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J&K Received Rs 64,000 Cr Investment Proposal: Centre Rs 2500 Crore Already Received

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New Delhi: The Jammu and Kashmir government has reported investment proposal to the tune of Rs 64,000 crore of which over Rs 2,500 crore has already been received, Lok Sabha was informed on Tuesday. Union Minister of State for Home

Nityanand Rai said Rs 840.55 crore

investment has came in 2017-18, Rs 590.97 crore investment in 2018-19, Rs 296.64 crore in 2019-20, Rs 412.74 crore in 2020-21 and Rs 376.76 crore in 2021-22. The government of Jammu and Kashmir has reported receiving

proposals for investments worth approximately Rs 64,000 crore so far, he said replying to a written question.

here Tuesday, an official

Prashant Goyal, Principal

Secretary, Industries &

spokesperson said. He said

Commerce Department gave

the infrastructure, execution

a comprehensive overview

of the present scenario of

of Incentive Policy, Land

collaboration with ONDC,

export promotion initiatives

for One District One Product

spokesperson said, More on P6

and progress in handicraft

sector etc. The LG, the

Bank, progress of work on Industrial Estates,

LG Orders Pace In Setting Up Industrial Estates In J&K



Observer News Service

he Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday directed the revenue department to work in close coordination with Industries & Commerce department to expedite setting up of Industrial Estates and to resolve all pending issues within one month. Sinha passed these directions while chairing a high-level meeting to review the sectoral progress of the Industries

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Bijli, Sadak Not Our Agenda In Upcoming Polls: Omar Says Will Repeal Public Safety Act On The First Day Of NC Govt



AMIDST SUB-ZERO TEMPERATURE AND FROZEN LEAVES, a woman carries on with her jogging exercise inside a public park in Srinagar on Tuesday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

2639 KPs Given **Govt Jobs Under PMDP: Centre**

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New Delhi: As many as 2,639 government jobs have been provided to Kashmiri migrants under Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP), 2015, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said in Lok Sabha. He also said the government

has approved construction of 6.000 transit accommodation for Kashmiri migrant employees engaged or to be engaged in different departments of government of Jammu and Kashmir in the valley.

"2,639 government jobs have been provided to Kashmiri migrants under Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP), 2015," he said in a written reply

TAWANG SHOWDOWN IAF Closely Monitoring Situation Along LAC

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New Delhi: The Indian Air Force scrambled fighter jets last week following China's increasing air activities on its side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh, people familiar with the matter said on Tuesday.

The deployment of some platforms including aerial drones by China in the region preceded the Chinese attempts on December 9 to unilaterally change the status



quo in the Yangtse area of the Tawang sector, they said. The people said a number of Chinese drones flew close to the LAC prompting the IAF to scramble the jets and increase

India Foiled Chinese Attempt To Change Status Quo: DM

🖱 hinese troops tried to "unilaterally" change the status quo along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Yangtse area of Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang sector last week but the Indian Army compelled them to retreat by its "firm and resolute" response, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said in Parliament on Tuesday. In similar statements in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, Singh More on P6

Gulmarg **Coldest Place In** Kashmir At -5.5°C

Agencies

Srinagar: The minimum temperature in Kashmir Valley plummeted again to sub-zero level on Tuesday with ski-resort of Gulmarg recording night temperature of minus 5 degree Celsius.

The mercury also dropped in Jammu division and barring Katra and Bhaderwah, all meteorological department stations recorded below than the normal minimum temperatures.

A meteorological department official said Srinagar recorded a low of minus 2.2 against 1.6°C on the previous night. The temperature was 1.2°C below the normal for this time of the year in Srinagar, he said.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 2.2°C against minus 0.2°C on the previous night while Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 3.0°C against minus 2.6°C on previous night and it was 0.8°C above normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Kokernag recorded a low of minus 0.4°C against More on P6

Army General, **DGP Discuss Drone Threat**

Observer News Service

Jammu: The Director General of police (DGP) Dilbag Singh and General Officer Commanding (GoC) of 26 Infantry Division, Major General Neeraj Gosain on Tuesday discussed security situation in Jammu, including counter measures to tackle drone dropping of arms and drugs by the neighbouring country.

