



## No More A Wild Guess: How Snow Leopard Was Finally Spotted in Kashmir

Auqib Javeed

In November this year, the wildlife conservationists erupted in joy after a year-long survey finally bore fruit as infrared camera traps captured the images of a snow leopard—the endangered species. The images became the evidence that the landscape of Kashmir also holds the

population of snow leopards. The images of the snow leopard in the upper Baltal-Zojila region were recorded by the team led by Munib Khanyari, Programme Manager of National Conservation Foundation (NCF). "This was the moment when we came to know that our landscape also holds the population of

**CAMERA TRAPPING AND KEY INFORMANT** interviews, using structured questionnaires were used to document the presence of snow leopard in the region."

snow leopards," Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir, Rashid Yahya Naqash told Kashmir Observer. In 2019, 12 countries including India decided to start the population assessment of snow leopards. The government then chose five some states and Union

Territories as the potential landscape for the snow leopards which included Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. The potential habitat of snow leopard is around one lakh square kilometers in India and in J&K it is around 12,000 sq km. In UT, **More on P6**

## 10K Die Of Air Pollution In J&K Annually: SKIMS

Says AQI Gradually Going Into "Poor" Category In Kashmir, Especially During Winters; 'There Is Need To Intervene Now'

Agencies

Srinagar- There are around 10 thousands deaths in J&K which are attributed to air pollution yearly and there is need to act and control it by countering it, Director SKIMS Dr Parvaiz Koul said on Saturday.

While talking on the sidelines of the launch of Doctors for clean Air and Climate Action, J&K Chapter, Koul said that yearly around 10 thousand deaths are attributed to particulate matter 2.5 (PM 2.5) exposure and there is need to control it by countering it.

"Today's programme was intended with an idea to create awareness among public that Air Pollution issue is not only in Delhi and Maharashtra but also in J&K due to increasing number of vehicles, construction, brick kilns, cement factories which emit pollutants **More on P6**

## IAF Chief: Need To Prepare For Prolonged Wars

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The ongoing conflict in Ukraine that began in February has brought to focus the need for making preparations for prolonged wars instead of short and swift operations, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari said on Saturday.

In an interactive session at the AajTak Agenda programme, Air Chief Marshal Chaudhari, replying to a question on his force's operational readiness in case of requirement, said, "IAF's preparations have been to be able to deliver weapons of our choice at the time of our choosing." Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar said his force is focusing on doing away with obsolete norms and practices, adding the possibility of a tri-services rank system is also being examined. **More on P6**

## Government Runs Bulldozer Over Jaish Commander's House

Two-Storey House 'Raised On State Land' Razed To Ground



Press Trust Of India

The residence of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) militant commander Ashiq Nengroo was demolished by the authorities in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district on Saturday, officials said.

The two-storey house at New Colony in Rajpora had come up on state land, the

official claimed. It was demolished by the district administration in the presence of police.

Ashiq Nengroo is a wanted JeM commander and an accused in the 2019 Pulwama attack in which 40 CRPF personnel were killed.

In April this year, the central government declared Nengroo as a "designated terrorist" under **More on P6**

## NIA Posters Seek Info About 4 Militants

The National Investigation Agency has put up posters in many parts of Kashmir seeking information about four militants of The Resistance Front (TRF), a front organisation of the proscribed terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba, officials said on Saturday. The four militants, including two Pakistani nationals, are wanted by the NIA in connection with a conspiracy to **More on P6**



## Fresh Snowfall Raises Night Temperature In Kashmir

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Higher reaches of Kashmir received fresh snowfall for the second day on Saturday even as the minimum temperature rose and stayed above the freezing point at most places in the Valley, officials said.

The middle and higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir received light to moderate snow, they said.

Gurez, in north Kashmir's Bandipora district, received five inches of snow, Keran and Machil, in Kupwara, three inches each, Sinthan Pass four inches and Mughal Road

four inches, the officials said.

The famous ski-resort of Gulmarg recorded four inches of fresh snow and Sonamarg tourist resort in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district six inches, they added.

The minimum temperature across the valley, except in Gulmarg, **More on P6**

## Committed To Welfare Of Martyr Families: LG

Pays Tributes To Policemen Who Made Ultimate Sacrifice For The Country

Observer News Service

Jammu: Asserting that his government is committed to take concrete measures for the families of the martyrs so that they may live a life of comfort and dignity, the Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Saturday that welfare of the families of those, who served and protected the country's integrity & sovereignty, will always be top priority.

"I pay my humble tributes to those immortal heroes, who sacrificed their own lives in order to promote the lives of others. J&K Police, Army, Central Police Forces have made



significant contribution in nation building. Let us all together take a pledge to discharge our duty towards the families of our martyrs and strengthen our resolve to work for their well-being," the LG said.

He made these remarks during the inauguration of Digital Skill Development programme for the wards of killed policemen, at J&K Police Public School, Miran Sahib here on Saturday.

The LG said that the initiative under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by Indus Towers Limited is a tribute to bravehearts of Jammu Kashmir Police who made the ultimate sacrifice for the country.

Sinha reiterated his government's commitment to take concrete measures for the families of the martyrs so that they may live a life of comfort and dignity.

He said the welfare of the families of those, **More on P6**

## Jammu Almost Cleared Of Militancy: DGP

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Militancy in Jammu and Kashmir is at its lowest ebb and the Jammu region almost cleared of the menace due to the pro-active approach of security agencies along with the cooperation of people, Director General of Police Dilbag Singh said on Saturday.

He said police, along with other security forces, are frustrating on a daily basis the Pakistani conspiracies to disturb the peaceful atmosphere in the Union Territory.

"If you take into account the facts and figures, the militancy has reached its lowest ebb (in Jammu and Kashmir). Barring one district where three to four terrorists are active, the rest of nine districts in Jammu region



are militancy-free," Singh told reporters on the sidelines of a function here.

He said 2022 proved a most successful year for the security agencies in their fight against terrorism. The situation is such that the new recruits are forced to think 10 times whether the path they are going **More on P6**

## 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'

## Rahul To Spend 8 Days In J&K On Concluding Phase

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is going to spend eight days during the concluding phase of the Bharat Jodo Yatra' in Jammu and Kashmir, Senior party leader and Rajya Sabha member Rajni Patil said on Saturday.

Patil, AICC in-charge J-K affairs, said Gandhi is expected to enter the Union Territory in the third week of next month and appealed to the people as well as political, social and NGOs to "join

the yatra which is above politics and meant to unite hearts for the benefit of the nation".

"Gandhi is going to spend eight days in Jammu and Kashmir -- four days each in Jammu and the valley -- after reaching here in the third week of January. The date and route were not finalised so far," Patil, flanked by senior party leaders including J-K Pradesh Congress Committee president Vikar Rasool Wani, told reporters here.

Earlier, she held **More on P6**

## 'Missing' AMU Student Reaches Home

A Class 10th student, who had gone missing from Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) was traced and re-united with the family, officials said here on Saturday. An official said that



Masroor Abbas Mir of Bohripore area of Sopore, who had gone missing from AMU on December 08, was traced. "After necessary questioning, the missing boy was reunited with his family," officials said. Earlier on Saturday morning, family and relatives of Masroor staged a protest and sought the whereabouts of their missing kin "A high alert was **More on P6**

## Auto Turns Turtle, Driver Dead



A driver died after his vehicle was skidded off the road in Cherihar village of Sopore in North Kashmir's Baramulla district on Saturday. Reports said that a three-wheeler skidded off the road in Cherihar Botingoo, leading to on spot death of its driver. He identified the driver as Mudasir Ahmed Lone of Cherihar Botingoo. He said after completion of medico-legal formalities, the **More on P6**

## Woman Dies After Falling Into Pit

A woman died on Saturday after falling into a pit in Sogam area of North Kashmir's Kupwara district. 36-year-old Ishrat Bano slipped into a pit outside her home in her native Ganie Mohalla in Sogam area on Saturday afternoon, reports said. She was taken out of the pit by her family and neighbours and rushed to the nearby hospital for treatment in an unconscious state. However, the doctors there **More on P6**



## Back Bear Caught In Bandipora

The officials of wildlife department on Saturday captured alive a black bear in Kehnusa village of North Kashmir's Bandipora district. According to reports, the bear was seen roaming around Kehnusa village by the locals, who immediately informed the wildlife department. A team of officials from the department, reports said, immediately rushed to the village and captured the bear. The prompt action by the wildlife department has brought much sought relief to the villagers, who were reeling under **More on P6**

## 67 Journalists Killed This Year: IFJ

Russia's war in Ukraine, chaos in Haiti and rising violence by criminal groups in Mexico contributed to a sharp spike in the number of journalists killed doing their work in 2022, according to a new report released on Friday. The International Federation of Journalists says that 67 journalists and media staff have been killed around the world so far this year, up from 47 last year. The Brussels-based group also tallied 375 journalists currently imprisoned for their work, with the highest figures in China including Hong Kong, in Myanmar and in Turkey. Last year's report listed 365 journalists behind bars. With the number **More on P6**

## Ex-Minister, Sarnach Call On LG

Former minister, delegation led by Sarpanch Palli and social activist from Poonch called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at the Raj Bhavan here on Saturday. Sukhmandan Choudhary, former Minister, met the Lt Governor and apprised him about various issues of public importance including development of Border areas and welfare of the people, an official spokesperson said. Earlier, he said, a delegation led by Randhir Sharma, Sarpanch, Palli panchayat apprised the Lt Governor about the status of developmental initiatives in the panchayat. "They also discussed the restoration of Cricket ground and developing **More on P6**

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

# Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir.

## Scholarship Name 1: Laduma Dhamecha Yuva Scholarship Program 2022

Description: Laduma Dhamecha Yuva Scholarship Program 2022 aims at motivating meritorious students from financially weaker families and helping them in pursuing engineering and medical studies.

Eligibility: The scholarship is open for students from Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Delhi NCR who have successfully passed Class 10/Class 12 examination with a minimum of 85% marks. Applicants must be pursuing JEE/NEET coaching after Class 10 or first-year engineering/MBBS program. Annual family income of applicants must not be more than INR 3,00,000 from all sources.

- Prizes & Rewards: INR 50,000 per year
- Last Date to Apply: 15-12-2022
- Application mode: Online applications only
- Short URL: www.b4s.in/ob-server/YUUS1

## Scholarship Name 2: HDFC Badhte Kadam Scholarship 2022-23

Description: HDFC Badhte Kadam Scholarship aims to provide financial assistance to help high performing students from underprivileged backgrounds to continue and complete their education. Open for students in Class 11-12, those pursuing undergraduate courses and competitive exam coaching.

Eligibility: Indian students who are currently studying in Class 11 to undergraduate (general and professional).

Students with Disabilities studying in Class 11-12, pursuing undergraduate courses, diploma/JIT, and vocational courses.

Candidates preparing for competitive examinations such as NEET, JEE, CLAT, and NIFT at a recognized coaching institution.

Must have obtained at least 60% marks (80% for coaching students) in the previous class or board exams (Note: There is no minimum marks required for Students with Disabilities).

Annual family income of the applicants should be below INR 6,00,000 (for Students with Disabilities, it should be below INR 8,00,000), from all sources.

Special consideration will be given to girl students and students who are

going through any kind of crisis (lost a parent/both parents, terminal illness in family, etc.).

- Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 1,00,000
- Last Date to Apply: 31-12-2022
- Application mode: Online applications only
- Short URL: www.b4s.in/ob-server/HTPF12



## Scholarship Name 3: Keep India Smiling Foundational Scholarship and Mentorship Programme for Sportsperson and Individuals

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

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

For sportspersons, applicants must have represented the state/country at the state/national/international level in the last 2/3 years. They must be ranked within 500 in the national ranking/within 100 in the state ranking. They must be aged between 9 and 20 years. The annual family income of all applicants must be less than INR 5 Lakhs per annum.

