to Uttar Pradesh resident Sheel Kumar Shukla.

Court Grants Bail To UP Resident

Accused Of Duping Aspirants

"Considering the law and keeping in view the facts of the present case and further that the accused in custody for the past 55 days and presently lodged in judicial custody, the apprehension of the prosecution as to the influencing of prosecution

be withheld only on this count," the court said.

The court observed that the accused has carved out a case at this stage for granting bail in his favour. "Therefore, application is allowed and the accused is granted interim bail till next date of hearing subject to the furnishing of bail bonds by the

KVA transformers in the area. [KNT]

and defence counsel advocate Aamir Masoodi, First Additional Sessions Judge Ajay Kumar Gup-

Srinagar: A court here has

granted the bail to a man ac-

cused of duping MBBS aspi-

witnesses by the accused can be guarded by imposing suitable conditions but the bail cannot surety and personal bonds to the tune of Rs one lakh," the court added

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Training On 'Referral Services For Substance Abuse' Concludes At KU

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Department of Social Work, University of Kashmir, organised a two-day training programme for college teachers on 'Identification and Referral Services for Substance Abuse'.

Prof Nilofer Khan, who

Vice-Chancellor

said, the workshop will become a continuous outcome-based activity. "Let the department

come up with a proposal in this regard. The Universitv administration will provide all necessarv support to this outreach

activity," she said. Dr Deeba Khan, Dep-



awareness campaigns. Dr Adil Bashir, workshop coordinator, earlier spelt out the objectives of the two-day event.

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On the occasion, a drug addiction survivor narrated his "horrific experience" while being involved in drug abuse previously. Saying that he had lost both his health and happiness, the survivor said that substance

abuse had damaged 55% of his liver, besides impacting his kidneys and lungs. "I was shattered emotionally and financially.

I appeal to all youth involved in drug abuse to come out of it," he said. The survivor was felicitated by the Vice-Chancellor with a memento for coming out of the dark phase.

Director North Campus Prof Bashir Ahmad Ganai and Dr Majid Shafi, Nodal Officer, Addiction Treatment Facility, also shared their views.

Dr Sarfaraz conducted proceedings of the inaugural session and presented a vote of thanks.

The event concluded Wednesday with experts from diverse fields delivering talks on a range of issues related to the workshop theme.

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22-Hr Storm On **CRPF** Camp Ends

Observer News Service

RINAGAR: The 22-hr long gun battle raging at the CRPF 61 Batal¬lion camp at the defunct Heevan cinema at Ashajipora near Anantnag came to an end this afternoon after the army and the paramilitary forces killed the lone militant and in the process lost seven of their personnel with as many injured. According to reports, it was for the first time after the suspension of combat operations following the uni-lateral Ramadhan ceasefire that the army had to be called out to as¬sist paramilitary forces to rescue trapped CRPF personnel after two Lashkar-e-Taibas fidayeen stormed their camp at 5 p.m. yesterday. The two militants were identified as Abu Israr and Abu Hizbullah.

Three CRPF personnel were killed in the volly of fire when the militants forced their entry into the camp. They were identified as P K Sharma (belt No 971120336), H P Sampat and Rajesh Kumar. One of the militant was killed in the shootout while the other took position within the building.

Late in the night, the exchange of fire stopped at which the security forces thought both the fidayeen had died in the gun battle. However the lone surviving militant resumed the firing early this morning killing another four CRPF personnel and wounding six of their men besides an army jawan of 3 RR .While the deceased personnel could not be identified immediately, those injured included Arvind, Partap Singh, PK Loi and Raj Pal. Sources said more bodies of the security personnel could be buried under the debris. Security personnel's who had laid siege around the camp from outside immediately after the militant at-tack, entered the building where the holed up militant had taken shelter on the top of the multi-storied building restricting move-ment of CRPF men inside, an official spokesman said.

Police had taken into its custody the Maruti car bearing registration no JK03/3351used by the Fidayeen and which was lying at the gate of the camp. Meanwhile, the army foiled anoth-er suicide attack in Cherkote area of frontier district Kupwara late last night, shooting dead one of the two Lashkar activists attempting to storm Devar post, a defence spokesman said.

He said troops noticed two militants attempting to sneak into their camp at Devar and challenged them. The two opened fire and in the retaliatory action, one of them was killed while the other es¬caped, he said. He said troops suffered no casualty in the encounter

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had inaugurated the programme Tuesday, said a collective effort is needed to eliminate the "scourge" of drug abuse from society.

She urged the Department of Social Work to choose trainers from amongst the workshop participants to utilise their services for further training of school teachers in different districts of Kashmir.

uty Director, J&K Health Services, said at least 70,000 people in J&K are involved in drug abuse and most of them are aged below 30 years, as per an official survey. She advocated a three-pronged

'Prevention-Treatment-Rehabilitation' strategy to effectively deal with the "burning problem". Registrar Dr Nisar A

Mir highlighted the role of teachers in curbing so-

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Elusive Election

s 2022 draws is about to draw to an end, there is no sign that J&K is any closer to holding Assembly election. It is still not known whether polls will be held early next year. Many observers in Kashmir are hoping that the elections may take place by April-May. Things on this score, however, are likely to get clearer in the weeks to come. More so, probably after the outcome of the elections in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh which, as of now, the BJP is expected to win.

Meanwhile, people in Kashmir are eagerly waiting for the elections, as the exercise is expected to lead to restoration of statehood. No less than union home minister Amit Shah has made it clear that the statehood of J&K would be restored only after elections are held and a representative government is formed. There have so far been no signs that the centre is reviewing its policy. Return of statehood also makes eminent sense from the centre's point of view. It seems that the union government wants to first see how the future elected government would look like and what its political and governance priorities would be including its approach to the issue of the revocation of Article 370. Also, it is as yet unclear if the centre would be inclined to restore complete statehood or a truncated one on the pattern of Delhi.

One thing is clear, though: The J&K statehood seems subordinate to the circumstances thrown up by a future elected UT government. The centre, as appears obvious, doesn't want its decision to undo Article 370 to be in any way challenged by an Assembly dominated by the parties that have a contrary view on the issue.

J&K has not had an elected government since June 2018 when Governor's rule was imposed after the PDP-led coalition government lost its majority following the withdrawal of support by the BJP. The last four years have witnessed a drastic political makeover of the state-turned-union territory, so much so that in many aspects, the current J&K bears little resemblance to what it was pre-August 2019.

For now, we can only hope that the elections, whenever they are held, will pave the way for statehood. It is expected that a government led or influenced by the BJP could lead to statehood than a non-BJP government. But, for now, this is all in the future. All we can hope for now is that the elections are announced earlier than later, and April-May will be an ideal time considering it will be spring.

Significant Yet Sidelined

According to a study by Shahida Shafi and Dr. Mamta Chandrashekhar, women participation in voting is almost equal to their male counterparts in J&K but their overall participation and representation in the politics of the erstwhile state is not still "up to the mark" in the state legislative assembly, parliament and decision-making bodies.

Swati Joshi

ashmiri women first entered the erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir Assembly in 1972. Out of six women contestants, four women won and gave the assembly the highest percentage (5.33 per cent) of women. Even after 50 years, the record is not challenged. Since then the number of women in the now defunct assembly has not surpassed more than 3 per cent.

The maximum number of women contestants (67) was seen in 2008 assembly elections but only three were able to win a seat.

In the last assembly elections of 2014, only two women contenders won out of 28. Later Mehbooba Mufti also got elected in by-polls in 2016.

In the Lok Sabha elections 2019, only four women from J&K filed nominations out of which one woman withdrew her nomination and another woman contestant didn't pay the security deposit. In the end, there were only two women contestants with 61 male contestants. Similarly, in the Legislative Assembly elections 2014, out of 831 contestants only 28 were women.