The DGP and the GOC discussed various important issues relating to the overall security scenario in the Jammu city and its peripheral areas, at the Police Headquarters here, a police spokesperson said

'They discussed in threadbare the counter measures to foil the new methods adopted by Pakistan that includes dropping of arms ammunition and dr through drones to disrupt the prevailing peace in Jammu and Kashmir," he said. More on P6

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Srinagar: Former chief minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said the National Conference government will repeal the controversial Public Safety Act (PSA) on the first day if his party came to power in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Public Safety Act was first enacted by the J&K government headed by National Conference founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah in 1978 to curb timber smuggling. The law, which provides for detention of up to two years without trial, was used against separatists after the eruption of militancy in Jammu and Kashmir in 1990. Interestingly Omar Abdullah himself was detained under the

same law by the government on the eve of abrogation of J&K's special status in August of 2019.

"They (Centre) have only kept those (old) laws here which can be used to harass the people. There is no (Public) Safety Act anywhere in the country... it is only in Jammu and Kashmir. I have said it earlier and I repeat when National Conference government comes, on the first day, this law will be repealed," Omar told party workers at Dooru in Anantnag district.

While the Centre did away with a large number of laws passed by the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, PSA was one of the few laws that were retained even after abrogation of Article 370 and More on P6

Sajad Lone Mocks Omar's **PSA Repeal** Remark

he Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference on Tuesday hit out at the National Conference for promising to repeal the Public Safety Act, saying the assembly of a Union Territory does not have the power to amend or More on P6

Further, the minister said the government of Jammu and Kashmir has

J&K Administration Unveils Land Grant Rules -2022

'All Outgoing Lessees To Handover Possession Of Land Taken On Lease To Government: Leases Expired Or Determined Prior To Rules Not To Be Renewed'

Agencies

Srinagar: In a significant move, the Jammu & Kashmir administration has notified that all the outgoing lessees, except in the case of subsisting/expired leases for residential purposes, shall immediately handover the possession of the land taken on lease to the government, failing which the outgoing lessee shall be evicted.

the overall combat readiness.

They said the IAF has also

stepped up its overall sur-

veillance in areas in view

of the Chinese attempt of

transgression on December

9, adding it follows standard

operation procedures that in-

cluded scrambling of fighter

jets in case of specific security

"The situation is being

monitored closely by both the

IAF and the Army," said one of

The people indicated that

the people cited above.

the IAF has More on P6

concerns.

According to The Jammu & Kashmir Land Grant Rules-2022 notified by the Revenue Department, all the outgoing lessees (except in the case of subsisting/expired leases for residential purposes) shall immediately handover the possession of the land taken on lease to the government, failing which the outgoing lessee shall be evicted

as per the provisions of public premises (eviction of un-authorized occupant) Act, 1988.

The Rules, however, state that the outgoing lessees shall, however, be paid for any improvement carried out or structure constructed thereon at the value assessed as provided under Sub-Rule (xi) of Rule 13 provided that the lessee has not violated any of the conditions of the lease.

The Land Grant Rules further state that all leases (except the subsisting /expired residential leases) including lease granted under the Jammu and Kashmir Land Grants Rules 1960, Notified Area (All Development Authorities set in Tourism Sector) Land Grants Rules, 2007 and leases expired or determined More on P6

Couple Killed As Car Rolls Into Gorge

retired government official and his wife were killed Anu his with whe we have a straight of the state of the s skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, an official said. Mangat Ram (62) and his wife Shakuntla Devi (58) were on way to Jammu from their Gandoh residence and the accident occured near Jathi village, the official said. Ram was a retired Tehsil Supply Officer (TSO) of Food Civil Supplies More on P6

IED Defused In Seer Sopore

olice on Tuesday claimed to have averted a major tragedy by timely detecting and defusing an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) planted by militants in Seer area of Sopore. The IED was detected by joint teams of Police and Army's 52RR on a bypass road near Seer crossing in Sopore, a police spokesperson said Tuesday. Soon after the detection of the IED, he said, the traffic was halted and the movement of people was restricted. More on P6

Mughal Road Reopens After 5 Days

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he Mughal Road, connecting the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri in the Jammu region with south Kashmir's Shopian district, was reopened for vehicular traffic on Tuesday after remaining closed for five days due to heavy snowfall. officials said. The road was reopened for traffic in the afternoon. All the vehicles stranded on the highway moved to their respective destinations, they said. More on P6