- Prizes & Rewards: Selected scholars can avail scholarship award of INR 75,000 per year for up to 3 years
- Last Date to Apply: 31-12-2022
- Application mode: Online applications only
- Short URL: www.b4s.in/ob-server/KSSI2

## Government of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION GANDEBAL

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS  
 EE/R&B/Divn/Gbl/ e-Tender Fresh NIT No.230 of 2022-23  
 issued under endorsement No.16045-54  
 Dated:09.12.2022

E-tenders (In single cover system) from qualified contractors registered with the J&K UT Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments are invited for Snow Clearance (Stage-wise) on a Percentage Rate basis for a contract period of one year that may be extended to three years depending on the performance of the successful bidder.

S.No	Stage Name	Cost of Tender Doc. Per Stage (In Rupees)	Earnest Money per Stage (In Rupees.)	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1.	Snow Clearance of Roads /Areas falling within the jurisdiction of R&B Division Gandebal for the year 2022-23. Stage: 17 (Seventeen - Annexure-A appended)	Rs.300/=	Rs.5000/=	3054 Snow	All Classes

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	09-12-2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	09-12-2022 at 3:30 PM
3	Bid submission Start Date	09-12-2022 at 3:30 PM
4	Bid Submission End Date	14-12-2022 upto 4:00PM
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	14-12-2022 at 4:05 PMin the office of Superintending Engineer PW(R&B) Circle Gandebal-BandiPora

2 Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division GANDEBAL (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

3 All bidders are required to submit bid security or earnest money for an amount of Rs.5000/= at the time of tendering in the form of CDRs, FDRs, or BGs pledged to the authority responsible for receiving bids, in this case SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PW(R&B) CIRCLE GANDEBAL-BANDIPORA. In strict accordance with the Government's circular and other instructions as required, the successful bidder will be required to provide performance security in the amount of Rs.10,000/= at the time of contract award. Following the fixing of the contract in favour of the successful bidder, the unsuccessful bidders will receive the earnest money/bid security. The successful bidder's performance security will be released only after completed successfully performance of the Contract.

3 The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PW(R&B) CIRCLE GANDEBAL-BANDIPORA (tender receiving authority).

4 The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the date of opening of technical bids.

5 The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-

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

b. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within three days from the date of intimation.

c. Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 15 days.

6 Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

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

ii. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature.

iii. No bid will be accepted in physical form.

iv. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Table 1.

v. All bidders must UPLOAD the following information and documents with their bids, in addition to the qualification criteria / qualification information, (All documents pertaining to the bid must be in English):

vi. All bidders must submit copies of original documents defining their constitution/legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business, as well as their cell phone number and e-mail address.

vii. A valid Contractor/Firm Registration Certificate issued by a competent authority in accordance with the Contractor Registration Act.

viii. Treasury Challan/Earnest money

ix. Valid GSTIN Registration & PAN Card

x. Valid Latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of last quarter i.e July-Sept 2022 or latest month i.e October 2022

xi. Illustration: Latest quarter July-September 2022 for those who file GSTR-3B quarterly and preceding month i.e., October 2022 for those who file GSTR-3B monthly.

xii. The bidder must make sure to upload scanned copies of all required documents, including the tender documents fee, along with the technical bid. No document(s) that haven't been uploaded will be accepted in hard copy form. However, the bidders will be required to provide original documents in support of the soft copies upon request in the event of any clarification.

7 The tender / bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.

No.16045-54  
 DIPK-14858/22 Dated:10-12-2022  
 Executive Engineer  
 R&B Division Gandebal

Stage No.	Annexure A		
1	Barwalla Link Road	0.50	Kangan
2	Chaki Wussan Road Upto Mongam Via Darool loom	2.40	
3	Chinner Road Upto Arigripora Incl. Bumi Mohalla Road	4.50	
4	Dar Mohalla Link At Kangan	0.50	
5	Degree College Link Road	0.10	
6	Ganie Mohalla Link At Preng	0.30	
7	Gouchi Mohalla Link Akhal Bridge Upto Nillah.	2.30	
8	Graveyars Link At Kangan	0.10	
9	Hasanabad Link Kangan	1.20	
10	Hospital Link At Preng	0.20	
11	Kangan Akhal Road Incl. Sheikh Ulalam/Eid Gah Link.	2.50	
12	Kangan Panzin	2.00	
13	Kangan To Kangan Wooder	4.00	
14	Kijpora Link Road	1.00	
15	Kunmulla Link	0.70	
16	Lari Preng Road	1.50	
17	Lari Preng To Baba Nagri Road	1.20	
18	Link Bypass Upto H/O Gh Mohiddin	0.15	
19	Link Masjid To Ms Bonizal	0.70	
20	Link Road Baba Mohalla Dar Mohalla	1.00	
21	Link Road Of Ab Gani Bonizal	0.10	
22	Link Upto Khichgrar Khatanapati Surfraw	0.60	
23	M/S To Bhat Mohalla Link Road	0.40	
24	M/S To Dar Mohalla Link Via Igs Home	0.60	
	Total Stage No.17	28.55	

## Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Sub Divisional Magistrate Pahalgam

Email sdmpahalgam786@gmail.com telefax 01930-243200

Subject: - Magisterial enquiry under section 176 CrPc

Reference: - Additional District Magistrate Anantnag's order No. 11/ DMA of 2022, Dated. 28-10-2022

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned has been appointed as enquiry officer to conduct thorough enquiry into the incident that occurred in village Bonpora Poshkree Tehsil Sriguwara on 06-09-2022. Therefore, interested persons and general public is informed through this office that they can record their statements or share any kind of information or opinion regarding the above-mentioned incident with the undersigned at SDM Office Pahalgam during the working hours within ten days from the publication of this notice in local newspaper

No: SDM/Pgm/H/22/522-23  
 DIPK-14838/22 Dated: 09-12-2022  
 Syed Naseer Ahmad, JKAS  
 Sub Divisional Magistrate Pahalgam

## Subject:- Grant Of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name & Style "M/S Leaflet Holidays Situated at Gulmarg Road Kanihama

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas I Aijaz Ahmad Mir S/o Habib-ullah Mir R/o Ma-moosa Pattan Kashmir intends to apply in the department of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel unit under the name and style "M/s Leaflet Holidays Situated at Gulmarg Road Kanihama Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Before the case is processed for registration by the competent authority the matter is hereby notified for information of general public / Financial Institutions / Bank/ Organization, Etc For Objection, If Any And The Same Should Reach To The Deputy Director Tourism registration ( email: ddtreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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## Subject:- Grant Of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name & Style "M/S Ruhama Tour & Travels Situated at Shakkadal Srinagar

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas I Qasim Afzal Najar S/o Mohammad Afzal Najar R/o Shakkadal Srinagar Kashmir intends to apply in the department of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel unit under the name and style "M/s Ruhama Tour & Travels Situated at Shakkadal Srinagar Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Before the case is processed for registration by the competent authority the matter is hereby notified for information of general public / Financial Institutions / Bank/ Organization, Etc For Objection, If Any And The Same Should Reach To The Deputy Director Tourism registration ( email: ddtreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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## 8th Death Anniversary of our son Aabid Ali Khan

It was the 11th December, 2014 when you left heavenly abode leaving us in a great distress. None can ever fill this irreparable loss, it never gets easy. But you will remain alive in our hearts. Your ever loving memories will always be shining for us. May Almighty Allah rest your soul in peace and grant you Jannat-ul-Firdous.



GRIEF STRICKEN  
 MOHAMMAD SHAFI KHAN AND FAMILY  
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## NAME CORRECTION

I, A. Selvaraj, D.O.B. 07-06-1978, Army No. JC288096X, Rank NB/SUB of Unit 13 RR BN (KUMOAN), S/O: K Ayyanar, a resident of Meenakshiamman Kovil South Street Vasant Nagar Aundipatti- TAMIL NADU do hereby take oath and solemnly affirm as follows:

- That my son, whose name was wrongly written/recorded as AAKASH in my official/service records.
- That the correct and actual Name of my son is AAKASH.S
- That, I desire to rectify my sons NAME as AAKASH.S instead of AAKASH in my official/service records and all the relevant documents.

Sd/- A. Selvaraj

## The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

BRANCH OFFICE MAGAM

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 11th & 12th under Below mentioned particulars

Name : Zaim U Nisa  
 D/o Asha Hussain Dar  
 R/o Hardu Sorish

Details of Marks Certificate lost  
 Secondary School Examination (class 11th )  
 Roll No 22404249 Session /Year Annual / Reg. 2020  
 Higher Secondary School Examination (class12th )  
 Roll No 32419218 Session /Year Annual . 2021

Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the some before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is treated as cancelled.

Sd/ Assistant Secretary  
 Sub Office Magam

bmj

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost the number plate of my vehicle bearing Regd. No: JK01R- 6765 from Magam to Archandarama . Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in Police Station Magam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Tufail Mehraj Wani  
 S/o Mehraj Ud Din Wani  
 R/o Umar Colony Lal Bazar Srinagar

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## Arrangements For Smooth Conduct Of JKSSB Exams Finalized

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to ensure fair and smooth conduct of JKSSB Exams (CBT mode) scheduled to be held from December 11, 2022, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here on Saturday in his office chamber to review arrangements put in place at the examination centres in Srinagar District.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Srinagar, Dr Syed Haneef Balkhi, deployment of Magistrates, Observers and other concerned were present on the occasion.

At the outset, a detailed discussion was held in order to ensure smooth, fair and transpar-

ent conduct of JKSSB Exams in which aspirants are appearing at 9 designated CBT centers established in District.

The DC stressed on ensuring robust arrangements at all examination centres established in Srinagar and taking necessary measures with regard to seating arrangements, heating provisions, traffic management, parking space, law and order and copying issues.

The DC also emphasised on ensuring uninterrupted power supply and proper functioning of computers in all exam Centres along deployment of computer knowing staff of the concerned Institutions and other Government employees to check the operation of gadgets for the aspirants undertaking exam.

## Admin. Provides Immediate Assistance To Rajbagh Fire Victims

Observer News Service

Srinagar: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, a team of District Administration, Srinagar on Saturday visited Aram-wari locality of Rajbagh in Tehsil South of Srinagar District where some residential houses were engulfed in a fire incident here on Friday.

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

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

On the occasion an immediate assistance in the form of 20 blankets, 12 mattresses, 12 bed sheets and 4 kitchen sets, in addition Rs 20,000 were also



provided to all 04 affected families each Rs 5000 out of Red Cross fund of District Administration Srinagar.

## Workshop At KU Focuses On 'Enhancing Shelf-Life Of Foods'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A high-end workshop presently underway at the University of Kashmir is focusing on increasing the shelf-life of foods, and, consequently, their safety too.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan chaired a spe-

cial session of the 21-day workshop titled 'Active Nano-Packaging Films Loaded with Bioactive Components for Increasing the Shelf Life of Foods', organized by the varsity's Department of Food Science and Technology (DFST). It is sponsored by SERB-DST.



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Appreciating the department's faculty for their research work, and for figuring among top 2% scientists worldwide as per the Stanford University ranking, the Vice-Chancellor said the department must continue to establish a strong linkage with the society in view of its significance and mandate.