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"Historically," the study notes, "women in the valley have played a significant role, but years of insurgency have ensured that women bear the burden of rebuilding a traumatized society, and their presence in politics, today is almost negligible."

Women in J&K are liberal to join other fields like medical, engineering, media but when it comes to politics there is a stigma, believes Dr. Hina Shafi Bhat, Vice-Chairperson Khadi Village Industries Board. "Politics is a kind of profession in J&K where men are also not spared."

It is not only difficult for women to join politics in J&K but also for men because of the turmoil, adds Bhat. She believes that women are the major sufferer of strife. "As a wife, sister and mother," she says, "women have suffered a lot which has restricted them to participate in political activities."

Kashmir has plenty of half-widows who hardly get an opportunity to express themselves freely, Bhat said. "As we move forward, we think that society is becoming broad-minded, but reality is quite different."

Mehbooba Shadab, an independent politician from the valley, also believes that turmoil has affected the involvement of women in politics. According to her, a majority of women are kept inside the house out of fear and it becomes difficult for women when they venture out of the concrete walls.

Senior National Conference leader Sakina Itoo believes that it is not the militancy that is holding women from joining politics in Kashmir but it is the society. "Even if we look at data before militancy, limited women contested elections," says the former MLA. Itoo claims to have more female ground workers than men but when it comes to higher positions in politics it is dominated by men. "People in Kashmir are more interested to send their daughters for competitive exams like Kashmir Administrative Services (KAS) and Indian Administrative Services (IAS)," says Itoo. Safina Baig, a political activist, also believes that militancy has no role to play in less participation of women in politics. She says that politics has been a male dominating profession and the society believes that women cannot handle such challenging roles. 'When it comes to decision making, it is difficult for society to digest that a woman is taking a lead," says Baig. The political parties may have women empowerment in their manifestos but when it comes to including women in decision making, they are quite hesitant, adds the political activist.



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women should be passed by the lower house of parliament to provide equal opportunities to women politicians.

Role of media

Media provides a crucial platform to politicians for public debates and helps people to form an opinion. A study by Shah Alam on the participation of women in Indian politics and the role of media, states that media should highlight women's achievements so that it encourages more females to be a part of the democratic process.

"Media should recognize women politicians, their voices, their contributions in decision making and highlight women's issues and also appreciate the work done by women to increase their inclination towards the political system," claims the study.

Sadaf, an independent political leader from Habbakadal, says that she got good media coverage during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. "I think media prefer female politicians more," claims Sadaf.

But when Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi, a senior BJP leader, joined politics she said she did not get much coverage from the Kashmir media. "Jammu print and electronic media helped me a lot during my initial days," says Andrabi. She emphasized that the fourth pillar of democracy has an important role in shaping a politician's life and sometimes female politicians are given less coverage than their counterparts. Seconding Mir, Khem Lata Wakhlu, senior Congress leader, says that it is very difficult for a novice to join politics in J&K, especially women. "Name of the party during election matters a lot and sometimes it becomes difficult for an individual to get funding to promote her party," adds Wakhlu.

What lays ahead?

The political process in Kashmir came to a halt after the abrogation of Article 370. Many political leaders were detained under Public Safety Act (PSA). The environment after the collapse of the PDP-BJP government in 2018 was quite different. The political activities in the valley were present, parties issued statements, organized press conference but after August 5, 2019, a vacuum is created in J&K politics.

While the local unionists are reiterating they would "tirelessly struggle to get back the special status and restore the Constitutional guarantees forcibly are taken away from J&K", Hina Bhat says that India is a democratic country and every regional party has the right to put their point forward.

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Growing Economic Gap

n economic theory backed by considerable evidence is that incomes of countries and regions tend to converge over time. The underlying logic is that areas with low-hanging fruit tend to attract capital and other resources that allow them to catch up. India's regions might be an exception to this trend. A national survey on incomes by economic thinktank Price shows that the gap between states in southern and western India and many of those in the north, central and east is wide. The worrying part is that it's diverging.

Consider the per capita incomes of Bihar and Karnataka in 1989-90, the eve of economic liberalisation. Karnataka's per capita income at Rs 2,055 a year was almost two times that of Bihar. In 2019-20, the last pre-pandemic year, the gap had widened to over five times with Bihar's annual per capita income at Rs 29,794 and that of Karnataka at Rs 1,55,869. This trend generally holds across states, with the west and south of India pulling away from eastern and central Indian states such as UP and MP. A 2016 paper by IDFC Institute observed that India is the only major economy bucking the trend of subnational convergence.

India's fiscal architecture and related institutions such as finance commission are designed to mitigate the fallout of the gap by allocating the divisible pool of taxes in a manner that brings about a degree of equity between states. However, a combination of economic and fertility divergences makes for an explosive mix. GoI has projected a national population increase of 311 million between 2011 and 2036. Of this increase, only 9% will come from the five southern states, which the Price survey shows currently contribute 30% of national income with 20% of the population.

These trends are playing out in the backdrop of an impending delimitation of political constituencies that can widen fault lines. India's subnational economic divergence is a trend that deserves more study and policy attention. A lopsided economic structure usually has consequences that ripple out into other areas. Convergence is the only answer to it.

The Times of India

Baig suggests that the women reservation bill which reserves 33 percent seats in the Lok Sabha, and all state legislative assemblies for

Independent Political leader

According to Sadaf, it is very important to have a political backing to survive in J&K politics. She had the backing of her uncle who was a part of J&K politics. "Apart from that," she says, "you need money and everything will come in place."

While Sadaf says that she will contest in the next election as an independent leader only, Rashida Mir who contested as an independent leader from Kulgam in 2014 has joined hands with BJP.

Mir believes that it is tough to work as an independent leader as you have to work from ground zero. "Political party provides you members and people are eager to work with you because they already know the party's agenda," says BJP State Secretary of North Kashmir. But it depends what the whole country wants, she continues. "It is said that Kashmir is an integral part of India," she says, "but I will say that India is an integral part of Kashmir."

Speaking about the resentments amongst people post abrogation of Article 370, she says that the wrong leaders have shown wrong dreams to the people of J&K. "People of J&K are not aware of the merits of abrogation of Article 370," adds Bhat.

Itoo, a senior National Conference leader, believes that the Centre does not want political activities to resume in Kashmir. "How can we think of politics when there is no security for us?"

But Baig believes that political process will start in the valley when there is hope amongst people. "There should be a plan layout not only by the government but also by civil societies, lawyers, and businessperson to solve the Kashmir issue."

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ity Day. It brought home some shocking reality. The truth remains that a majority of the specially-abled children drop out of schools every year. The social stigma attached to such children prevents them from studying in normal schools. No one wants to be friends with them. We don't even have the required number of rehabilitators. They even face paucity of transportation facilities.

Government needs to take note of these grey areas and address them. They need to understand that the condition of physically and mentally disabled persons of Kashmir is worse than animals. Apart from unnatural causes, many kids are born deaf, mute and blind every year, but if given a chance, these students can also excel in different fields. Many prominent psychiatrists from time to time have suggested setting up of special centres for people with disabilities to ensure that they do not get exploited. The rigorous efforts put by various organisations have led to positive behavioral changes in many mentally-unstable children. Now people regret saying bad things about these children. They're handling them with more maturity and sensibility.

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Kashmiri Rugman's Russian Yarn

Kashmiri carpets, which ruled the world at one point in time, faced decline with the emergence of new techniques, quality crisis and political turmoil inside their state of origins. However, a man from Lalbazar, Srinagar, is fighting hard to bring the glory back to its name.

Romaan Arora

Wern Hameed came to Delhi as a fledgling and fresh-faced merchant in 1993, when his hometown was caught in a searing strife. He had arrived to secure his late father's legendary legacy in Delhi.