'Terror Associate' **Held In Pulwama**

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Sanskrit Is Mother Language Of All Civilized Languages Of World: LG

olice on Tuesday claimed to have arrested an over-ground worker (OGW) of Al-Badr in South Kashmir Pulwama district. Yawar Bashir Dar of Arigam in Pulwama was arrested by a joint team of police, army's 55RR and the personnel of CRPF at a checkpoint established at Bandzoo crossing, a police spokesperson said. Dar, he said, is a terror associate of Al-Badr and incriminating materials, including More on P6

Cop Killed After Car Hits Divider

Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday that we must work to-

gether with flexible and non-formal More on P6

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policeman was killed after a vehicle he was Atravelling in met with an accident in Awantipora area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district, an official said. Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that an accident took place on Jammu-Srinagar national highway near Samboora Awantipora link road in which Alto vehicle (JK04H-0495) hit the road divider and turned turtle. The driver of More on P6

Fire Damages CRPF Camp In Srinagar

camp of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and a tin shed were partially damaged in a fire incident in Indra Nagar area of Srinagar on Tuesday morning. Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that fire broke out from the top floor of 73BN CRPF camp at Indra Nagar this morning. He said the fire was timely put off, however, the top floor of the camp was completely damaged and a tin shed was also damaged in the incident. More on P6

Search Continues To Trace Missing Teen Girl

he search operation to locate the body of a teenage girl who jumped in the river Jhelum near Jamia Qadeem bridge of Sopore town in North Kashmir's Baramulla district, entered second day on Tuesday. An official said that the search operation to trace the missing teenage girl started today morning. He said the operation was being carried out by a team of SDRF and local fishermen to locate the girl's body. On Monday, a More on P6



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It is that first experience of touching a hot stove that keeps us wary in the kitchen, the first recovery from an injury that keeps us coming back to doctors for help, and the first heartbreak that helps us learn strategies for future loss. Pain is more than just sensation, but incorporates emotional and cognitive components as well.

These myriad dimensions of pain are not only what gives rise to its unique subjective experience but also what researchers and doctors leverage when generating placebo effects. In relation to pain, placebo analgesia is when the brain is tricked into thinking an inert substance will work to reduce pain, and does.

This idea that pain can be reduced without using actual painkillers has been extensively researched for around 80 years since it was first observed during World War Two.

While the details are sometimes disputed, the placebo effect was discovered when American doctor Henry Beecher, having run out of morphine to treat wounded soldiers, administered an inert saline solution instead. After telling the wounded the saline was actually morphine, and administering it in an identical manner, he found some soldiers reported a reduction in pain symptoms, enabling their safe medical evacuation. Placebo effects have now been extensively studied in a variety of settings, with a particular focus on their potential clinical utility.

The first breakthrough in placebo research came from the field of psychology, where it was shown that placebo analgesia is formed primarily via a combination of classical conditioning and expectations of improvement.

Classical conditioning, made famous by Pavlov's dogs, is when associations made repeatedly between a cue (a bell) and an outcome (dinner) strengthen over time. Eventually, exposure to the cue alone triggers a response drooling).

Think of the cliche doctor in a white coat, stethoscope draped around their neck. This adornment alone is enough to trigger associations that this person has been trained to treat



my pain, often conjuring hope and a willingness to listen to their planned course of action. These ritualistic components have experi-

mentally been used to bolster placebo analgesia, with Venezuelan pain researcher Angel Ortega and colleagues recounting the myriad psychological, neurological and endocrine changes in response to the patient-doctor relationship. Any improvement from these ritualistic associations likely dovetail with positive expectations of going to the doctor.

One of the most curious phenomena is observationally-aquired placebo effects. A 2019 report by German researcher Lieven Schenk and colleagues says that a patient, having watched someone apply a pain-relief cream, will experience relief when the cream, despite being a placebo, is administered to them. This phenomena is uniquely devoid of any conditioning effects, as the second participant has formed their own expectations over the effectiveness of an unbeknown to them inert treatment.

Human brain imaging studies then began exploring this phenomenon to better understand placebo responses. What became clear is placebo analgesia is causing a real effect on the perception of pain. Countless brain imaging studies which show altered neural activity when patients believe they are receiving treatment.

The source of placebo seems to be from a structure connecting the spinal cord and the brain known as the brainstem.