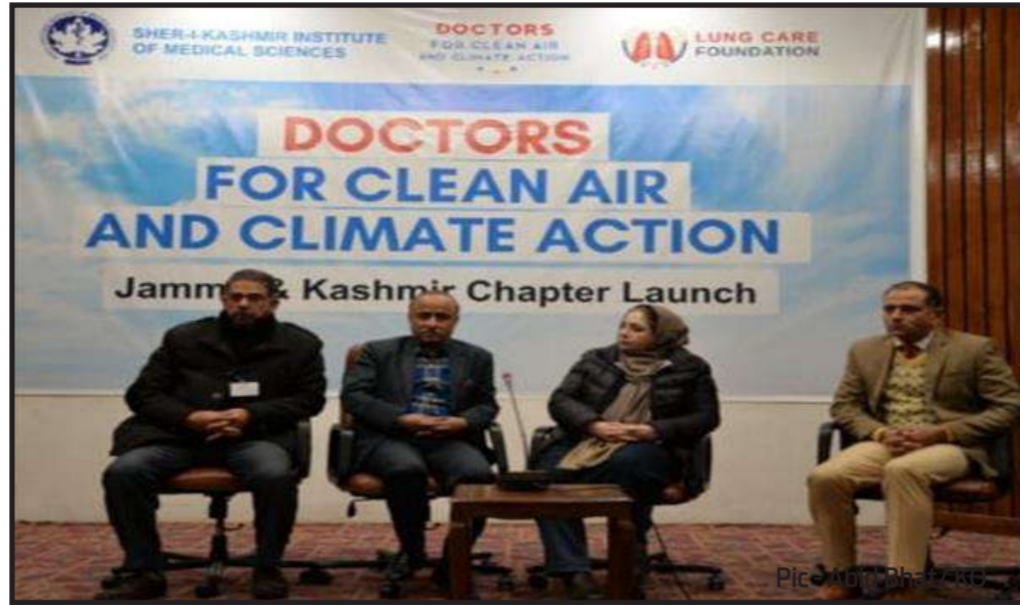
"Food industry is not only linked with livelihoods but people's wellbeing too. The department therefore must have a roadmap on its industry linkage and collaborations," she said, exuding confidence that the present workshop will lead

pace with the advancements in food technology and offer solutions to a host of issues concerning food safety and security.

Dr Adil Gani, Workshop Director and Coordinator DFST, delivered the welcome address wherein he highlighted the department's achievements in academics and research. He said the department is in the process of procuring a high-end food printer that will "design personalized foods" as per the unique requirements of the consumers.

Dr Asima Shah, Inspire Faculty, gave the introductory remarks, saying food waste burdens the economy and impacts the climate too. She said proper food planning can significantly contribute to addressing global hunger.

Ameer Faisal, a research scholar from Kerala, also shared his views about the workshop theme.



## 'Air Pollution Has Become A National Health Issue'

J&K chapter of Doctors for Clean Air and Climate Action launched at SKIMS

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Department of Pulmonary Medicine SKIMS in association with Lung Care Foundation and Doctors for Clean Air and Climate Action conducted an awareness program at SKIMS Auditorium.

Doctors for Clean Air and Climate Action (DFCA) Jammu and Kashmir Chapter was launched on the occasion.

Prof. Arvind Kumar, Founder Trustee Lung Care Foundation & Chairman - Institute of Chest Surgery, Medanta, Gurugram gave a detailed presentation on "Understanding air pollution and its health ill effects".

He said air pollution is a pure health issue and has become a national health issue, which has hazardous effects on the health of people damaging lungs and other vital organs including brain, heart etc.

He said awareness is the first step creating awakening leading to action and solution.

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Director SKIMS Parvaiz A. Koul gave a presentation on "Air Pollution And Lung Disease: Epidemiological Evidence And Clinical Implication" and discussed in detail how air pollution kills us and

has a damaging effect on every aspect of life.

He informed that Srinagar City has the highest incidence of lung cancer in the country and Jammu and Kashmir has a huge burden of chronic lung diseases and air pollution is the major risk factor for these diseases.

He underscored the importance of intervention at individual and community level and said "we should rethink

overview of air pollution in Kashmir valley.

He said biomass burning in Kashmir is the main source of air pollution besides other sources like unregulated establishment of cement factories, brick kilns and overload of vehicular traffic within cities.

He said air pollution has a hazardous impact on human and plant health and insisted for different mitigating measures to be taken to

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land use and there should be proper transportation planning to reduce vehicular traffic, besides other practical viable solutions are needed."

He also stated "the state of air quality in the city and the state has been a cause of concern and I am happy to lead this program for the Doctors for Clean Air and Climate Action network which gives me a platform to talk about the health impacts of air pollution and climate change with my patients, fellow doctors, relevant stakeholders and me masse".

Dr. Farooq A. lone, Professor Environmental Studies SKAUST, deliberated on an

reduce air pollution.

The event was attended by Faculty, students, Residents and participants from other institutions of UT J&K.

It is important to mention that DFCA is a pan India network of doctors working passionately towards creating awareness about the health impacts of Air Pollution for advocacy and action towards clean air.

DFCA is an initiative of Lung Care Foundation, a Guinness world record holding non-profit organization and Health Care Without Harm, a US based international non-profit organization.

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### This Day In History

- 359 - Honoratus, first known Prefect of the City of Constantinople, takes office.
- 384 - St Damasus I dies and ends his reign as Catholic Pope. Began reign 366
- 1282 - Llywelyn ab Gruffydd/Llywelyn the Last, last native Prince of Wales is killed at Cilmeri, near Builth Wells, south Wales. Reigned from 1259.
- 1395 - John "Eleanor" Rykener, a male cross-dressing prostitute, is brought to court in London for "committing that detestable unmentionable and ignominious vice" in late medieval England's only recorded case on same-sex intercourse (verdict unknown)
- 1419 - Heretic Nicolaas Serrurier exiled from Florence
- 1477 - Duchess Maria of Burgundy ends the 'Great Privilege' in states of The Netherlands
- 1572 - Spanish troops begin siege of Haarlem
- 1602 - Surprise attack by forces of the Duke of Savoy and his brother-in-law, Philip III of Spain repelled by citizens of Geneva. Commemorated since as Fête de l'Escalade.
- 1618 - Russia & Poland signs Peace treaty of Dailino
- 1917 - German-occupied Lithuania proclaims independence from Russia
- 1931 - Japan leaves the Gold Standard
- 1937 - Italy withdraws from League of Nations.
- 1940 - Russian general Georgy Zhukov warns of German assault
- 1941 - Australian state cricket associations, South Australia, Victoria, Queensland and New South Wales decide at meetings with new Prime Minister John Curtin to abandon all interstate first class matches for the duration of WWII
- 1946 - Spain suspended from UN
- 1946 - UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) established (Nobel 1965)
- 1950 - British Physicist Cecil Frank Powell awarded Nobel Prize in Physics for his study of nuclear processes and the discovery of the pion
- 1959 - Emilio G. Segrè publishes his discovery of the antiproton, a sub-atomic antiparticle for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1959
- 1964 - Che Guevara speaks at the United Nations General Assembly in New York City. An unknown terrorist fires a mortar shell at the building during the speech.
- 1967 - People's Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) established

From KO Archives

## Bandipora Explosion Kills 4 Civilians, Injures 24

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Five persons, including three women and a BSF jawan were killed in two separate explosions in Bandipora town of Baramulla district since last evening, while five BSF personnel and two dozen civilians were injured.

Reports said a grenade explosion inside the Bus Stand at Bandipora today left four persons dead and some two dozen others injured. The condition of most of the injured is stated to be serious. Some of them have been shifted to Srinagar for treatment in various hospitals, reports said.

As per the available information unknown persons hurled a grenade towards a bus, when passengers were coming out of it at exact 2-15 p.m. The bus had come from village Arahgam, when the unidentified persons struck.

Reports said all the four died on the spot. They have been identified as Noor Din, 20, of Arin, Ban.dipora, Night wife of Manzoor Ahmad Ganai, Bushra Begum of Dachigam Bandipora, Mogli wife of Gulam Rasool of Kraletang, Bandipora. The grenade exploded with a bang and sparked panic among the people, who ran helter skelter. Shopkeepers brought down their shutters and traffic was disrupted. It is not known who were behind the blast and what the exact target was.

Police blamed militants, however no group has owned responsibility so far.

Earlier last evening suspected militants fired rockets at a BSF convoy near Matrigam village in Bandipore killing a constable and injuring five others, including an inspector.

Reports said militants fired rockets at the convoy at 10-30 p.m. last evening and followed it by firing from their automatic rifles. Reinforcements that reached the scene later shifted the injured to the hospital. The condition of two personnel is serious. While the identity of the slain BSF personnel could not be ascertained, sources identified the injured inspector as S. S. Chauhan. Security forces this morning sealed the area for conducting house-to-house searches.

(Kashmir Observer, 11 December, 1998)

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# Why Emmanuel Macron Must Be Listened To About Russia

Wajahat Qazi

**“The world is in the midst of deep uncertainty- politically, economically and in terms of world politics. If the drift of things is allowed to continue, then Cold War 2.0 that is in the offing but at an incipient stage could become a horrifying reality with unintended consequences for the world at large**

**L**ike any human, the French president Emmanuel Macron is a flawed being but he may not be faulted for remarkable maturity and leadership. In his latest overture, he has suggested that Russia be accorded the security guarantees that the county seeks- precisely the ones that were on the table when talks between Russia and the West broke down. While Macron has copped blame (of a vicious variety) for his suggestion, but if the war over Ukraine is to be stopped, Macron must be listened to.

The reasons are manifold.

One major reason is that it blows the wind out of Vladimir Putin's sails. If the war that he started was really over the rationales he stated- NATO expansion, Russia's overall insecurity and so on- then the Russian president no longer has any justification to pursue his war. The question is why would Putin be amenable to these guarantees and stop the war?

Because he is losing. The choices or options before the west are : should the proverbial screws be tightened against Russia? Should the war be expanded? Should regime change in Russia be the ultimate goal?

The answer to these questions must be a resounding No.

**Why?**  
First consider the denouement of the war. What was assumed to be a cakewalk for Putin has turned to be a quagmire primarily because of Ukrainian resistance and mostly because of Western support- advice and materiel- to Ukraine. In the whole schemata, while Putin sought rhetorical escalation of the war by implied use of tactical nukes, he and his generals have been careful not to seek any entanglements with NATO- all for very obvious reasons. Now given that Putin is in a situation where he is not entirely losing the war, but surely he has not won it. The referendums he held in Russian occupied regions appear to be in the nature of creating a fait accompli mostly for tactical reasons- seek concessions at some point during and in the negotiations. If Putin is neither winning but almost losing, why create a monster out of Russia by pushing the war further?

This is not a rhetorical question but one fraught with practical implications. One is, in an inversion and reformulation of the Cold War 'domino theory'. If the war by the West with NATO at the forefront is expanded and extended into regime change, surely military victory will be the West's. But there will be political prices. If, to stretch the hypothesis further, the Russian



Macron speaks with the Russian President at a joint press conference following their talks in Moscow Feb,2022. Pic by Thibault Camus / AP

regime is decapitated, China will be watching. The country will draw obvious conclusions. It may or may not attack Taiwan but its suspicions of the West will be heightened. The corollary will be the hardening of its stance and solidification of Cold War 2.0.

There are then linkages with broader international politics and world order and peace thereof.

Macron is then being a statesman if the ultimate goal of statesmanship is forging peace.

**But what about European security?**

Macron's statement can be construed as augury of a distinct European security order. (In fact, he has explicitly said so). This may be a good beginning. European foreign, defence and foreign policies have fallen victim, one to the nature of the European Union construct and two its dependence on NATO and by extension the United States. The Ukraine war and the multiple crises it engendered could well turn out to be that silver lining wherein France is belling the proverbial cat. For all intents and purposes, the United States is making a pivot( not in the

sense that Obama envisaged) to Asia. This from a SWOT analysis perspective is not a threat but an opportunity that Europe must grasp.

The world is in the midst of deep uncertainty- politically, economically and in terms of world politics. If the drift of things is allowed to continue, then Cold War 2.0 that is in the offing but at an incipient stage could become a horrifying reality with unintended consequences for the world at large. It needs to be stemmed, stanch and ameliorated. The path toward this starts from Ukraine in a way that addresses the legitimate concerns of Ukrainians, gives them back their nationhood but at the same time addresses legitimate concerns of Russia. War as a hoary institution has its purposes but in the final analysis contra Clausewitz 'all war is bad politics'. Let peace be given a chance. To repeat, the path begins from Ukraine.