Almost three decades later, and at the age of 52, the Lalbazar man has not only secured his father's legacy, but also rose to become a carpet czar in the capital.

"By 1989, as the situation turned explosive back home, my father became anxious about me and our family business," said Umar while recollecting an era when aged fathers in Kashmir had started shouldering their young sons' dead bodies.

"Being the lone son, I was supposed to address my father's growing concerns about me and our nosedived business." But it wasn't a walkover for him.

Kashmir was changing, so was the idea of normalcy when the young and restless started campaigning for the political resolution. Social hangouts and public places soon came under a lock and key. Migrations and massacres only escalated the crisis. The surplus sorties flown on a war-footing and reinforcement in every nook and cranny of the valley rang war alarms. And in an ensured militant-military combat, big businesses became shut shops.

But before the situation turned tense in Kashmir, Umer's date of destiny had come in that momentous year—1989 of the massive upheaval itself. Then appearing in his MBBS entrance exam, he came out dejected.

"The moment I saw everyone cheating inside the examination hall, I tore my question paper and made my decision to move out," he recalled.

Such curt decisions based on merit would later give him an edge over his his lifetime with his principled professional conduct."

Umer's father worked for around 50 years and played a crucial role in establishing the carpet industry in Kashmir. "Even CIE [Cottage Industries Exposition, one of the biggest Kashmiri Carpet

brands] used to consult my late father regularly for his expert take and trade tips," the son said. But unlike his father, the journey to

Everest wasn't a fairy-tale for Umer. The rug stalwart started his busi-

ness initially from a rented apartment in Jungpura, before moving to Lajpat Nagar, the place where he now sits comfortably. "It was harsh winters back then. I

came here by road and started selling carpets from my rented accommodation," continued Umer, while recollecting his struggling days in Delhi.

"I didn't have any other alternative apart from moving out. Everything was shattering in the valley back then, and no one wanted to stay there. There was no private sector and the already crumbling public sector had fallen apart."

On the face of it, the carpet man's chronicle of moving out may appear usual to the story of any other struggler. However, the load upon his shoulders was heavier as he had to start a completely new brand from scratch in the national capital.

"And since I was still trying to adjust myself with Delhi's demanding life, it was impossible for me to pay 50 per cent advance to the carpet weavers, which is norm in our line," he said. But being a resilient rugman, Umer

lived up to the expectations. "The buyers wanted a peaceful environment to buy rich Kashmiri carpets and I provided them the same in Delhi inside this premises of Hannan's Oriental Rugs," he claimed with a reference to his shop.



dustry in Kashmir was so massive that, according to Umer, the weavers in Kashmir used to smoke a hookah of milk instead of water. with great responsibility', the same seems to be the case with Umer Hameed. As a trade leader, he has dedicated himself to the renaissance of Kashmiri promote anything nonsense." Even after tons of such problematic conditions, Umer never bowed to the trouble and is still popular across the region for the finest and premium quality Kashmiri carpets, which is, nowadays, a rare sight to see. "I have the best carpet in the world right now," said Umer while showing me one piece out of his premium and flagship collection which contains 6,400 knots per square inch, allegedly the highest in the world.

contemporaries and competitors in the capital.

"Being ethical and upright was my father's way of doing things," he said. "And as his heir-apparent, I had to demonstrate his DNA in my demeanour."

His father, who had already worked with East India Carpet Company, had attached a great value to his name because of his enterprising and welfare work in Kashmir.

"Even today, whenever I visit the valley, carpet weavers and sellers often tell me: 'While the floor is ours, the roof over it is all because of your father!' The great man touched many lives during While building his brand, he was mindful how the carpet industry of Kashmir had seen many challenges and changes over the last 50 years. The industry

renowned for its woollen items started producing silk carpets in the late 1970s. At that time, it was unrivalled across India.

"The least quality of Kashmiri carpets used to have 324 knots per square inch," he informed. "Now, tell me how a carpet from the rest of India, which usually has less than 100 knots, can match the Kashmiri carpets?"

Following the arrival of silk in the 80s, the boom in the entire carpet in-

Half an hour into the conversation, he Ca

went to offer prayers and came back with two cup of tea and a variety of snacks. "There is a stark difference in the

work culture," he resumed the conversation by drawing parallels between Kashmir and Delhi.

"Working in the valley is working at home, in an aesthetic and peaceful environment. Plus, one can go for a routine check-up, like what my dad did."

However, as per Umer, the capital requires a professional workforce, and if you don't apply to that term, you can't sustain the fast-moving nature of the city. As part of his regimental routine in Delhi, honesty and quality have emerged as his mantra of success. His hard work, as per him, has made him what he is today – The Vice-Chairman of the Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC).

"I am called the Russian King because most of my buyers are from Russia," he said, while referring to the fame he has earned outside India.

"In one way or the other, I have dominated the Russian market at least to some extent."

Because of his quality experience in dealing with a variety of clientele, his friend—running a multi-storey complex in Kremlin—once offered Umer his showroom.

"My Company is the only one in Kashmiri carpet industry, which brought a revolution of modern designs and created a fusion of traditional with modernism," he said with a pleased look on his face.

"And for that I credit my father's three small, yet vital suggestions: 'Never sell on credit, never get a bank loan, and never do overbuying."

The journey to this level, however, was full of hurdles. Umer was hassled at multiple occasions in the very initial years of his career in capital and he still remembers the scratches done all over his car.

"But, Almighty had a different plan for me, and that's why I am talking to you here."

However, as the 'great power comes

Carpets and reorganization of the entire industry.

"The moment I became the Vice-Chairman of CEPC, I started batting for establishing a regional office in Srinagar as there was none."

"Also," he added, "because of my initiative, the government reduced GST on carpets from a whopping 18% to a mere 5%. I fought for it and luckily whole of India benefitted."

"It took four and a half years to complete it and the woman who made it



Nonetheless, it's quite hard to take gather the Kashmiri Carpets to their days of glory as now the material used in its making is 'the recycled silk' procured from Sari mills in Karnataka.

In his own words, Umer narrated how he told the same to the then Union Minister of Textiles, Smriti Irani, when she was planning to promote Kashmiri carpets on a global level.

"All the stakeholders were called by her in the meeting and the moment the union minister mentioned her plan, I intervened and asked her 'what rubbish are you going to promote?' The maximum life of today's Kashmiri carpet is not more than three years. You can't gave birth to two kids during that period. It was a once in a lifetime watch and I'm blessed to have the legacy of holding it," he added.

Nevertheless, dedicating all his life to creating a stronghold of royal Kashmiri carpets in Delhi and earning the fame that other dream for, Umer still addresses himself as a tourist intending to go back to his homeland once call for the same is made by his heart.

"The peace of life is missing here," the mountain man said.

"I am enjoying my stay here but it's not permanent. The moment I would realize that my time has come, I'll quietly move back to my Kashmir."



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Dr Raghav Langer Visits Salamabad Uri; Reviews **Development Projects**

Lays foundation stone for construction of **Tehsil Office**

BARAMULLA: Secretary Planning Development and Monitoring Department, Dr Raghav Langer, who is on 3 day tour to Baramulla district, today visited Salamabad Uri to review development projects besides assessing public grievances.

Secretary was accompanied by SDM Uri, Jatin Kishore, Joint Director Planning, M Yousuf Rather, DSO, Ishtiyaq Ahmad Khan and other concerned officers.

Secretary laid foundation stone for construction of Tehsil Office at Uri under Samridhi Seema Yojana.