While animal investigations conducted in the late 1970s and 80s had revealed the mammalian brainstem capable of reducing incoming painful sensations it was not yet known if these same pathways or neurochemicals played a role in the human phenomena of placebo analgesia.

Landmark investigations led by American researcher Tor Wager and German Falk Eippert were the first to demonstrate that not only was placebo analgesia associated with reductions in key pain-processing regions of the brain, but also with changes in brainstem pain centres, and even altered activation at the level of the spinal cord itself.

Since then, there have been multiple investigations into the nuances of placebo analgesia. Associations have been made with how optimistic people are, particular genetic profiles, and even cardiovascular systems. Yet no one study has fully and definitively settled the question of what makes a person respond to placebo.

Regardless of how they work, placebos are already in place in most clinics today, serving to support the effectiveness of routine medical treatments.

The inherent deception required to elicit placebo analgesia may mean it is never an ethical option for practising doctors.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION Ganderbal			PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE			F	PUBLI	ΓΙϹΕ		
NOTICE INVITING TENDER CIVILWORKS SINGLE COVER SYSTEM (upto Rs.2.50 Crores) EE/R&B/Divn/Gbl/e-Tender Fresh NIT No.232 of 2022-23 issued under endorsement No.16215-24 Dated:13.12.2022 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:-			I have lost my passport bearing No; S8414918 . 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 passport Office Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.			uplicate of the his regard he/ of the Police from the date				
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KU VC Inspects Reading Room Facilities For Students

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Continuing with her visit to the teaching departments to inspect facilities for the students, Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofer Khan Tuesday inspected classrooms in nearly a dozen teaching departments as well as the 27x7 Reading Room at the Allama Iqbal Library (AIL).

Accompanied by Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir, the Vice-Chancellor interacted with the students who were attending their classes to have a first-hand appraisal of the status of heating facilities available to them amid the onset of winter. She also reviewed the status of classwork and examinations which are either underway or in the pipeline.

Repeating her call to the students to remain focused on their studies, the Vice-Chancellor assured that her administration will continue to provide more and more facilities to them for their comfortable stay in the campus.

"Wherever you face any problems, you can inform the concerned officials in the administration who will respond to your concerns promptly," she said, reiterating the need for the faculty and staff to maintain punctuality so that students do not suffer in any manner.

The Vice-Chancellor also interacted with students at the 24x7 Reading Room and expressed her satisfaction at the presence of a large number of students and research scholars there.

The VC was briefed by the Chief Librarian about the functioning of the Reading Room and various facilities available for the students.

Prominent Book Store Gutted In Fire Incident

Agencies

Srinagar: A fire that broke out at Mamta Book Depot at Regal Lane Srinagar late Monday night gutted thousands of books. An electrical short circuit is said to be the reason behind the blaze.

Firefighters rushed to the spot soon after the fire broke out. Two

fire engines and several fire-fighters were engaged in bringing the flames under control for 2 hours.

Muhammad Shafi Lala - the owner of the book depot said that the loss is estimated to be about Rs.70 to 80 lakhs.

He said over one lakh textbooks have been consumed by the flames. Police visited the spot to assess the quantum of loss. [KNT]

Over 10.38 Lakh Aadhaar Cards Issued In City

Observer News Service

Srinagar: With a view to achieve saturation under Aadhaar enrolment process, a meeting of all concerned Officers was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner(DC), Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here on Tuesday at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex.

Besides Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Syed Shabir Ahmad, Chief Planning Officer and Mohammad Yaseen Lone, the meeting was attended by all District Officers of concerned Departments.

At the outset, the DC took department wise review of the Aadhaar seeding with regard to Government sponsored beneficiary oriented schemes and stressed on 100% Aadhaar coverage in District Srinagar within a specific time frame. He asked the concerned to

a unique identity of every citizen by which they are able to avail any Government service in hassle free manner. He directed all the Officers to take up Aadhaar saturation in mission mode so that effective and efficient public services are provided to the people.

The DC enjoined upon the Officers to formulate a concrete plan for optimum utilisation of Aadhaar centres in order to achieve the 100% saturation. He also stressed on mass mobilization to designated Aadhaar centres through awareness campaigns by involving local representatives.