Alors Monsieur Le Macron!

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## ‘Hardcore’: The Mars of Elon Musk

Twitter CEO's next big goal is to build a city on Mars. So what exactly might a Muskian Mars-scape look like?

Belén Fernández

**N**ot long after commandeering Twitter in October for a sum of \$44bn, Elon Musk – who is also the CEO of SpaceX and the self-branded “Technoking” of Tesla – dispatched an ultimatum to Twitter employees giving them two options. The first was to commit to being “extremely hardcore” and working “long hours at high intensity”. The second was to quit.

Musk had already fired approximately half of Twitter's workforce – since anyone with a mere \$44bn to spare on buying a social media platform is clearly in the business of pinching pennies.

And so it is that my editors have forced me to go back on my promise to never write about Elon Musk again. But, hey, this is capitalism, and we're all hardcore.

On the surface, writing about Musk should be like shooting fish in a barrel. The 51-year-old US-based South African live-tweets his bowel movements, makes penis jokes, gets off on anti-Black racism, and builds not-so-self-driving electric cars that crash into parked emergency vehicles. Unfortunately, this particular fish happens to be the richest person on the planet, who wields disproportionate control over terrestrial matters like the stock market and Donald Trump's Twitter presence and who is now determined to make humanity a “spacefaring civilisation” as well – whether we like it or not.

As Musk told Time magazine, which shamelessly crowned him “Person of the Year” in 2021, the “next really big thing is to build a self-sustaining city on Mars and bring the animals and creatures of Earth there”. According

to Time's obsequious writeup, Musk predicted colonising Mars within five years. Eventually, rocket ships would shuttle 100 people at a time to the Red Planet and then travel back to Earth, powered by Made-in-Mars fuel.

Of course, it is not immensely reassuring that the man who is leading the conquest of outer space is the same man who once tried to bribe a college kid \$5,000 to take down a Twitter account that tracks Musk's private jet using publicly available data. When the bribe didn't work, Musk resorted to blocking the teenager.

But in the event Musk's cosmic experiment succeeds, what exactly might a Muskian Mars-scape look like? Even leaving aside logistical matters like respiration, it's safe to assume the environment would be fairly, um, hardcore.

For starters, workers' rights would likely be nonexistent. Musk has already blissfully violated earthly labour laws, threatened workers wishing to pursue unionisation, spied on employees, and been bombarded with allegations that his behaviour encourages sexual harassment and racism in the workplace. And he reopened one of his California factories in May 2020 in defiance of local coronavirus pandemic restrictions, leading to hundreds of COVID-19 cases.

On Mars under Musk, taxes would also likely be nonexistent – at least for multibillionaires like him who have traditionally been loath to contribute even the tiniest fraction of their wealth to US government taxes ostensibly collected on behalf of the public good. Naturally, Musk and his companies have never hesitated to receive billions of dollars in public subsidies and government contracts.

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As for the composition of the self-sustaining Martian city, the 2021 “Person of the Year” explains that it will be “sort of like a futuristic Noah's ark” – but with more than two of each animal because “it's a little weird if there's only two”. Back in 2020, he reckoned that “a million tonnes” of vitamin C would be required to make human life sustainable on Mars, where a system

of “direct democracy” and self-governance would also be implemented.

Never mind that Musk's conception of “democracy” is basically whatever Musk himself thinks should happen in any given situation – just as his self-identification as a “free-speech absolutist” pretty much means that Musk and only Musk can say absolutely whatever he wants.

To be sure, “free speech” hardly applies to the antifascist journalists and activists who are currently being purged from Twitter in order to allow right-wing extremist delusions to more efficiently take flight and orbit the digital world. For an example of Muskian “democracy”, meanwhile, consider his reinstatement of Trump's banned Twitter account, which transpired following a 24-hour “poll” of Musk's Twitter followers.

A narrow majority of respondents voted in favour of Trump's return, whereupon Musk tweeted: “The people have spoken... Vox Populi, Vox Dei” – a Latin expression meaning that the voice of the people is the voice of God.

One guess who's playing “God” in the equation (hint: it's not Trump).

But what, in the end, would anyone actually do on Mars, aside from manufacture fuel for Musk's rocket ships and ingest massive quantities of vitamin C? Time magazine informs us that Musk foresees a future in which all labour is performed by robots and goods and services abound: “There's, like, plenty for everyone, essentially,” he says. “There's not necessarily anyone who's the boss of you.”

There were no doubt plenty of Twitter employees wishing for just such an arrangement in mid-November when boss-man Musk sent his “hardcore”

threat. It remains to be seen how a human race that is rapidly killing itself and the Earth with capitalism will spontaneously face an overabundance of resources and worker-robots to boot – or how you go from having to work “long hours at high intensity” to not having to work at all.

And who knows what “plenty for everyone” means coming from someone whose net worth has reached nearly \$300bn. What will the eight billion humans who are not Musk have to accept as “plenty”?

In other words, the details of Muskian fantasy need some ironing out.

Ultimately, though, the futuristic colonisation of Mars that Musk envisions would simply entail launching into space everything that is wrong with the Earth. Expansion, after all, is the name of the game in capitalism – and what better place than the universe to expand astronomically?

Musk gravitates towards Mars because it's tabula rasa: a place where laws, taxes, and other pesky phenomena won't interfere with megalomaniacal, narcissistic tyranny. Obscene earthly wealth just doesn't cut it; Musk is shooting for the stars – or to be CEO of Mars.


But as everyone's favourite “Technoking” works at expanding his intergalactic CV, it seems that, at the end of the day, he just wants to be the god of the cosmos. And if Musk's Martian wet dream pans out, rest assured nothing will ever be down to earth again.

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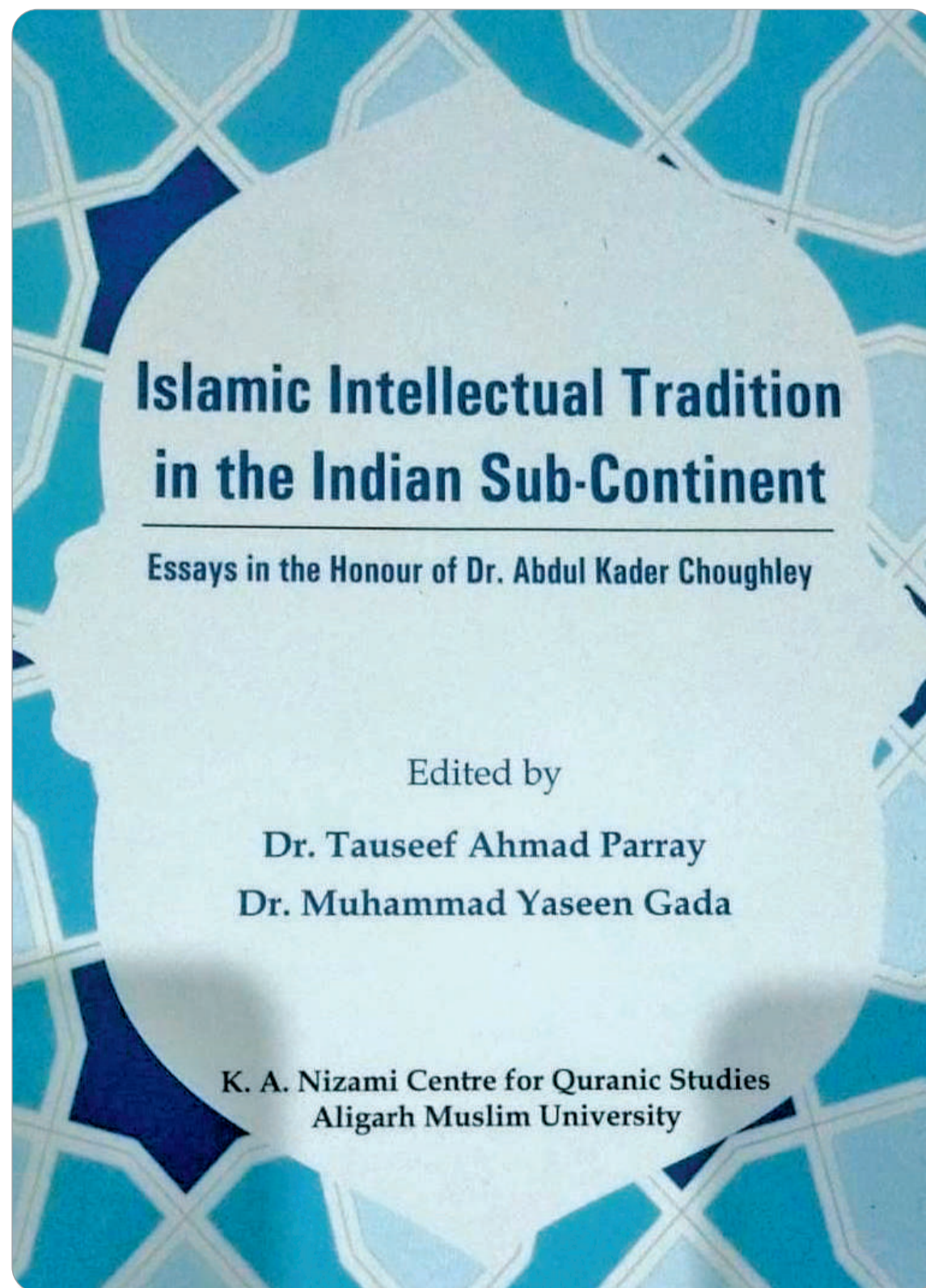
## Book Review

# Islamic Intellectual Tradition in the Indian Sub-Continent

*Essays in the Honour of Dr Abdul Kader Choughley: A Critical Appraisal*



In an overall valuation, the work appears as a compilation of loosely correlated academic writings by researchers, scholars and experts of different branches of Studies on Islam. The work marks a genuine academic contribution to the studies on Islamic intellectual tradition with some novel and insightful additions pertaining to Quranic and Seerah studies



**Dr Mohammad Irfan Shah**

The history of Islamic religious, spiritual and intellectual tradition in the Indian subcontinent impressively spans over a millennium. The studies exploring varied dimensions of Islam, Muslims and their religious/intellectual traditions have not only fascinated the Muslim scholarship (like L.H. Qureshi, I. H. Siddiqi, Aziz Ahmad, K. A. Nizami, M. Noor Nabi, A. Rashid, S. M. Ikram,) but a majority of non-Muslim Western Orientalists like Elliot and Dowson, Eaton, Arnold, Murray Titus, C. Ernst and Bruce Lawrence to count a few. However, in this regard, only few instances have been recorded from the Muslim intellectuals outside the Indian subcontinent. Of these sparse attempts, Dr Abdul Kader Choughley's (b. 1955, renowned Muslim scholar and educationist based in Springs, South Africa) works reflect a noticeable endeavor in underscoring the contribution of the scholars from the subcontinent to the Quranic and Seerah studies, Islamic intellectual tradition and biographical compendia. With this backdrop, K. A. Nizami Centre for Quranic Studies AMU has brought out his Commemorative Volume, entitled *Islamic Intellectual Tradition in the Indian Subcontinent: Essays in the Honour of Dr Abdul Kader Choughley*, to recognize his contribution for 'enhancing and enriching' the study on Islamic intellectual and religious tradition of the Indian subcontinent. The volume has been edited by two budding scholars from Kashmir, (Dr) Tauseef Ahmad Parry and Muhammad Yaseen Gada (PhD, AMU).