He also held a Gram Sabha at Salamabad Panchayat wherein Sarpanchs, Panchs, officials

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 7:

Mission Youth is focusing on

encouraging, engaging and

mobilizing young volunteers of

J&K to support the government

efforts of socio-economic trans-

formation of Jammu & Kashmir.

portunity for the young gen-

eration of J&K to contribute

to society and achieve self-

growth under Mission Youth

As energetic and vibrant

partners of Panchayats and

district administration, these

initiative, an official said.

through

'Youth Clubs provide an op-

Mission Youth, engaging,

mobilizing young volunteers

under Youth Clubs initiative

Progressing JK

of line departments besides a huge gathering of people enthusiastically participated. On the occasion, the func-

tionaries of Panchayat Raj,

PRIs, frontline workers and

local youth discussed various

issues of public importance

including cleanliness, sanita-

tion, augmentation of water

supply, enhanced health fa-

cilities, better education and

Secretary asked the officers

to prepare Gram Panchayat

Development Plan (GPDP)

as per the needs of people of

the village. Dr Raghav Langer

documented all the grievances

projected during the Gram

Sabha and assured them of an

early redressal of their issues.

Meanwhile, the people were

also sensitized about scores

of welfare schemes and pro-

grammes being implemented

in the district.

other development needs.

Full Court Reference Held On Superannuation Of Chief Justice, Ali Mohammad Magrey



AGENCEIS

Jammu: A Full Court Reference was held today in the Jammu wing of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, to bid farewell to Chief Justice, Ali Mohammad Magrey, upon his superannuation.

Ĵustice Tashi Rabstan, Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Mohan Lal, Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal and Justice Rajesh Sekhri were present on the occasion.

Advocate General, D C Raina and President J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu, M K Bhardwaj delivered the farewell address which was subsequently responded by the Chief Justice.

farewell address described Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey a gentleman par excellence and lauded the role of Justice Magrey for his dedication and commitment to his professional responsibilities.

Advocate General in his

He said that Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey has en-deared one and all in the UTs of J&K and Ladakh by his conduct and behaviour.

Advocate General emphasized that with the superannuation of Justice Magrey, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh would lose a brilliant and illustrious judge.

President J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu, in his address, described Justice Magrey a kind hearted person having great qualities of head and heart. He expressed his gratitude to Justice Magrey for a full hearted support to the various initiatives taken by the High Court for the institutional upliftment.

Bhardwaj further said that Justice Magrey was very popular amongst the lawyers of entire two UTs of J&K and Ladakh for his amiable and intellectual aura. Justice Magrey thanked ev-

eryone including Judges of High Court of J&K and Ladakh, officers of Registry and Judicial Officers for their undaunted professional commitment and the support extended to him during his tenure. During his address, he

recounted the upbringing and good wishes of almost all the people involved in his development specially his parents, teachers and family in making Ali Mohammad Magrey as Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey.

He also made special mention of his personal staff in successful discharge of his duties as Judge and as Chief Justice of the High Court. He emphasised upon the young lawyers to display patience and work hard to ensure success in the profession.

The dignitaries who were present on the occasion included Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, Dilbag Singh, DGP, Sr. Advocates, Achal Sethi, Secretary Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Deputy Jammu, Solicitor Generals, Government of India, Sr. Additional Advocate Generals, Principal District and Sessions Judge Jammu, Officers and staff of the Registry of the High Court.

The proceedings of the Reference were conducted by Shahzad Azeem, Director J&K Judicial Academy and the event was live telecasted on YouTube Channel.

Sarita Chauhan visits Samba Municipal Council under MTMP 2.0

SAMBA: As part of ambi-tious 'My Town My Pride' (MTMP) 2.0 programme of taking governance to door-steps of urban populace, Commissioner Secretary, Labour and Employment, Sarita Chauhan today visited district Samba and interacted with ULB Councilors including President and locals.

Commissioner Secretary, who is also visiting officer to the district, interacted with social activists and citizens besides traders' federations and market associations who apprised her of various issues and development needs seeking her intervention in timely redressal. Commissioner Secretary

was accompanied by President MC Samba, Pawan Kohli, Vice President, MC Samba, Rajni Sambyal besides other Councilors and ward members. Commissioner Deputy Anuradha Gupta, Samba, Director General, Social Welfare. Vivek Sharma, ADC, Rakesh Dubey, ASP Surinder Choudhary, CPO, EO Municipality Samba besides other district officers

were also present. During the interaction, the locals raised several issues including availability of building materials, dearth of staff in district hospital and women College, new bus routes, beautification of town, street lights on Hospital road, road widening besides augmentation of electricity and water infrastructure in Samba, town. Sarita Chauhan, while

speaking on the occasion, said that to make our towns, cities smarter in terms of modern mobility plan, encroachment free areas, sustainable tourism besides incorporating green and beautification city plans public participation is of utmost importance. She said under 'My Town My Pride' the administration is reaching out to last person for ensuring holistic development of our urban areas. "Various initiatives like good governance index, digital

j&k, public services through online portals, stress on self employment Skill development, special focus on youths engagement has been taken up to connect with public in a more transparent and effective manner" added Chauhan.

On the occasion, Commissioner Secretary distributed sanction letters under self employment schemes like Mumkin through JK Bank and also provided certificates to beneficiaries of PMAY-U as 'Greh Parvesh' and PMSva Nidhi Yojana, besides blankets, baby kits, sports kits and other benefits were also distributed among the beneficiaries.

Commissioner Secretary laid foundation stone for Upgradation of existing Municipal Complex Samba with an estimated cost of Rs 500.0 lakh. The upgradation will include creation of parking facility at ground floor, an auditorium at first floor and office complex at 2nd floor of building.

During the event, various line departments put up stalls to generate awareness and register beneficiaries under various government sponsored schemes including Aadhar registration and other digital services. Visiting officer inspected stalls of agriculture, horticulture, education, revenue department, social welfare, handicraft handloom, ICDS, IT department and others. She laid emphasis on ensuring 100% saturation of beneficiaries under the schemes through dedicated outreach among public.

On the occasion, Commissioner Secretary also inspected the ongoing repair work on Samba Fort being undertaken at an estimated cost of 114.83 lakh.

The executing agency informed that repair work of Samba Fort included complete renovation of Samba Fort, disposal of debris and mulba, provision of electrification, sanitary and water supply besides other minor works.

clubs are ensuring that governance effectively reaches to the grassroots level. The official added that rough Youth Clubs, Youth Government is not only generating awareness about various employment and self-employment schemes but also uniting young men and women of the UT of Jammu & Kashmir to pursue their dreams. Youth's commitment to so-

cial service, national integration provides the foundation of developed J&K, the official said."These Clubs are unique not only by virtue of their composition but also in providing leadership in dif erent sectors and entrepreneurship commitment.

in the process of building a peaceful and prosperous J&K," he added. It is pertinent to mention

here that more than 74,771 youths from 20 districts have ioined the Youth Clubs, which are playing a significant role in providing youth an opportunity to work through real challenges and make meaningful change. A total of 4,522 Youth Clubs have been constituted across 20 districts with a maximum 9,000 youths enrolled in Poonch district.

Young people in these clubs, who volunteer, regularly develop a civic identity, as leaders and change-makers and therefore become more socially active. They also learn new social skills like collaboration and problem solving that are vital to succeed in academics, the workplace and their personal lives. Thus, Youth Clubs are playing a pivotal role in creating lifelong change among youth and result in their overall personality development, which happens to be the core agenda of Mission Youth, which runs the Youth

Clubs," it was stated. Pertinently the initia DC B'gam chairs Block Diwas at remote Sitaharan village in Khag block

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BUDGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid today chaired a

mega Block Diwas at remote Panchayat Halqa Sitharan in Block Khag. Among others, SDM Beerwah

said that the area has huge tourism potential and special focus is being given on its development. He impressed for speedy completion of developmental works in the area.

He stressed on concerned that work on road projects be taken up for early execution and ensure better connectivity to the local population. SF Hamid instructed concerned department to carry out repair work on Khag- Sitharan road and interior links on

priority besides survey of macadamization of Sitharan- Chill road be conducted also.