The DC was informed that a population of over 10.38 lakh have been covered under the ambit of Aadhaar enrolment in Srinagar so far and process of registration of remaining population is being carried out across the District.

The DC was also apprised that



DC Conducts Late Night Inspection Of City Hospitals

- Visits SMHS, JLNM, CHC Khanyar and other Hospitals to oversee patient care facilities
- . Checks duty roaster, heating arrangements, availability of medicines at pharmacies; interacts with patients and doctors on duty

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad conducted late night inspection of various City hospitals during the intervening night of 12th and 13th December to oversee the healthcare facilities being extended to the patients.

The DC paid surprise visits to SMHS, JLNM, CHC Gousia Khanyar and other Hospitals and checked night duty roaster of Medical & Paramedical staff, heating arrangements, availability of drugs/ medicines at pharmacies and functioning of laboratories, diagnostic units.

simultaneous Meanwhile inspection of SDH Hazratbal and PHC Zadibal was also done on the directions of Deputy Commissioner by SDM East and SDM West respectively.

During the night inspection, the DC made a thorough round

including Emergency Block, Surgical Wards, Cardiology Wards, Operation Theatre, Dialysis Unit, Orthopedic Unit, Ayushman Bharat Help Desk etc. He also oversaw the operationalization of Jan Aushadhi stores aimed at providing generic drugs to the patients. On the occasion, the DC in-

of various Units of the Hospitals

teracted with the patients, attendants, Doctors and the Para Medical staff on duty. He also took direct feedback from the patients regarding the available patient care facilities, besides provision of medicines, meals and other medical facilities to the patients and their attendants.

While interacting with the Doctors and Para-Medical staff on duty, the DC advised them to perform their duties with added zeal and passion to serve the public. He asked them to ensure availability of Medical and Para-Medical staff strictly as per the devised roster so that patients do not face

Status Of Ongoing National Highway Projects Reviewed

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Ajaz Asad on Tuesday convened a meeting of officers to review the progress of work on Ring Road Srinagar, Grade Separator at Lasjan, Flyovers at Bemina, Nowgam Sanath Nagar, Circular Road

Regarding Grade Separator at Lasjan, Deputy Commissioner was apprised that more than 80 percent work has been completed and after NHAI placed indent recently few structures falling in the alignment are under evaluation and compensation to the owners

will be given shortly. Further, Aijaz also reviewed the present position of ongoing work of flyovers and deadline for completion.

any difficulty. Aijaz advised the Medical Superintendents and concerned CMOs to display duty roaster

conspicuously on the Hospital Information Board. He stressed on adopting a caring and compassionate attitude towards the patients. He also appreciated the Medi-

cal staff at various hospitals for working with dedication especially during night hours of the winter. He also told few 24*7 Hospitals to utilise their full capacity and avoid unnecessary referrals which puts a burden on the Tertiary care Health System.

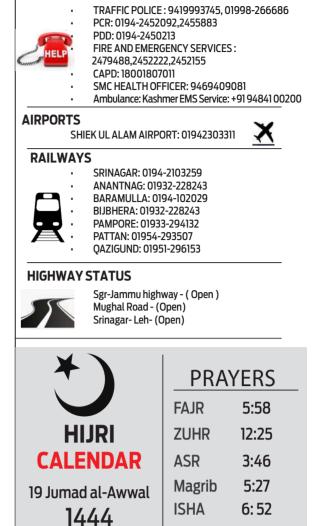
He also passed instructions to the Hospital Administrations to maintain complete cleanliness and hygiene in and around the Hospital, besides proper heating and lighting facilities in the hospital.

During the inspection, the DC stressed on ensuring round the clock presence of doctors to ensure seamless medical care is provided to the patients.

Besides, it is informed that the project of Sanath Nagar Flyover has been already sanctioned while the design of the project is awaiting final approval

The meeting was informed that the completion date of Bemina Flyover has been fixed for March. 2023 while the dateline

for Nowgam is scheduled for



This Day In History

557 - Constantinople, the capital of the Byzantine Empire, is significantly damaged by a 6.4 magnitude earthquake 644 - Uthman ibn Affan (RA), companion of Prophet Muhammad (SAW), appointed 3rd Caliph of Islam

835 - Chinese Emperor Wenzong conspires with chancellor Li Xun and general Zheng Zhu to kill all the eunuchs, but the plot is foiled. Also known as the Sweet Dew Incident