#### STRUCTURE OF THE VOLUME

The volume contains three main sections apart from preliminary contents that include a foreword by Prof. A. R. Kidwai (renowned Indian Academician and an expert on Quranic Studies from AMU/Honorary Director, K. A. Nizami Centre), an "Introduction" by the editors

introducing the works of Dr Choughley as well as the contents of the book. While Section/Part-I, consisting five chapters, deals with 'Quranic and Seerah Studies', Section/Part-II, in its four chapters, takes in hand the 'Islamic Intellectual Tradition Vis-à-vis Sub-Continent.' Finally, a bio-note on and a bibliography of Dr Choughley compiled by the editors and an essay related to his academic career and adventures as "Stray Reflections" by Choughley and Parry fill the concluding Section/Part-III or Appendix of this work. Finally, a copious list of works cited in the book prepared by the editors concludes the volume.

#### CRITICAL EVALUATION OF THE VOLUME

The "Introduction" as usual helps in estimating the subject matter of the book although the opening portion on Dr Choughley seems a reiteration of Prof Kidwai's foreword.

Prof Kidwai's "English Translations of the Qur'an: Trends and Issues" (Ch.1/Section-I) exhibits a meticulous and expertly academic and critical treatment of the English Translations of the Qur'an by Orientalists, Qadiyanis, some deviant translations, sectarian translations by Muslims, the English versions of Urdu translations and recent forms of translating the Qur'an in English. The author's critical evaluation greatly helps in alarming the general readers of the Qur'an of the obnoxious designs, misinterpretations, interpolations and distortions jam-packing their translations. However, major portion of Kidwai's write-up depicts a reiteration or summary of his previous works especially published in the *Muslim World Book Review*. Furthermore, Kidwai's selective attitude while analyzing the "sectarian trend in translations" seems prejudiced or partial as he exclusively marks out the Shia and Bareilwi (who consider themselves as Ahl-al-Sunnah and as per Kidwai have the largest following in the subcontinent) translations in this section surprisingly sparing other

Muslim sects/ideologies like the Deobandis, Jamat-i Islami, Ahl al-Hadith, modernists etc. Also, his disparaging remarks on the Bareilwi translation that it carries "Prophet Muhammad's (ﷺ) or Saint/Awliya' 'disproportionate' (p.38) veneration seems questionable and need to be revisited (given the fact that a scale that would determine the justified level of Prophet's ﷺ praise/veneration is yet to be formulated by the Muslims). Although, his proposition of the features of producing a 'Standard English translation' reflects his profundity and decades-long engagement and understanding of the field of English Translations of the Quran (ETQs).

Dr. Tauseef Ahmad Parry's attempt in "Words Divine, Interpretations Human: An Analytical Study of Kidwai's and Choughley's Selected Works on Qur'anic Studies" (Chapter 2/Section I) at analyzing (Prof) Kidwai's and Choughley's works on Quranic Studies is exhaustive although by major the subject matter reflects a typical narrative articulation. His analysis that Kidwai's critical appraisal of the Orientalists' Translations is 'unbiased and objective' stands indisputable.

A thematic piece related to Quranic studies by Juneefa Bilal marks the presentation of Indo-Pak Muslim scholars' approaches/views on the concept of the *I'jaz al-Qur'an* (Miraculousness of the Quran) meanwhile reflecting a thematic, informative and comprehensive endeavor. Although a thematic piece yet bereft of a deep analytical or critical method, the discussion "Recent Approaches to the Concept of I'jaz al-Qur'an: A Study of Muslim Scholars of the Sub-continent (Ch.3/Sec.1)" by

Juneefa Bilal follows a descriptive and narrative style unfurling the views of the traditional as well as some modern Muslims scholars' views on the concept of *I'jaz al-Quran*. The author's assessment pertaining this issue seems fitting and this chapter adds a significant addition to the opening section on the Quranic studies.

"Writing Seerah in the Light of the Qur'an: A Study of Abdul Majid Daryabadi's 'The Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) Life in the Light of the Qur'an' (Ch.4/Sec.1) by Adil Hussain Malik furnishes an interesting theme for the readers. Malik's summary and extensive description, though lacking an analytical treatment (except for a few statements), of Abdul Majid Daryabadi's works on *Seerah* appears helpful in understanding the *Seerah* in light of the Qur'an.

"Modern Trends in the Seerah and the Contribution of Yasin Mazhar Siddiqui: An Appraisal of Selected Works" (Ch.5/Sec.1) by Dr Parry is an academic endeavor to highlight Prof. Y. M. Siddiqui's (AMU) remarkable contribution to the *Seerah* Studies posthumously. Parry's assessment that Siddiqui's works on *Seerah* accrue a unique position with regards their themes, objectivity, analyses and methodology is indisputable and his selection of Siddiqui's works is timely and highly relevant. Although Parry reviews the works in his own capacity, he frequently seems to rely on the statements of other reviewers of these works.

Discussion on the studies related to Islamic intellectual tradition of the subcontinent would be deficient without mentioning Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi's

works, thought and philosophy. Pertinently, Dr S. Jameil Ali and T. A. Parry's "Mawlana Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi's Educational Thought and Philosophy" (Ch. 6/Sec.2) and Dr Samee-Ullah-Bhat's (Ch. 7/Sec.2) "Sayyid Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi's Contribution to Islamic History: An Analytical Study of his Tarikh-i-Dawat-o-Azemat" embellish the volume with an exhaustive discussion on Nadwi. The Dr Jameil & Parry have maintained a descriptive and analytical delivery while accentuating Ali Miyan Nadwi's educational philosophy. Their content offers a coherent style emphasizing initially on Nadwi's espousal of modern educational pedagogy alongside the religious and moral education followed by his critical appraisal of the Western worldview, philosophies and education system. Dr Samee-Ullah's chapter spreads out a content summary of Nadwi's celebrated five volume *Tarikh-i-Dawat-o-Azemat (Saviors of the Islamic Spirit)*. The author delves the content with a narrative and preaching style and the discussion lacks in proper academic analysis or critical investigation of this voluminous title by Nadwi. However, the write-up would be of substantial help for the readers in comprehending the methodology as well as the comprehensiveness of the themes discussed in the volume.

With a direct bearing on the title (under review), Dr M. Yaseen Gada exerts at analyzing Choughley's works on Fazlur Rahman Ansari (d.1974) a renowned Islamic scholar of the Indian subcontinent. (Ch. 8/Sec.2) in "Abdul Kader Choughley's Works on Fazlur Rahman Ansari: An Analysis". The author draws on Choughley's works selecting few themes and regurgitates Choughley's understanding of Ansari's works without any meticulous or critical observation except for assessing that Choughley's approach toward Ansari is "panegyric".

With a narrative style and comparative methodology, Dr. M. Younus Kumar's "Contextualizing Jihad (Striving

in the Path of God): A Study of the Approaches of Wahiduddin Khan and Javed Ahmad Ghamidi" (Ch. 9/Sec.2) represents a descriptive thematic study among few such endeavors contained in the title. Kumar's description of Ghamidi's and Khan's views on the concept of *Jihad* seems a recurrent emphasis on their monotonous stance and departure from the interpretations of the traditional 'Islamist' scholars (like Mawdudi and Qutb) on *Jihad*. The chapter, although bereft of a profound critical or analytical examination (of the views of Khan and Ghamidi), helps in estimating the similarity as well as the expanse of difference of opinion among the Muslim scholars/intellectuals pertaining the crucial concepts like *Jihad* in the modern era.

#### CONCLUSION

In an overall valuation, the work appears as a compilation of loosely correlated academic writings by researchers, scholars and experts of different branches of Studies on Islam. The work marks a genuine academic contribution to the studies on Islamic intellectual tradition with some novel and insightful additions pertaining to Quranic and Seerah studies. Besides, the volume adequately acknowledges and brings to limelight Choughley's contribution to the Islamic intellectual tradition of the subcontinent. However, a critical and analytical treatment of Choughley's works is wanting and the sequence of the contents/themes discussed considerably lacks coherence. Markedly informative, furnishing some novel, relevant and academically significant pieces for the deliberation of readers, the work is strongly recommended for researchers, academics and intellectuals especially those interested in exploring Islamic Intellectual tradition.

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## UAE 'Sandwich Maker' Job Ad For Nationals Sparks Local Fury

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**Abu Dhabi**- An advert inviting Emiratis to apply for a "sandwich maker" job has sparked a storm with citizens decrying purportedly humiliating attempts to provide employment — and authorities launching a probe.

The UAE Public Prosecution office said on Saturday it was opening an "immediate investigation" following a "contentious" job advert and was even "interrogating the CEO of the business".

It did not specify the firm or CEO but the statement came after the Kamal Osman Jamjoom Group — a retail giant — advertised the position at the Subway fast food chain, tailored specifically for Emirati nationals "to support the state's efforts to localise jobs".

The vacancy announcement — later retracted — came ahead of a looming January deadline for private UAE-based companies with more than 50 employees to ensure that two per cent of their staff are UAE nationals, on pain of fines.



"This is mockery," one Twitter user said in response to the Subway vacancy.

Another Twitter post shared by hundreds, read: "The lack of administrative, financial and technical jobs has led to 'sandwich maker'... Oh, what an age!"

Even Emirati academics were drawn into the conversation. "This post-oil transition period is proving difficult," said Emirati

researcher Mira al-Hussein.

Others, however, said there is no shame in such jobs, with one Emirati noting on Twitter that billionaire Jeff Bezos started out as a McDonald's employee.

In a post on Saturday, the UAE Public Prosecution office said "the job ad has broken both Emiratisation regulations and media content standards as it included contentious content".

The Kamal Osman Jamjoom Group has apologised for the ad, saying a "translation error" led to the faulty formulation.

According to the International Labor Organization (ILO), more than 90pc of the UAE's private sector labour force is comprised of expatriates.

UAE nationals are mainly employed in stable and relatively well-paying jobs in the country's vast public sector, the ILO says.

As part of a push to boost Emirati employment, the UAE government this year launched a mandatory 'Emiratisation' drive that obliges most major private sector companies to hire nationals in skilled positions.

As of January 1, 2023, non-compliant firms can face fines of up to 6,000 dirhams (\$1,633) for each position they have failed to fill with an Emirati national.

Last month, the UAE's Minister of Human Resources and Emiratization Abdulrahman Abdulmannan al-Awar said that more than 14,000 Emiratis have entered the job market in 2022.

## SC To Hear On Dec 13 Bilkis Bano's Plea Challenging Remission To Convicts

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**New Delhi**: The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on December 13 a plea filed by Bilkis Bano, who was gang-raped and seven members of her family killed during the 2002 Gujarat riots, challenging the remission of sentence of 11 convicts in the case by the state government.

A bench of justices Ajay Rastogi and Bela M Trivedi is likely to take up the plea of Bano, who has also filed a separate prayer seeking a review of the apex court's May 13, 2022 order on a plea by a convict.

The top court had asked the Gujarat government to consider the plea for premature release of the convicts in terms of its policy of July 9, 1992 about deciding a remission petition within a period of two months.

In her plea against the grant of remission which had led to the release of the convicts on August 15, Bano said the state government passed a mechanical order completely ignoring the requirement of law as laid down by the Supreme Court.

"The enmasse premature release of the convicts in the much talked about case of Bilkis Bano, has shaken the

conscience of the society and resulted in a number of agitations across the country," she said in the plea.

Referring to past verdicts, the plea said enmasse remissions are not permissible and moreover, such a relief cannot be sought or granted as a matter of right without examining the case of each convict individually based on their peculiar facts and role played by them in the crime.

"The present writ petition challenging the decision of the state/central government granting remission to all the 11 convicts and releasing them prematurely in one of the most gruesome crimes of extreme inhuman violence and brutality by a group of human beings upon another group of human beings, all helpless and innocent people — most of them were either women or minors, by chasing them for days together persuaded by hate towards a particular community," it said.

The plea, which gave minute details of the crime, said Bano and her grown-up daughters were shell-shocked with this sudden development.

"The decision of the government came as a shock to the citizens, nationally and

internationally, and the society across segments showed anger, disappointment, distrust and protested the clemency shown by the government.