DC urged locals to register for Sehat cards to avail health insurance benefits up to Rs. 5 lakh. He also listened to the locals and redressed their grievances on spot. On the occasion, PRIs and re-

focus is being given to this area given the fact it falls within picturesque Tosamaidaan belt.

He instructed concerned to ensure improvement works in the health, education, power sector and other areas to ensure holistic development of the area. Meanwhile locals expressed gratitude to District Administration for extending full support to address grievances of locals of far- flung areas amicably. On the occasion, officers

of District Administration informed locals about various schemes, especially the one time PDD amnesty scheme and urged consumers to avail benefits under it.

Asserting on cleanliness and sanitation, the DC urged the PRIs and locals to ensure com-

"More than 74,000 members have become a beacon of hope for thousands of others. Youth are now active partners of Youth Club was approved by the governing body of Mission Youth, headed by the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha in its first meeting held on June 17, 2021.

Taufeeq Gazi, Engineers from various engineering wings, DSHO, Tehsildar, BMO, BDO and other district officers and officials attended the programme. Speaking on the occasion, DC spected locals from different villages of the block and adjacent villages apprised the DC about their needs.

After giving patient hearing to the public, the DC said special

plete ban on single use plastic items and proper garbage disposal, besides construction of compost and sockage pits for solid waste and liquid waste management.

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Significant Improvement

the clock Nakas at strategic points, patrolling and speculative Cordon and Search Operations (CASOs), security arrangements through appropriate deployment," he added.

The MoS Home further said that a robust security and intelligence grid is in place in Jammu and Kashmir to thwart any attempt at the hands of the terrorists.

Threatened Journalists

replying to a written question.

The minister said the government has a policy of zero tolerance against militancy and the security situation has improved significantly in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said the government has taken several steps to protect the lives of people, including media persons, from militant threat and attacks that include proactive security arrangements wherein security grid that includes the police, army, paramilitary and intelligence agencies remain deployed across Jammu and Kashmir to thwart any threat and attempt at the hands of terrorists or their handlers.

Study Leaves

Leave Rules at their own level, or recommend cases to the General Administration Department without adhering to the other relevant parameters. Further, it has been observed that the provision related to maintenance of leave reserve quota is also being violated from time to time. The matter has been viewed seriously by the authorities," the circular said.

Accordingly, it is impressed upon all Administrative Secretaries/ Heads of the Department/Managing Directors of all PSUS/ Corporations to strictly adhere to the rules/ conditions prescribed for sanctioning study leaves and recommend only such cases to the General Administration Department which are within the leave reserve adjusted for vacancies in their Department(s). Any violation in this regard shall be dealt strictly under rules/ norms–(KNO)

Police Attaches

accorded by the competent authority."

In pursuance to the order and the powers conferred upon investigating officer u/s 25 UA(P) Act of 1967 property (residential house belonging to Ghulam Ahmad Najar was attached.

'The general public is once again requested to not harbour or provide shelter or extend logistics to (militants/militant associates in their houses, failing which strict legal action will be taken against anyone doing so," he said.

Kashmir Freezes;

light snow over plains and lower reaches, light to moderate snow over middle and higher reaches during 9th December (evening) to 10th December (evening) particularly over north, northwestern, central parts of Kashmir and South Kashmir," the MeT official said, adding, "Light rain was expected at isolated to scattered places of Jammu." A feeble WD is also expected hit J&K on night of December 12 and 13. There is possibility of snowfall over higher reaches under its influence in Kupwara, Bandipora and Ganderbal, he said. Dry weather is expected thereafter till November 18, he added.

Under-Utilised Assets

initiative using modern solutions to considerably reduce parking on roads and generate revenue for the city.

Sinha said that it is high time for Urban Local Bodies to reinvent their economic base and fully utilize the assets to generate revenues and spur the local economy.

"Many under-utilised assets can generate employment, business opportunities with engagement of local community," he added.

Terming community involvement key to revitalize and rejuvenate the cities, the LG said that with the help of people we can create healthy cities, create incentives for Swachh Abhiyan, protect natural assets and strengthen transportation, water and utility infrastructure.

Sinha also shared the vision of the government for urban rejuvenation and the efforts being made to achieve three goals- Sustainability, Efficiency and creation of a Vibrant Society.

"To realize these goals, community must

come together along with development in different sphere such as mobility, economy, environment and governance in an integrated manner," he added.

The LG further observed that there is a need to focus on the concept of augmented city for the development of urban areas.

"We have to add value to the potential of Jammu city, its tradition, heritage, culture, uniqueness and how it can grow economically," he said.

"Improving the quality of life of every citizen is the prime objective of the administration. We have to increase capacity of Jammu City to serve the citizens, preserve environment, make public services efficient, boost local economy, create opportunities for public-private partnership and add value to City's growth potential, its tradition, heritage, culture and uniqueness," he added.

Underscoring the significance of public participation in development process, the LG said the power of Jan Bhagidari will shape the future of our socio-economic growth.

"At the same time there should be a balance of rights and duties of citizens to spur overall development with basic facilities, employment opportunities and maintenance of resources," Sinha said.

He also highlighted the unprecedented work being done in Jammu and Kashmir in the last three years through people's participation and proactive citizen-centric governance.

"Last year, record 3506 projects were completed in district capex only in Jammu. This financial year's budget of Jammu district capex has been increased to Rs 1442 crore as compared to Rs 700 crore in the last financial year. he said, and reiterated government's commitment to fulfil the resolution of making Jammu and Kashmir fear-free, corruption-free society.

The elevation of the main building has been kept depicting "Dogra Heritage & Culture" in blend with the architecture of the surrounding Heritage buildings.

The facility will provide parking space for nearly 400 vehicles, significantly decongesting traffic in the adjoining area of Jammu city by

reducing street parking. Salutes Courage

soldiers, the ex-servicemen & their families. "I salute the courage and dedication of our soldiers and acknowledge with gratitude their valour and service to our country," the LG said, during a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan here on Wednesday.

Director Sainik Welfare Department, Brig. Gurmeet Singh Shan (Rtd.) pinned the Armed Forces Flag on the jacket of the LG and Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta.

Paying tributes to the bravehearts of Armed Forces and saluting the bravery and selfless service of the Defence Forces and their families, the LG said the Flag Day is an opportunity for all of us to express gratitude and solidarity with brave armed forces personnel.

On the occasion, Sinha appealed to all citizens to contribute generously to Armed Forces Flag Day fund and serve the noble cause of welfare of soldiers, the ex-servicemen and their families.

The LG also extended warm greetings and best wishes to all members of the armed forces and their families on the occasion of Armed

Later, Director Sainik Welfare Department briefed the LG on the endeavours made and initiatives taken up by the Department for the welfare of Veterans, Veer Naris, their dependents and serving Armed Forces personnel.

Man Fakes Death

Company and illegally, fraudulently ex-tracted an amount of Rs 4.27 lakh as insurance claim of one of his policies by producing his fake death certificate in a road accident.

"After receiving the one insurance claim, the accused Taveen Shah executed another two policies for Rs. 52 lacs and produced another death certificate of Road Traffic Accident (RTA) in Banihal." he said.

The investigation, the spokesperson said, established that the Taveen Hussain Shah, the policy holders had not died in the road accident anywhere and had managed fake and forged death certificates to avail the insurance amount and had shown him as dead twice.

"But the fact is that the accused Taveen Hussain Shah is still alive. The offences were proved against him and the challan has been produced before the Court of Forest Magistrate Srinagar," he said.

Besides Taveen, the challan also mentions name of his deceased parents Sakhi Shah and his wife Gul Fatima.

'Blast-Like' Sound

(SOG) personnel have rushed to the area.

A thorough search operation was carried out but no one was arrested during the night-long operation, they said.

Since the bypass is connected with the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, an alert was also sounded and checking of vehicles was intensified.