"When the nation was celebrating its 76th Independence Day, all the convicts were released prematurely and were garlanded and felicitated in full public glare and sweets were circulated and this is how the present petitioner along with the entire nation and the whole world came to know about the shocking news of premature release of all the convicts (respondents no. 3-13) of one of the most gruesome crime this country has ever seen of multiple time gang rape of a pregnant woman," it said.

It referred to wide-virtual public protest in each city, on all social media platforms and news channels, portals.

It was also reported heavily that Muslims of the area started fleeing away from Rahimabad in fear after release of these 11 convicts, the plea said.

The separate review plea said Bano was not made a party to the petition by a convict who along with others was released under the state's remission policy which is not in force.

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#### No More A Wild

the wildlife department of Jammu and Kashmir along with several NGOs have formed various teams to understand the presence and abundance of snow leopards in the region.

The surveys are being collaborated with National Conservation Foundation (NCF) and are being conducted under the Snow Leopard Population Assessment of India (SPAI) project funded by the Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change.

"The teams have been conducting surveys around Gurez, Thajiwais, Baltal-Zojila, Warwun, and Kishtwar landscapes for a year now," said Naqash.

He said they used three methods to locate the Snow Leopard population.

1) Occupancy (based on interview and survey), 2) Camera trapping and 3) Gene based (Sample collection and analysis)

Naqash said they have roped-in the Wildlife division of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) and Zoology department of Kashmir University as knowledge partners.

He said the potential snow leopard habitats in J&K were installed with grids, based on a randomized grid search approach.

The department in its interim report of Kashmir region noted that given the topography, accessibility, and habitat heterogeneity, a uniform grid size of 5 x 5 instead of 15 x 15 km was unanimously adopted for SPAI surveys.

"Then we assigned the grids to different agencies for assessment of snow leopards," Naqash said.

In Kashmir region, there are 44 grids in Gurez and Thajiwais landscape and 38 grids in the Pir Panjal range that, according to the department, will be covered in the coming months using questionnaire-based surveys, camera trapping and scat collection from October onwards. In the Jammu region, the department notes that there are still 120 sampling grids that need to be sampled.

It further added the entire study area (12000 km2) was divided into 491 sampling units (grid-cells) of 5 km x 5 km each.

"Camera trapping and key informant interviews, using structured questionnaires were used to document the presence of snow leopard in the region," the report said.

The report further revealed that the camera traps or genetic surveys in a spatial capture recapture framework will be carried out for intensive sampling at randomly selected areas across the state that represent different snow leopard habitats and variations in snow leopard density.

The department conducted several workshops for the volunteers and other partners to understand how to conduct the survey.

Khanyari told Kashmir Observer that in the Gurez sector they found musk deer, Asiatic ibex, brown bear and a number of animals.

He said the findings will go on and will be completed next year.

#### 10K Die Of Air

and significantly pollute our air and affecting our health which makes air pollution a health issue", he said.

"Our aim is to make doctors aware and this message will reach the masses as people treat advice from doctors as words of God and people will get information on how to decrease air pollution and how they can contribute to it," Koul added.

He said the measures, which can contribute to decreasing air pollution include using fewer vehicles, decreasing the use of unleaded petrol, decreasing use of biomass fuels, less use of Kangri, and using vented heaters.

He said air pollution is affecting every single organ of the body and "we have work to reduce the pollution."

"Air quality index in Kashmir is gradually going into a poor category, especially during winters and in the past few days AQI has gone from moderate to severe and there is a need to intervene now", he added.

He said the government is the policy maker and in the recent past good things have happened like plantation on Hari Parbat and

changing Hari Parbat from barren to forest land.

"There is a need to take similar initiatives so as to reduce air pollution. Walking tracks have been constructed as a good initiative as a part of Smart City Project and there is need to do more small steps so as to control air pollution gradually," he said. (KNO)

#### IAF Chief: Need

"We are studying what are the practices which are not relevant. We are thinking of making some changes in the ranks. For example, we are also considering why not change the ranks and the possibility of making it a common tri-services sort of rank/nomination," he said.

"Among our sailors, we have a rank of petty officer. What is petty? Why should it be a petty officer. Above him, there is a chief petty officer. Why should it be chief petty officers? We can give a good name to them. Similarly, there are old rules which are not relevant. We are changing them," he said.

The Chief of the Air Staff said the Ukraine conflict has underlined the importance of the requirement of having air superiority over battle zones.

To a question on what lessons India can draw from the Russian invasion of Ukraine as Moscow has not yet achieved its aim after the over nine-month military offensive, Chaudhari said it is premature to draw the complete lessons from the war, but added that three-four important aspects have emerged on the basis of available information.

"First of all the requirement of having air superiority over the battle zone is very important," he said.

The Air Chief Marshal also said that it is not yet known when the conflict will end, and added that the duration of the offensive has military dimensions.

"We used to make preparations for short and swift wars. Now we have to prepare for the possibility of prolonged wars. We have to increase logistics footprints, technology and tactics," he said.

Air Chief Marshal Chaudhari said the IAF plans to transform itself into an aerospace force.

He also said that a new IAF doctrine has been rolled out taking into consideration the requirements of new age war-fighting. It is the fourth edition of the doctrine.

#### Government Runs

the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. In a notification, the Union home ministry said Nengroo has been involved in the infiltration of terrorists into Jammu and Kashmir and has also been responsible for perpetrating various terror incidents in the Union Territory.

He is running a terror syndicate in Kashmir and is now "engaged in a perilous campaign to orchestrate terror in Jammu and Kashmir", remote controlled from Pakistan, the ministry had said.

Meanwhile, militant outfit The Resistance Front (TRF) opposed the demolition of the house and threatened officials and police personnel with dire consequences.

Police officials, however, sought to downplay the threats issued by TRF, a shadow outfit of the JeM, saying this was a desperate attempt by the terrorists who had been cornered.

#### NIA Posters

radicalise, motivate and recruit youths of Jammu and Kashmir to carry out violence in India. The probe agency has already announced a cash reward of Rupees 10 lakh for each of the four militants.

Officials said the posters seek information about Pakistani nationals Saleem Rehmani alias 'Abu Saad' of Nawab Shah, Sindh, and Saifullah Sajid Jatt of Shangamanga in Kasur, and their local associates Sajjad Gul of Srinagar and Basit Ahmad Dar of Redwani Payeen in south Kashmir's Kulgam district.

The NIA has given its email address, phone numbers and WhatsApp and Telegram numbers as well for the public to share the information. It has assured people that the identity of the informer shall be kept secret.

#### Fresh Snowfall Raises

stayed above the freezing point owing to a cloud cover, the officials said.

Srinagar recorded the minimum temperature of 2.8 degrees Celsius.

The mercury in Pahalgam tourist spot in south Kashmir settled at a low of 1.2 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

They said Qazigund -- the gateway town to the valley -- recorded a low of 2.8 degrees Celsius, while the mercury in Kokernag settled at a low of 2.3 degrees Celsius. Kupwara in north Kashmir registered a low of 1.3 degrees Celsius.

Gulmarg was the only weather station in the valley where the night temperature stayed below the freezing point at minus 2.5 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

The Met office has said the weather will remain cloudy with intermittent light rain or snow at scattered places in Kashmir and isolated places in Jammu till Saturday afternoon. There will be improvement in weather thereafter.

There will be a slight respite in cold during the next two-three days, it said, adding dry weather is expected till December 20.

#### Committed To Welfare

who served and protected the country's integrity and sovereignty, will always be the top priority of the government.

The LG also urged society, enlightened citizens, business organizations and corporate to discharge their social duty and responsibility. "A grateful and thankful society must collectively support the Government to create a system, which provides ample opportunities to the dependents of the martyrs," he added.

The LG asked the Indus Towers Limited to ensure 100% placements of children who are enrolled in the skill development training.

"Skill Development program must have an overarching impact on economic independence of the trainees. It should be followed by Job placement & self-employment. Hand-holding needs to be extended to the trainees after successful completion of the course," he said.

Highlighting the significance of equipping the youth with market-driven skills, the LG stressed that the skill training should develop skill sets to meet the requirements of industries setting up businesses in J&K.

He also emphasized on extending necessary assistance for self-employment & entrepreneurial programmes, benefits of welfare schemes of Government by appointing dedicated nodal officer and CSR initiatives of Corporate to families of Martyrs through a structured way.

"Family members of Police Martyrs should be connected with quality livelihood opportunities through schemes like NRLM, Umeed, Mission Youth, and other ongoing programs of the Government," the LG added.

He appreciated the Principal and all associated with J&K Police Public School for their noble work of educating the Children of police personnel.

"It is education that will transform India as a knowledge power house in the future," he added.

On the occasion, it was informed that the new initiative offers Digital Literacy Lessons to 50 J&K Police martyrs' wards and support of connecting them with potential employers. It is aimed at making beneficiaries digitally literate by equipping them with IT & employability skills.

Dilbag Singh, DGP appreciated the new beginning of J&K Police Public School in collaboration with Indus Towers. He also lauded the efforts of J&K Police Wives Association for taking the journey of J&K Police Public School to greater heights.

Manoj Kumar Singh, Chief of Regulatory & CSR, Indus Towers spoke on the key features of the Digital Skill Development training and exposing beneficiaries to career development skills.

"We are grateful to the J&K Police department for providing the training facility and other basic amenities to seamlessly execute the programme, he added.

#### Jammu Almost

to tread is worth a selection or rejection, he added.

"We are also counselling the young boys and making them understand the conspiracies being hatched by Pakistani agencies that are enjoying the bloodshed in Jammu and Kashmir. They have bled J-K over the past 30 years and time has come to understand their strategy, shun the path, condemn their actions and stand up against them," Singh said.

However, he said security forces are getting full support from the public to root out militancy.

"We have full support of the public, a large section of the youngsters are with us and that is the reason that militancy has come down to its lowest level. The residual militancy will also be finished as well," the police chief said.

Responding to a question, he said security forces are more than proactive in dealing with militancy.

"Police and security forces are together to foil the conspiracies being hatched by Pakistani agencies from across the border to disturb the peaceful atmosphere (in Jammu and Kashmir)," the DGP said.

Singh did not agree with the questions that the focus of terrorists has shifted towards the Jammu region.

"It had never happened that Jammu was not on their radar. They have carried out fidayeen (suicide) attacks and other activities in the past," he said.

"There are three to four terrorists active in one of the 10 districts of Jammu region and an operation is underway to neutralise them. The district will also be cleared as well," Singh said.

The DGP said police and other security agencies are fully alert to the threat posed by Pakistani agencies that are conspiring to reactivate certain elements to carry out attacks and disturb peace.

"No day passes when a new module or conspiracy is not foiled," he quipped.

#### Rahul To Spend

a series of meetings with senior party leaders including former legislators and ministers in preparations for the smooth conduct of the yatra in J-K.

Asserting that the Gandhi-led historic yatra has generated a "good atmosphere" in the country, Patil said the yatra has nothing to do with politics and the party is not evaluating its political benefits.

"Gandhi is leading this yatra to unite the people and strengthen the message of unity in diversity besides understanding the problems, sufferings and aspirations of different sections of the society," the Congress leader said.

She said a rousing reception awaits Bharat Jodo Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir.

"There is great enthusiasm amongst people since Jammu and Kashmir has suffered the most and lost its identity, status and rights of a historical state of the country, apart from record unemployment and recruitment scams," the Congress leader said.

She said the final phase of the yatra in Jammu and Kashmir would be most significant for various reasons since it is very close to the heart of the Congress party and Gandhi family and Rahul Gandhi would like to send an important message to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and the rest of the country through this yatra.

"People anxiously wait for the yatra and we have positive messages from different quarters of Jammu and Kashmir," she said, hoping that people of all walks would welcome and join it.

She appealed to all like-minded parties, groups, NGOs and individuals and others to welcome and join the yatra to send a message of unity, brotherhood, harmony and strength of togetherness from the soil of Jammu and Kashmir.