The officials said forensic teams are visiting the spot to carry forward the probe.

Omar Picks Shah

spokesperson earlier this year. **Minor Girl**

rites after completion of medico-legal formalities.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident.

Two JKAS Officers

of adjustment in the GAD, has been posted as Assistant Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Jammu, against an available vacancv

Tej Krishan Dhar, awaiting orders of adjustment in GAD has been posted as Under Secretary to the Government, Department of Floriculture, Parks and Garden, the order reads.

Gunfight Rages

police official said. He said during the operation, the hiding militants opened fire at the security forces, ensuing a gunbattle between the two sides. There were no reports of any casualty so far, he added.

Forces Flag Day.

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LG Chairs Meet Of Mubarak **Mandi Heritage Society**



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Wednesday chaired the governing body meeting of Mubarak Mandi Jammu Heritage Society, at the Raj Bhavan here.

The meeting discussed several important matters pertaining to the restoration of Mubarak Mandi complex and speedy execution of works and projects, an official spokesperson said.

The LG, he said, directed officials to take every possible measure to ensure ongoing conservation projects are completed within the set timeframe.

Observing that our heritage is not only our identity but it also connects our past to future generation, the LG said, Mubarak Mandi is a symbol of our inherited traditions and priceless social values. Conservation efforts must reflect its true historical, artistic and aesthetic values.

He advised the officers to work in the integrated manner with top conservation experts, engineering and Institutions for strengthening of hill along circular road below the Mubarak Mandi Area.

The spokesperson said that the meeting also decided for establishing a Project Management Unit within two months. He said that the chair was also apprised about various activities organised by the Heritage Society in the Mubarak Mandi Complex.

"Directions were issued to officials to fully utilise the four buildings restored in the heritage complex, besides ensuring that nobody is allowed near the delicate structure that are undergoing restoration," the spokesperson said.

The LG, he said, also sought the status of works being undertaken by Archaeological Survev of India.

Sajad Lone Hits Out At NC President Dr Farooq

'Robber Of 1987 Elections Should Not Talk About Poll Rigging'

day crying about interference,"

ence but we will talk about it

because it is directed against us. Farooq Abdullah talking

"There is outside interfer-

he told reporters.

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: People's Conference president Sajad Gani Lone on Wednesday said National Conference chief Faroog Abdullah raising the issue of outside interference in the Jammu and Kashmir elections was an insult to one lakh peoinsult to the one lakh persons ple who have died following the electoral malpractices by who have died due to the turthe then ruling party in 1987. moil in Jammu and Kashmir. It Lone alleged that the Na-tional Conference rigged the is not right that the one who is the cause of the turmoil is to-

assembly elections in 1987, of which his father and the People's Conference were victims. 'The robber of 1987 elec-

tions talking about outside interference in the polls is an

Man-Animal Conflict

241 People Dead, Around 3000 **Injured Since 2006 In Valley**



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Kashmir's humanwildlife conflict has become extremely ghastly and gruesome with Himalayan black bears and leopards increasingly preying on young children and elderly especially in Northern districts.

The man-animal conflict has seen a steep rise with more cases being reported from across the valley with each passing day and several persons, mainly children have lost

their lives in this conflict. As per the official data, from 006 till ending July 2022, 241 persons have died and 2,946 persons have been injured in man-animal conflict. Officials believe that the reasons behind the rise in the incident of the conflict are increase in the human population, habitation degradation, rise in stray dogs and LoC fencing. The data reveals that in 2006-07, 18 persons have died and 134 persons have been injured in human-animal conflict in Kashmir Valley. "In 2007-08, 15 persons lost their lives and

141 were injured. In 2008-09, 22 persons died and 193 persons were injured. In 2009-10, 20 persons died and 232 were injured and in 2010-11, 24 persons lost their lives and 306 were injured in human-animal

conflict," the figures stated. Similarly, in 2011-12, at least 28 people were killed and 315 were injured, the following year (2012-13) recorded 11 deaths and 259 injuries while in 2013-14, 28 deaths and 333 injuries were reported.

"In 2014-15, 11 deaths and 189 injuries were reported. 10 deaths and 259 injuries were reported in 2015-16, 07 deaths.

127 injuries were reported in

2016-17. 08 deaths, 120 inju-

in man animal conflict."

ries were reported in 2017-18.

The data further states that the ongoing year, till end of July 2022, 07 persons lost their lives while 42 were injured man animal conflict.

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sult to the one lakh people

who have died since 1987," he

Abdullah, after his re-elec-

tion as the National Confer-

ence president on Monday had

warned the government and

the armed forces not to inter-

fere in the assembly elections,

whenever they are held.

added.

The wildlife department in Jammu and Kashmir is working to ensure minimum mananimal conflict incident, protection of endangered species besides hunting of birds.

"The department is facing several challenges in J&K but the main challenge is man-animal conflict as bear and leopards are moving to residential areas in Kashmir, while snakes are found in houses in Jammu due to urbanization

3-Day 'Small Arms Firing Competition' Among Army, BSF, ITBP Concludes

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A three-day small arms firing competition among the Indian Army, Border Security Force and Indo-Tibetan Border Police -- a unique step towards joint cooperation and training -- concluded in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Wednesday, an official said.

The competition at the Border Security Force's (BSF) small arms firing range at Juganoo was designed to meet contemporary operational requirements, including firing various small arms to test speedy engagement and precision shooting, a defence spokesperson said.

He said the initiative was part of an overall capacity enhancement effort and to achieve operational cooperation between the Indian Army and Central Armed

Police Forces (CAPF). "The interoperability between the Army and the CAPF is of

Sorry State Of Education Five Out Of 10 CEO **Positions In Kashmir Vacant**

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The School Education Department (SED) is grappling with problem of filling key vacant posts in Kashmir that includes five out of 10 positions of Chief Education Officer (CEO) continue to remain vacant which is affecting the academic and administrative functioning in the districts.

A local news agency KNO quoting official figures said that there are around five out of 10 positions of CEOs, five out of 10 positions of Principal District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) are lying vacant in Kashmir division.

"Some vacant positions are manned by other equivalent rank

said a

pal Baramulla and Bandipora as well," an official said, adding that CEO Ganderbal is manning the post of CEO Srinagar as his additional assignment.

utmost importance owing to highly sensitive and intense op-

erations in the (Indian Army's) Northern Command. The dispo-

sition of Army and CAPFs in the

Northern Command will neces-

sitate an integrated battle in fu-

initiatives extensively in the

future to further augment the

armed forces' operational capa-

complimented all ranks of the

Army, BSF and the Indo-Tibetan

Border Police (ITBP) for their

exceptional standards of firing

and high levels of training. He

also exhorted them to be pre-

pared for an integrated battle in

with a prize distribution cer-

emony attended by other senior

officers of the Army, BSF and the

ITBP, the spokesperson added.

The competition culminated

Northern Command Chief of Staff Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani

The Army will organise such

ture operations," he said.

bilities, he added.

the future.

The official figures also reveal that around 12 positions of Zonal Education Officers (ZEOs) are also lying vacant in Kashmir. The vacant positions at district and zonal level has badly hit the routine functioning of the department while the department has not taken any step to fill the vacancies.

'The government recently shifted the academic session from November to March and several decisions are to be taken at district and zonal level for smooth implementation of the government order. But 50



officers while in some districts the department is completely headless," an official said. As per the official figure

percent districts are without heads," the official said. Notably, the government

has kept the pos of Chairmar

GOC 16 Corps Briefs LG On Security Scenario

Observer News Service

official spokesperson said.

at the Raj Bhavan here, an official spokesperson said.

Besides the army General, a ti also met the LG.

The delegation comprising Prof. J P Sharma, Mahant Rohit Shastri and Prof. Madan Mohan Jha discussed with the LG issues pertaining to promotion, propagation and preservation of Sanskrit language in J&K, besides the welfare of Sanskrit students and scholars,

Similarly, the delegation of put forth by the former MLC General Zorawar Singh Memorial Educational & Charitable



General Secretary of the trust,

apprised the Lt Governor about

their endeavours for the educa-

tion of children from margin-

alised section and the welfare

of the people. The members of

the delegation also presented

a portrait of General Zorawar

The Lt Governor appreci-ated the noble work being done

by the members of General

Zorawar Singh Memorial Edu-

cational & Charitable Trust. He

assured all possible support to

Later, former MLC from

Poonch, Pardeep Sharma also

met the Lt Governor and put

forth the demands of people

and discussed other develop-

The Lt Governor gave a pa-

tient hearing to the demands

and assured him of redressal of

ment projects.

all genuine issues

the members of the Trust.

Singh to the Lt Governor.

Trust led by Ms Diksha Kalhuria,

JAMMU: Lt Gen Manjinder Singh, GOC 16 Corps on Wednesday called on the Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and apprised him of the prevailing security scenario, an

The GoC 16 Corps met the LG

delegation of Dr Uttam Chand Shastri Shatabdi Samaroh Sami-

Safai Karamcharis' Strike Turns **Bhaderwah Into Garbage Dump**

Press Trust Of India

BHADERWAH: Jammu and Kashmir's Bhaderwah town has virtually turned into a garbage dump owing to the ongoing strike by Safai Karamcharis who are demanding regularisation of their services.

The daily wage and need-based Safai Karamcharis (sweepers) of the Municipal Committee Bhaderwah (MCB) in Doda district are on indefinite strike over the last 16 days.

The main markets of the town including Seri Bazar, Lakshmi Narayan Chowk, Ganpat Bazar, Kashu Mohalla, Vasak Dera, Sadar Bazar, Iai Road. Khakhal Mohalla and Takia Chowk as well as the passersby and the shopkeepers are facing threat of various ailments with the foul smell and heaps of garbage lying nearby.

Executive Officer MCB Yusuf-ul-Umar said they are trying to make

alternate arrangements to clear the garbage from different locations of the town but the protesting Safai Karamcharis are hindering the efforts by threatening the labourers. "Safety of the residents is our first priority and if the protesting Safaikarmcharis do not mend their unconstitutional ways of protest, we will be left with no other op-

tion but to seek the help of police and also initiate action against the unruly protesters," he warned.

District Development Council member from Bhaderwah west and BJP leader Thakur Yudhvir Singh criticised the MCB for its alleged failure to end the deadlock and clear the town of garbage.

"If karamcharis of MC Bhadarwah are on strike, concerned officials should immediately arrange alternative ways to clear the garbage and save the public from inconvenience," he said

PDD Amnesty Scheme **DC Shopian Orders Strict Action Against** Willful Defaulters

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: The District Magistrate (DM) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya Wednesday chaired a meeting of KPDCL officers and Executive Magistrates at Mini Secretariat here to discuss the progress under the Amnesty scheme.

During the deliberations of the meeting, modalities were discussed for universal coverage of defaulter customers of power dues under the recently launched Amnesty scheme of the government. DM on the occasion emphasised upon concerned to take immediate steps for coverage of maximum under the scheme.

He further directed officers to initiate action against willful defaulters along with disconnecting the illegal connections within a week's time. SDM, Executive Magistrates were further instructed to take strong action against the persons involved in power theft.

Fire Damages House In Ganderbal

SRINAGAR: A residential house was damaged in a fire incident in Umar Colony Shallabugh area of Ganderbal late last night.

Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that a massive fire broke out from a residential house late last night. He said soon after the incident fire tenders reached to the spot and doused off the flames with the help of locals

The official said the cause of the fire was still being ascertained.

wildlife official.

He said that poaching incidents have decreased but as The year 2018-19 witnessed 06 migratory birds arrive in Kashdeaths and 83 injuries while mir mostly in winter people figures grew to 11 deaths and start hunting.

85 injuries in 2019-20," the "We have devised a strategy with the help of police and figures reveal, adding that "as many as 05 people were killed forest protection force to stop while 87 injuries were reportsuch incidents," he said. The official said that education and ed in the conflict in the year 2020-21 and in the year 2021training activities at different levels have been initiated like 22, 10 persons lost their lives while 75 persons were injured schools and colleges so as to create awareness—(KNO)

post of CEO Baramulla, Bandipora, Anantnag, Pulwama and Srinagar are lying vacant in Kashmir.

Also the post of DIET Principal in Sopore (Baramulla), Bandipora, Ganderbal, Kupwara and Kulgam district is lying vacant as well.

"The CEO Baramulla who retired in November ending was holding four positions at a time. Besides CEO Baramulla he was given additional charge of CEO Bandipora, DIET PrinciJK Board of School Education (BOSE) and Director SCERT vacant as well.

A top official in the administrative department said they were collecting vigilance clearance of the candidates for their appointment as CEOs.

The CEO positions will be filled after getting vigilance clearance of these candidates," he said, adding that the government is also working on appointment of Chairman JKBOSE and Director SCERT as well–(KNO)

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH (OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL AT JAMMU)

NOTIFICATION

No. 2034 of 2022/RG/NG dated 01-12-2022

It is for the information of all those candidates who have applied for the post of Junior Scale Stenographer in the pay Level-6B (35600-112800) in the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh pursuant to Advertisement Notice No. 03 of 2022/RG/NG dated 30-08-2022, that their Short-hand and Computer based Typing test is scheduled to be held as per the below mentioned schedule

S No.	Province	Date	Time	Venue
1	Jammu	17-12-2022	10:30 AM	Jammu and Kashmir Judicial Academy, Janipur, Jammu
2	Kashmir	17-12-2022	10:30 AM	High Court Complex, Srinagar

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TEST:

- The test shall start at 10:30 AM, however, the candidates shall report at the venue one hour before the scheduled time of the test.
- ii) The candidates shall bring all the original documents along with their self attested photocopies.
- Test will be conducted of only those candidates whose documents are found valid ii)
- For identification purpose, apart from the driving license, the cand Jates shall also produce either of iv) the following testimonials:
- Aadhar Card a)
- b) **Election Card**
- c) Passport

i)

- V) No TA/DA shall be paid to the candidates.
- vi) Mobile phone and other Electronic Gadgets are not allowed inside the Examination Hall
- vii) Mere appearance in the test shall not confer any right to seek appointment against the post.
- viii) The candidates belonging to Jammu Province who have applied for the said post shall appear for the prescribed test on the scheduled date and time at the venue shown at Sr. No. 1 in the Notification i.e., Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Academy, Janipur, Jammu and the candidates belonging to Kashmir Province shall appear for the prescribed test on the scheduled date and time at the venue shown at Sr. No. 2 in the Notification i.e., High Court Complex, Srinagar.

	By order.	
No 41775-95 of 2022/RG/NG	DIPK-14691-22	(S.Satinder Singh)
Dated: 01-12-2022	dt: 07/12/2022	(Registrar Recruitment)

Shyambir Seeks Holistic Plan For Preserving Shallabugh Wetlands

Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir on Wednesday took an extensive tour of Shallabugh wetlands to have firsthand appraisal about the condition and water level of the wetland.

On the occasion, the DC took a short visit inside the wetland in a shikara along with DDC Vice-Chairperson, ADDC, ADC and other officials to have firsthand appraisal about the water level inside the wetland and to assess the necessary works to be taken for restoring its pristine glory.

It was informed that the water level in the wetland has ris-

to the partial diversion of the fish canal originating from Anchar Lake. He hoped that in this season, wetland shall remain in bloom by different migratory birds.

The DC was briefed about the works to be taken for its preservation including dredging and de-weeding.