"(National Conference) president Farooq Abdullah has announced his decision to join the yatra and we welcome his statement," she said, adding her party would also like others including the PDP to join it.

Responding to a question on assembly elections in J-K, Patil reiterated the Congress' stand

that the statehood should be restored to the Union Territory before holding of the polls.

However, she said the elections should be held soon to provide a democratically elected government to the people.

#### 'Missing' AMU

issued by the police under the operation Khushi, it was reported that this boy has been found in his home district, in the investigation, the above boy was found to have left of his own free will," tweeted Aligarh Police.

Meanwhile, confirming the development, family members said their son has reached home safely after three days. "We are thankful to the media, Police as well as the general public for helping us in tracing out our missing son," said a family member.

Masroor was missing since December 8 when he had left his hostel for the school.

#### Auto Turns

body will be handed over to the family, while a case has also been registered.

#### Woman Dies

declared her dead, reports said. Meanwhile, police have registered a case in this regard and started further investigations.

#### Back Bear Caught

constant threat of being attacked by the bear.

#### 67 Journalists

of media workers killed on the rise, the IFJ and other media rights groups have called on governments to take more concrete action to protect journalists and free journalism.

"The failure to act will only embolden those who seek to suppress the free flow of information and undermine the ability of people to hold their leaders to account, including in ensuring that those with power and influence do not stand in the way of open and inclusive societies," IFJ General Secretary Anthony Bellanger said in a statement.

More media workers were killed covering the war in Ukraine 12 in total than in any other country this year, according to the IFJ. Most were Ukrainian but also included those of other nationalities such as American documentary filmmaker Brent Renaud.

Many deaths occurred in the first chaotic weeks of the war, though threats to journalists continue as the fighting drags on.

The IFJ said "the rule by terror of criminal organisations in Mexico, and the breakdown of law and order in Haiti, have also contributed to the surge in killings." 2022 has been one of the deadliest ever for journalists in Mexico, which is now considered the most dangerous country for reporters outside a war zone.

The group recorded five deaths of journalists amid this year's political crisis in Pakistan, and warned of new threats to journalists in Colombia and continued danger for journalists in the Philippines despite new leadership there.

It also called out the shooting of Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh as she was reporting from a Palestinian refugee camp. The Arab network this week formally asked the International Criminal Court to investigate her death.

The Brussels-based IFJ represents 600,000 media professionals from trade unions and associations in more than 140 countries. The report was released on the eve of the United Nations' Human Rights Day. (AP)

#### Ex-Minister, Sarpnach

a community facilitation centre for people of the panchayat," he said.

Similarly, the spokesperson said, Shazia Amin, a social activist from Poonch also called on the Lt Governor and projected various issues pertaining to the development of Buddha Amarnath Shrine, residential hostel for girls in Tehsil Mandi and strengthening of road connectivity.

The LG, he said, while interacting with the visiting delegations assured them of redressal of all their genuine demands.

## AAP Stages Protest, Seeks Early Assembly Polls In J&K

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Activists of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) led by former minister Harsh Dev Singh on Saturday staged a protest outside the Nirvachan Bhawan headquarters here, demanding early assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

The protesters were carrying placards and raised slogans against the Election Commission, accusing it of working under the tutelage of the BJP and allowing its "proxy rule" to continue in the Union Territory.

"The ECI is holding elections in other states but is silent on the (assembly) polls in Jammu and Kashmir," Singh, who is also the chairman of the party's State Coordination Committee, told reporters.

Maintaining that the elections continued to be denied on one pretext or the other, the AAP leader said flimsy excuses were being given from time to time to deprive

the people of J-K of their right to have a democratic government and to continue the proxy rule of the BJP.

"The BJP believed that if it could hold the reins of power and run the affairs of state without elections, why at all should it take the risk of seeking peoples' mandate?" Singh claimed

"There is no hope of democracy getting restored in the downgraded state under the BJP regime."

Pointing towards the constitutional provisions and the rulings of the Supreme Court, Singh said the top court of the country had categorically observed that fresh Assembly elections in all states, wherein the legislatures were prematurely dissolved, needed to be conducted and completed within a period of six months.

He said the onus lay on the Election Commission to explain and justify its role as an autonomous body and ensure early assembly polls in J-K.

## Influenza Cases In Kashmir Higher Than Last 2 Years

Experts Urge People To Take Precautions And if needed, Visit a Doctor Instead of Self Medication

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Kashmir Valley has reported a spurt in influenza cases this season compared to previous two years.

Experts said that in the last nearly two months, there has been an increase in upper respiratory and lower respiratory tract infection cases.

"Patients typically have fever, cough, sore throat and runny or stuffy nose," they said. However, they said, most patients recover with treatment.

They said apparent reasons are likely weather driven. "The air is cooler and less humid, which can help some viruses grow and spread more easily and thereby increase the number of viral infections."

Top Kashmir pulmonologist and Head of the Department at Chest Disease Hospital Srinagar, Dr Naveed Nazir Shah said that of late there has been an "un-

precedented" rise in the respiratory infections.

"In view of covid appropriate behaviour (CAB), the incidences of other respiratory infections were less but since the end of third Covid-19 wave, there has been an unprecedented rise in respiratory infections not only in elderly but in young," he said, adding, "most of infections were due to viral infections." The experts urged people to take precautions and if needed, visit a doctor instead of self medication.

"During winter, there is normally an increase in such infections. This is what we are seeing now. We are doing an analysis of the patients coming with pneumonia to ascertain the aetiology. Till now we are seeing the most commonly seen cause seems to be the viruses like influenza and RSV. "Precautions are better than cure and as such people need to take all necessary measures." (GNS)

## Vaishno Devi Pilgrimage Footfall In 2022 Highest In 9 Yrs: Official



Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Nearly 87 lakh pilgrims have paid their obeisance at the famous Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir so far this year, the highest in the past nine years, an official of the shrine board said on Saturday.

The inflow of the pilgrims is expected to pick up further in the coming days as the year draws to close, the official said, hoping that the figure may surpass 90 lakh by the end of December.

"Till December 6 this year, 86.40 lakh pilgrims visited the cave shrine for the blessings of Mata Rani - a manifestation of the Hindu mother goddess, Durga or Adi Shakti - which is highest annual figure in the past nine years," a shrine board official told PTI.

He said about 13,000 pilgrims on an average are visiting the shrine at present on a daily basis but the number is likely to go up in the coming weeks ahead of the new year celebrations.

The official said the highest number of more than 11.29 lakh pilgrims visited the shrine in June, while the lowest number of 3.61 lakh pilgrims offered their prayers at the temple in February.

Despite a stampede at the shrine on the New Year's Day that left 12 pilgrims dead and 16 others injured, January recorded a turnout of more than 4.38 lakh pilgrims.

More than 7.78 lakh pilgrims visited the shrine in March, 9.02 lakh in April, 9.86 lakh in May, 9.07 lakh in July, 8.77 lakh

in August, 8.28 lakh in September, 7.51 lakh in October and 6.01 lakh in November, the official said.

Only 17 lakh pilgrims, the lowest in more than three decades, visited the shrine in 2020 when the shrine, for the first time in its history, remained closed for five months due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and reopened for visitors on August 16 (2020).

From 13.95 lakh in 1986 when the shrine board took over the affairs of the shrine for better management, there has been a steady increase of pilgrim footfalls with each passing year, touching an all time high of 1.04 crore turnout in 2012 against 1.01 crore the previous year (2011).

The pilgrim arrivals at the shrine touched 31.15 lakh in 1991 and reached 74.17 lakh in 2007. However, the number dropped to 67.92 lakh in 2008 which was attributed to the two-month long Amarnath land row agitation but again went up to 82 lakh in 2009 and 87.2 lakh next year (2010).

The pilgrim arrivals dropped from 93.24 lakh in 2013 to 78.03 lakh in 2014 and further to 77.76 lakh in 2015 and 77.23 lakh in 2016. It increased to 81.78 lakh in 2017 and 85.87 lakh in 2018 but again dropped to 79.40 lakh in 2019 the year when the central government revoked special status under Article 370 of the constitution to Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcated the erstwhile state into the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Following the first-ever stampede at the famous

shrine, the shrine board in August introduced Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) as part of various new projects sanctioned for the convenience of the pilgrims, better crowd management and tracking of the yatriis along the 13-km track and the 'Bhawan' (sanctum sanctorum).

The official said the work on mega projects at Bhawan, including Durga Bhawan having provisions to accommodate 2,500 pilgrims on daily basis, and the Sky-walk, conceptualized by the shrine board to overcome the problem of multi-directional flow of yatra and a chaotic condition at Bhawan - are going on at full speed and are likely to be completed soon.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between National Highway Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) and Katra Development Authority that was inked on August 30 will create one-of-its-kind intermodal stations for the devotees bringing services like helipad, railway station, bus stand, auto stand, parking, five star hotels, and other modern day facilities at one place, the official said.

He said the underground cabling work from Katra to Bhawan and in the surrounding areas will have a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) compliance based monitoring system of the electric network.

With the implementation of this project, the existing LT/HT overhead electricity line will be replaced by underground cabling to ensure uninterrupted power supply along the track and in the Bhawan area.

## JKPC Seek 'Re-Counting' For Drugmulla DDC Constituency

Agencies

**KUPWARA:** Just two days into the announcement of results for the District Development Council, Drugmulla constituency, Sajad Gani Lone led Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Conference on Saturday moved an application to seek re-counting of votes and to look into alleged 'ruckus created' at counting centre here.

JKPC Media Incharge Adv. Rahil Dar told a local news agency GNS that they have made mention in the averments of the application about 'missing of 58 votes'. "We have asked the district administration to look into it as to where have these many votes gone", he said, alleging further "there even was ruckus created by the supporters of a particular candidate at the counting centre."

"The district administration has been asked (in the application) to take help from CCTV footage to substantiate these facts", Dar said.

Dar further said that the district administration authorities have

assured them that an independent enquiry will be conducted into the matter in the coming few days. "Until there is any outcome of the enquiry, the oath ceremony will not be held", Dar claimed to have received the assurance from district administration.

When contacted over the development, Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattaray responded in affirmative about the receipt of application for recounting for votes. "We have received the application today only, once we verify it, a decision will be taken accordingly", he said.

Notably, Independent candidate Advocate Aamina Majeed defeated her nearest rival, a Peoples Conference candidate Shabnam Rehman by a thin margin of 39 votes.

It is also worth to mention here that the polls were held afresh after a hiatus of almost two years as the State Election Commission declared the then held elections as null and void over 'dubious credentials' of two contesting candidates.

## J&K Tops In ABHA Account Generation

Gets Second Place In Tele-Consultation

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** In a significant achievement, Jammu and Kashmir has topped in generation of Ayushman Bharat health account ID besides winning second place in tele-consultation during celebration of Universal Health Coverage Day, 2022 being celebrated at International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

Pertinently, Universal Health Coverage Day is being celebrated every year to commemorate the significance of Universal health coverage which aims to ensure quality healthcare closer to the people without any financial hardship.

The event was graced by Governor of UP, Anandiben Patel virtually; Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare; Health Ministers of various States and UTs, Senior officials from Ministry of Health

and Family Welfare, States, UTs and development partners.

Dr Mohammad Shafi Koka, State nodal officer NHM, J&K, attended the function and received the awards from Union Health Minister who personally congratulated the UT of J&K for achieving the milestones in healthcare delivery system.

Secretary, Health & Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, in a message, said that J&K is all set to become the best model of health delivery system in the country which is evident from huge improvement in several health indicators.

He appreciated the role of officers of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission J&K for robust implementation of the mission which was launched recently in J&K. "ABDM shall act as a game changer towards smooth and hassle free delivery of healthcare in the UT", he maintained.

## DC Anantnag inspects functioning of 24x7 Control Rooms in district

Observer News Service

**ANANTNAG:** In the late night tour of Anantnag town, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Basharat Qayoom today inspected the functioning of several control rooms as well as KPDCIL transformer repair workshop at Lazibal.