On the occasion the DC gave necessary instructions to the concerned for preparing a holistic plan including dredging and de-weeding adding that concrete steps need to be taken to preserve the wetland properly which is a habitat for thousands of migratory birds and to maintain ecological balance.

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SPORTS

Bangladesh Beat India In Thriller To Win ODI Series

Agencies

MIRPUR: Bangladesh all-rounder Mehidy Hasan Miraz scored an unbeaten 100 from 83 balls and grabbed two wickets to help Mahmudullah in his 28-ball knock his side beat India by five runs in their second one-day interna-final over and then 12 from the in their second one-day international in Mirpur on Wednesday, sealing a 2-0 series victory with one game left to play. Chasing 272 to win, India got off to a disappointing start losing openers Virat Kohli and Shikhar Dhawan elected to bat first as Washington early before half-centuries by Sundar (3-37) and Mohammed

nings, and he rode his luck to take India close.

Playing through the pain and twice dropped - he hit huge sixes off Ebadot Hossain and last two balls, but he was unable to haul his side over the line. Earlier, Bangladesh, who also beat India by one wicket in the first ODI, were in trouble at 69-6 having Shreyas Iyer (82) and Axar Patel Siraj (2-73) ripped through the top



(56) got them back on track. But India's middle order suf-

fered a collapse and they fell just Mahmudullah (77) in a 148-run short in their run chase, ending on 266-9. Indian captain Rohit Sharma (51 not out) came in to 25-year-old reached his century bat at number nine after un- with the last ball of the innings dergoing a scan for a left thumb as Bangladesh put on 271-7. The injury he sustained when he teams meet in the final game in dropped Anamul Haque in the Chattogram on Saturday before second over of Bangladesh's in- playing two tests.

Press Trust of India

series, here on Wednesday.

Injured Rohit Likely To

Haque off Mohammed Siraj in Chattogram from December 14.

order before the hosts hit back. Mehidy combined with stand for the seventh wicket as India stepped off the gas, and the

FIFA World Cup 2022 Quarterfinals: **Teams, Schedule & More**



Observer News Service

 $\mathbf{F}^{\mathrm{IFA}}$ World Cup 2022 in Qatar has reached its business end. Eight teams have advanced to the quarterfinals after an electric Round of 16. European giants England and France join South American powerhouses Argentina and Brazil are among the favourites to take the 22nd edition of the FIFA World Cup. The other teams to win their Round of 16 matches include Croatia, Netherlands, Portugal and Morocco. Here is a look at every quarterfinal matchup, where only four teams will progress to the competition's semifinals stage.

2022 FIFA World Cup Round of 16 Results

& Winners Netherlands beat USA 3-1

- Argentina beat Australia 2-1 France beat Poland 3-1 England beat Senegal 3-0
 - Croatia beat Japan (1-1) 3-1 after penalty shootout
 - Brazil beat South Korea 4-1 Morocco beat Spain (0-0) 3-0 after pen-
 - alty shootout
 - Portugal beat Switzerland 6-1 2022 FIFA World Cup Quarterfinal Sched-
 - ule December 9: Croatia vs Brazil at Education City Stadium (8:30 PM IST) December 10: Netherlands vs Argentina
 - at Lausail Stadium (12:30 AM IST)
 - December 10: Morocco vs Portugal at Al Thumama Stadium (8:30 PM IST)
 - December 11: England vs France at Al Bayt Stadium (12:30 AM IST)

Moroccans Celebrate Historic World Cup Win Against Spain

Agencies

RABAT: Exuberant Moroccans poured into the streets of their capital and in cities across Europe on Tuesday, waving flags and honking horns to celebrate their national soccer team's

historic victory over Spain at the World Cup. Morocco defeated Spain in a penalty shootout, making the Atlas Lions the only team from outside Europe or South Amer-

ica to make it to the quarter-

finals in Qatar – and the first Arab team in World Cup history to make it to the last eight.

"We are so proud of our Lions, who fought hard to get us into the quarterfinals," said Niama Meddoun, a Rabat resident. "We are delighted to be Moroccans today, since we are the first Arab country that has reached the guarterfinals."

The King of Morocco, Mohammed VI, praised the national team and sent his "heartfelt congratulations" to the

players, the technical team and administrative personnel, "who gave their all and blazed a trail throughout this great sporting event," according to a statement from the royal palace.

The king said the players represented "hopes and dreams of Moroccans in Morocco, Qatar, and all over the world."

Morocco is the only Arab Shakeel Waseem also chipped in - and African – nation left with 2 wickets each. in the tournament, the first During the post-match cer-World Cup held in the Middle emony, Mustaf Zargar was de-East. (AP)

NIT Srinagar Wins All India **Inter-NIT Faculty Tournament**

tain Faisal Irshad (Dy Registrar

Administration) was declared the Best Bater of the tourna-

ment, and Dr. Shakeel Waseem was declared the Best Bowler of

Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr)

He said NIT Srinagar domi-

Rakesh Sehgal, congratulated the

entire cricket team for winning

nated the tournament by re-

maining unbeaten and reaching

the finals, showcasing top-class

sporting spirit against strong op-

his greetings to NIT Srinagar's

man congratulated the whole

team and thanked Prof M A Tan-

tray for supporting and sponsor-

Team manager Dr. Abdul Li-

Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari, also extended

the prestigious tournament.

the tournament.

position.

cricket team.

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Wednesday defeated NIT Uttarakhand by 26 runs in the finals of the All India Inter-NIT Faculty and Staff Cricket Tournament at Sports Cricket Ground at Visvesvarya National Institute of Technology (NIT) Nagpur.

The tournament was hosted by VNIT Nagpur, and 20 NITs from across India participated in the mega event.

Earlier after winning the toss, NIT Uttarakhand decided to field first. On a tough surface, NIT Srinagar started well and scored 125/8 in 20 allotted overs. Chasing the target, NIT Utta-

rakhand made a shaky start and lost 5 wickets quickly during the Powerplay and were eventually bundled out for 99 in 18.2 overs. For NIT Srinagar, Captain Fais-

ing the team kits. The NIT Srinagar Cricket team al Irshad (Dy Registrar Adminiswas led by Captain Faisal Irshad tration) played a vital knock of (Dy Registrar Administration), Dr.Tanveer Rasool, Dr. Pankaj 36 and was the top scorer from the side. Sohail Baba scored 22 Kumar, Sohail Ahmad Baba, Agib



runs, while Dr. Majid contribut- Ahmad (Jr. Asst), Mohammad ed with a quickfire 17 off 9 balls in the end. In the bowling department,

Mustafa Zargar took 3 wickets

13 runs. Mohsin Shabir and Dr.

Hazik (Asst. Registrar Legal and PIO), Tanveer Hussain, Mohammad Asif, Dr. Shakeel Waseem, Dr. Majid Hussain, Dr. Mohsin, in his 4 overs, conceding only Mustafa Zargar, Mushtaq Ahmad and Shabir Mustafa.

While as Prof. Abdul Liman, Dean and Students Welfare (Manager), and Abdul Hamid Dar (Senior Technician) were clared man of the match. Cap- also travelling with the team.



Miss 3rd ODI the fourth ball of the second over. He was escorted off the

MIRPUR: India skipper Rohit field by the team physio Sharma is likely miss the third He was rushed to a Dhaka hos-ODI against Bangladesh after pital for scan and the affected area required multiple stitches during splitting the webbing between his left thumb and index finger the initial treatment. It is believed during the second match of the some further scans will be required to ascertain if there is a fracture. Standing at second slip, Ro-The Indian captain could be racing hit was left with a bloodied against time to get fit for the first Test against Bangladesh, starting in hand when he dropped Anamul

Chai Ka Chaska With Bun Maska

JK Bank Lawns, Opp Ghat 6 Boulevard, Srinagar