The DC inspected the functioning of the Control Room established at Town Hall Anantnag by the Municipal Council.

Interacting with on duty employees, he was informed that calls regarding water logging and other issues are being attended to and necessary men and machinery is being deployed for convenience of the public.

At Lazibal, Executive Engineer KPDCIL informed the DC that

transformer repairs are being completed without delay. The DC stressed that any damaged transformers must be replaced within stipulated timelines set and directed the concerned to ensure availability of buffer stock. He said that workers may be engaged in double shifts to ensure public does not face inconvenience.

At PUKAAR control room, Dak Bungalow, the DC inspected the grievances received and the action taken thereof. He was informed that grievances are being forwarded to concerned departments and necessary action is being communicated to the aggrieved. He said that due to inclement weather, the employees need to remain alert and respond to grievances without delay.

## 5-Day Multimedia Exhibition Of CBC Concludes At Anantnag

The Exhibition Served Two Fold Purpose Of Sensitising People About AKAM, Spreading Awareness About Govt Schemes: Dr. Basharat

Observer News Service

**ANANTNAG:** The five day long multimedia exhibition on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) organised by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India at Anantnag concluded on Saturday.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Basharat Qayoom presided over the concluding ceremony organised at Sports Stadium in Anantnag.

Dr. Basharat congratulated CBC for the successful organisation of the mass awareness programme. Addressing a gathering of officials, doctors, ASHA

workers, teachers, students and eminent citizens, he said that the exhibition served two fold purpose of informing people about the unsung heroes of India's freedom struggle as well as spreading awareness about various public welfare schemes of the government.

He added that the information provided during the program needs to trickle down to grassroots level through word of mouth. He impressed upon people to ensure the success of campaigns like Nasha Mukht Bharat, Swachh Bharat Mission and SVEEP. He appealed to all the unregistered eligible individuals to register as voters.

Ghulam Abbass, Joint Direc-

tor, CBC J&K and Ladakh region in his opening remarks thanked the district administration Anantnag and all the stakeholders for coordination in the successful organisation of the multi-media exhibition. He appreciated the enthusiasm of the people who braved rains and cold weather to participate in the awareness programme on all days. He said awareness among people and their participation is vital to ensure benefits reach the intended target population.

The concluding day of the exhibition was dedicated for awareness about programmes being implemented by the health department. Experts from

the department gave presentations on schemes like Ayushman Bharat, Nasha Mukht Bharat, Anaemia Mukht Bharat, Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakarm, Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakaram, role of ASHA workers and other relevant schemes of the government in health sector.

Chief Medical Officer, Anantnag Dr. M.Y Zagoo appealed to the people to register for Ayushman Bharat -Sehat card. He asked parents to be vigilant and look out for symptoms and behaviours typical of drug addiction, to save the youth from the menace. He said community participation is key for the success of the Nasha Mukht Bharat campaign.

## CUK's IT Department Holds Induction Programme

Observer News Service

**GANDERBAL:** Department of Information Technology, Central University of Kashmir (CUK) organised an induction programme for the newly admitted B.Tech CSE students at Tulmulla campus here

Speaking on the occasion, Dean School of Engineering, Prof Wali Mohammad Shah, stressed upon the need for Engineering students to work hard and come-up with the out of box and innovative solutions for the problems confronting the society. He said in addition to Engineering courses, moral education also needs to be imparted to the students. Addressing the students, Department Coordinator, Er. Afaq Alam Khan, brought the attention of new entrants to the differences between the two systems of education. "One from which they have come, which is a yearly system with 33 per cent pass percentage and the another one to which they have been admitted to, is a semester based system with 50 per cent pass percentage." Referring to a survey, he said that only 20 per cent of engineering students in the country are employable and that the students have to strive hard to figure in that 20 per cent.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

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

### NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

**E-NIT No. 218 of R&B /9710-19/2022-23 Dated:- 10/12/2022**

**SINGLE COVER SYSTEM**

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

SN	Nome of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs.In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time of completion (days)	M.H OF Account	Class Of Contractor	Accord	Technical sanction
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Construction of Protection Wall on Brenwar Jabard Road FP Shop(Ghat).	10.00	600.00	20000.00	18	3054 M&R	C/D	N/A	Sanctioned
2	Upgradation of CFC Doba at Brenwar by way of GSB and WBM G-II.	10.72	600.00	21440.00	18	3054 M&R	B/C/D	N/A	Sanctioned
3	Upgradation of Chilyech and Dedmaribagh Road.	8.00	300.00	16000.00	15	3054 M&R	C/D	N/A	Sanctioned
4	Upgradation of Gund-i-Rajab Road.	7.00	300.00	14000.00	15	3054 M&R	C/D	N/A	Sanctioned
5	Upgradation of Kathairgund Road.	5.93	300.00	11860.00	15	3054 M&R	C/D	N/A	Sanctioned
6	Upgradation of Panzan Porwara Via Masjid Sharief Incl. Inner links by way of GSB and WBM G-II.	11.00	600.00	22000.00	15	3054 M&R	B/C/D	N/A	Sanctioned
7	Upgradation of Road from Brenwar Hangoo Road.	8.90	600.00	17800.00	15	3054 M&R	C/D	N/A	Sanctioned

Position of AAA: - Accorded.  
Position of funds: - Available.

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10/12/2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	10/12/2022
3	Bid submission Start Date	10/12/2022
4	Bid Submission End Date	16/12/2022 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids	16/12/2022 at 4.10 PM in the office of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Chadoora.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. The earnest money / performance Security shall be forfeited if:-

- Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
- Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
- Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

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## LG's Rolling Trophy: Jammu, Doda Enter Semis

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** LG's Rolling Trophy Cricket (Men) entered its 6th day at Khel Gaon Nagrota and MAM Stadium here, as district teams of Doda and Jammu qualified for the semi-finals of the trophy.

Samba beat Kathua by 33 runs earlier in the day, Parveen of District Samba scored 93 runs from 49 balls to take the man of the match award.

In other matches played on Friday night under floodlights at MAM Stadium players from different districts of Jammu were seen looking very excited about their participation in the tournament and their joy knew no bounds to play a thrilling game under flood lights.

Here are all the results from Day 6:

**Match 1st:** District Samba beat Kathua by 33 runs  
Score: Samba 182 (20 Overs) Kathua 149 Runs (20 Overs)  
Parveen of District Samba Scored 93 runs on 49 balls and was declared Man of the Match.

**Match 2nd:** District Rajouri beat Udhampur by 4 wickets  
Score: Udhampur 156 Runs (20 Overs)

Rajouri - 167 Runs (20 Overs)  
Bilal of Rajouri Scored 31 runs and was declared Man of the Match.

**Night matches played under floodlights at MAM Stadium, Jammu:**

**Match 3rd:** District Reasi beat Kishtwar by 2 wickets  
Score: Kishtwar 138 (20 Overs) Reasi 139 Runs (20 Overs)

Ramnirk of District Reasi Scored 72 runs and was declared Man of the Match

**Match 4th:** District Doda Beat Ramban by 11 runs  
Score: Doda 131 Runs (20 Overs)

Ramban 120 Runs (20 Overs)  
Baber Hussain of Doda Scored 47 runs and was declared Man of the Match

The mega cricket tourney is being organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports in collaboration with Mission Youth J&K to tap cricketing talent at grassroots level.

## LoneStar Beats Nagrota In Christmas Gold Cup

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** LoneStar Kashmir FC defeated Nagrota FC 2-0 on Saturday in the ongoing Christmas Gold Cup being played at Science College, Jammu.

This was the team's opening match in the tournament. Tabish scored both goals either side of

the two halves (42' and 52') to take his side to the next stage of the knockout competition.

Ramesh Chander (former international player) was the chief guest on the occasion.

The tournament is organised by J&K Cultural & Welfare Association under the aegis of J&K Football Association/DFA Jammu.

## MOROCCO WRITE WORLD CUP HISTORY

Defeat Portugal 1-0 To Reach Semi-Finals



Reuters

**DOHA:** Morocco wrote World Cup history on Saturday night as the first African and Arab country to reach the tournament's semi-finals, continuing their surprise run in Qatar with a shock 1-0 victory over the highly fancied Portugal.

Youssef En-Nesyri leapt high in the air to head home the game's only goal just before half-time at the Al-Thumama Stadium to strike a significant blow against football's established order and book a semi-final on Wednesday against either England or France, who meet later on Saturday. The result will be widely celebrated across Africa and the Arabic-speaking Middle East, desperate to see one of their teams in contention for the biggest prize in football.

Morocco had already taken the scalps of Belgium and Spain in this tournament but the win

over Portugal is of much greater significance. It was also one of Morocco's better performances in Qatar, full of determined defending and canny counters, keeping at bay a collection of world stars despite losing key defender Nayef Aguerd to injury before the match and his back four partner and captain Romain Saiss early in the second half.

Portugal will see it as a missed opportunity against the lowest-ranked side left in the tournament and a disappointing curtain call for the 37-year-old Cristiano Ronaldo.

Morocco, again noisily encouraged by the majority of the 44,198-strong crowd, said they were fa-

tigued after their last-16 success over Spain and immediately went into defensive mode as Portugal attacked from the outset.

Joao Felix had two more half chances in the first half but Morocco gained in confidence and found a sudden spring in their step, frequently breaking on the counter attack.

Left back Yahya Attiat-Allah made several surging runs down the flank, presenting Selim Amallah with a good chance in the 35th minute, which he was unable to convert. But seven minutes later, a high ball from the fullback into the Portuguese box was met by a towering header from En-Nesyri, out-jumping both goalkeeper Diogo Costa and defender Ruben Dias to hand Morocco the lead.



## Ishan Grabbed His Chance With Both Hands: Rahul

Press Trust of India

**CHATTOGRAM:** India's stand-in skipper KL Rahul lauded country's newest ODI double centurion Ishan Kishan for grabbing his opportunity with both hands while setting up a facile victory which would act as confidence booster ahead of Test series starting December 14.

Kishan, who came in place of an injured regular skipper Rohit Sharma, hit a record-breaking 126-ball double hundred as India beat Bangladesh by 227 runs in third and final ODI after having already lost the series. "This was expected from our team. Virat (Kohli) and Ishan set it up for us. The scores don't suggest that the way he started off. Ishan grabbed the opportunity with both hands. He batted brilliantly," Rahul said at the post-match

lead India in the Test series due to Rohit's injury.

Sent into bat, India looked a completely different batting unit on Wednesday, with young Ishan Kishan (210 off 131) displaying his insane power-hitting skills to register a record-breaking fastest double hundred, guiding India to a crushing 227-run consolation victory over Bangladesh.

Besides Kishan, Virat Kohli was also at his elegant best as he smashed 113 off 91 deliveries to propel India to a mammoth 409 for eight.

The Indian bowlers also rose to the occasion on the day to bundle out Bangladesh for 182 in 34 overs.

Shardul Thakur (3/30) picked up three wickets, while Axar Patel (2/22) and Umran Malik (2/43) scalped two wickets



presentation ceremony.

Rahul also praised senior pro Kohli for guiding Kishan during their 290-run second wicket stand. "Virat also used his experience and guided him," Rahul said.

However Rahul feels that this win will give them team requisite confidence.

"Very happy with our performance. We are learning as a team. Still trying to get better. Unfortunately, the results didn't go our way in the first two games. (But) we would want to take the confidence into the Test series," said Rahul, who is set to

apiece. Rival skipper Litton Das lauded Kishan for his fearless approach, saying the diminutive left-hander and Kohli simply took the game away from his side with their attacking batting. "The way Ishan and Virat batted, that cost us the game. The way Ishan batted, hats off to him. Our bowlers tried our best but there was no way out on this wicket."

Player of the series, Mehidy Hasan Miraz said the series win will boost Bangladesh's confidence ahead of next year's ODI World Cup in India.

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