- 867 Adrian II begins his reign as Catholic Pope
- 872 John VIII elected as Catholic Pope 1774 - First incident of American Revolution - 400 attack Fort William and Mary, New Hampshire
- 1812 The French invasion of Russia, led by Napoleon, officially ends with the French having lost as many as 530.000 people
- 1814 The Battle of Lake Borgne in Louisiana: British victory over the United States
- 1862 Battle of Kinston, fought in Lenoir County, North Carolina begins (Goldsboro
- 1864 War of the Triple Alliance: Paraguay invades the Brazilian province of Mato Grosso
- 1900 Birth of Quantum Physics: German Physicist Max Planck presents a theoretical derivation of his black-body radiation law

1900 - France and Italy sign a secret agreement by which Italy recognizes France's right to exploit Morocco in return for France's conceding her the same right in Tripoli.

1927 - Iraq gains independence from Britain, but British troops remain

1962 - Mariner 2 makes 1st US fly-by of another planet (Venus).

1967 - DNA created in a test tube.

1971 - The Pakistan Army executes over 200 of East Pakistan's intellectuals during the Bangladesh Liberation War.

From KO Archives

pace up the speed of the process and mobilize its men and machinery to achieve the left out target.

On the occasion, the DC asked for holding special Aadhaar Enrolment camps in all Wards of the District over next two weeks to register the uncovered population.

The DC said that Aadhaar is

beneficiary oriented schemes have already achieved 100 percent Aadhaar seeding including FCS&CA, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Cooperatives, KVIB, KVIC, Labour, Social welfare and RDD through different beneficiary oriented schemes like PM-Kissan, KCC, IDDS, IPDP, FD, Soil cards etc.

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other major roads having issues with revenue department besides impediments faced by agencies while executing the works.

DC while reviewing physical and financial status of the NH projects, it was informed that work on the projects including culverts and foundations is going on smoothly.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner was briefed about the ongoing work on flyerovers wherein it was informed that more than 30% of work has been completed on both Nowgam and Bemina Flyover projects.

January, 2023. However, it was apprised that due to delay in shifting of utilities at Nowgam the completion date may extend.

Regarding the Circular Road Srinagar, Deputy Commissioner was apprised by a concerned officer that due to non-availability of funds for compensation several cases are pending for settlement.

India, Pak Likely To Go War In 15 Years: Report AGENCIES

ASHINGTON: India and Pakistan are the two nations most likely to go to war during next 15 years that will be deadly be¬cause of the lethality of their arms, the CIA has predicted in a re¬port "Global Trends 2015", released on eve of transition of Bush administration. The report, which may be the part of interna-tional agencies propaganda just to destabilise the region, further says India and Pakistan will amass larger nuclear and missile ar–senals, with India emerging as the unrivaled regional power with a large military-including naval and nuclear capabilities.

"In increasingly tumultuous Pakistan government control will by 2015 be limited to the Punjabi heartland and the commercial capital, Karachi the report predicts, claims the report. "Further domestic decline would benefit Islamic political activists, who may significantly increase their role in national politics" the report predicts while pointing out that nascent democratic re¬forms will produce little change in the face of opposition from an entrenched political elite and Islamic parties.

China, India to be new military powers: China and India will be the world's new military powers, based on sheer numbers, growing economic might and technological capabilities. The report offers the most specific insight ever provided an incom-ing administration about the forces shaping global change. CIA Director George J. Tenet Monday said the "Global Trends 2015" is being released to launch a "strategic dialogue within the government to deal with both the challenges and the oppor¬tunities ahead. According to the report internal problems in South Asia will ex-acerbate regional instability. In India, more than half a billion peo¬ple will live in dire poverty, as the gap between rich and poor wid¬ens and sparks domestic strife. Gaps between India and Pakistan: The widening strategic and economic gaps between India and Pakistan -and the dynam-ic interplay between their mutual hostil¬ity and the instability in Central Asia-will define the South Asia region in 2015. The widening India-Pakistan gap- destabilizing in its own right-will be accompanied by deep political, economic, and social dispari-ties within both states. Pakistan will be more de¬pendent on

international financial assistance. Other South Asian states-Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Nepalwill be drawn closer to and more dependent on India and its economy. Af¬ghanistan will likely remain weak and a destabilizing force in the region and the world. Warv of China, India will look increasingly to the West, but its need for oil and desire to balance Arab ties to Pakistan will lead to strengthened ties to Persian Gulf states as well. "Global Trends 2015," the result of an intensive yearlong study involving all branches of the intelligence community as well as many of America's top thinkers, offers sobering predictions about the "drivers," or major forces, that will determine the world of 2015 and beyond. The report was pre-pared by the National In-telligence Council, the most influential analytical arm of the US intelligence community. The council also produces classified "esti¬mates" on dangers for all branches of the government. (KASHMIR OBSERVER, 14 DECEMBER, 2000)

SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER LEFT **RIVER WORKS DIVISION**

Mr. Tariq Ahmad Katoo S/o Abdul Khaliq Katoo R/o Safa Kadal Srinaga Class of Contractor: AYY "Civil /Sanitary" Regd: No CE/UEED/Aay/Civil/41/2018-19 Phone No: 9682109559

Subject: Development of park by way of providing of Grill fencing from RD 2500.00 Rft to RD 3500.00 Rft at Bemina Bypass Srinagar (Phase-1st) (Part A: Bypass Side).

Whereas the above mentioned work has been allotted to you vide this Division Allotment No. SMC/ EELRWD/46-50 Dated: 08-04-2021.

Whereas you were required to complete the work within 40 days after the issuance of allotment but you did not turn up for the same.

Whereas through the medium of many notices issued at Division and Sub Division level, you were asked to speed up the progress of work and complete the same within the given time but again you failed. Whereas vide No. SMC/AEE/LRW/SD-II/460-61 Dated: 29.11.2022, AEE Sub Division 2nd has reported that you have not even completed more than 70% of the allotted work which has been viewed seriously by the authorities.

Now you are given final opportunity to complete the work within 7 days positively, failing which the work will be completed through other source under rules and action will be initiated against you under rules.

> Sd/-(Er. Sajad Ahmad Kawoosa) Executive Engineer, Left River Works Division. Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

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Now Tawang

hinese troops on December 9 once again carried out an incursion across the Line of Actual Control, this time in Yangtse area of Tawang sector in Arunachal Pradesh, and attempted to unilaterally change the status quo. However, Indian troops resisted, leading to clashes between the soldier and causing injuries on both sides. However, the situation has since returned to normal. Subsequently, the local commander of the Army held a flag meeting with his Chinese counterpart on December 11, where the Chinese side was asked to maintain peace on the border. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that the matter had been raised with the Chinese side at the diplomatic level as well.

The soldiers on the two sides are reported to have beaten each other with sticks and canes. This was the closest encounter that Indian troops and the PLA have had since the deadly Galwan incident in eastern Ladakh in June 2020 in which twenty Indian soldiers were killed and an unspecified number of their Chinese counterpart. The incident came days after China expressed objection to India-US joint military exercise at Auli in the Uttarakhand hills, claiming it was a violation of 1993 and 1996 border agreements. And it also follows the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping at the G20 summit in Bali in November during which they exchanged courtesies but did not hold any substantive talks or discussions.

The two countries have already been engaged in a bitter eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation ever since the Chinese army staged incursions across the Line of Actual Control in multiple areas in April-May 2020. In September, India began disengaging from the Gogra-Hotsprings border area in Ladakh after reaching a consensus in the 16th round of India-China Corps Commander-level meeting. This had created some hope that the antagonism between the two countries would come to an end. Through sustained negotiations they finally found an amicable way out. And the situation in recent months seemed to have been improving. In October, the outgoing Chinese ambassador Sun Weidong in his farewell speech talked about 'broad prospects' in ties between India and China. He, however, added that both countries should refrain from interfering in the internal matters of the other, while acknowledging that it was natural for the neighbours to have differences. But with the Tawang incident, the situation seems to have gone back to square one. It has injected fresh bitterness into the bilateral ties. And if the situation continues like this, it won't good for the region. For a peaceful neighborhood it's important that India and China reach a modus-vivendi by resolving the issues dividing them.

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Rate hike: Inflation

US, Sanction and South Asia

Samara Ashrat

The post-cold war era has seen a significant shift in the foreign policy of the USA. Earlier, the USA used to follow military intervention to achieve its foreign policy objectives. Examples of those interventions have been seen in the cold war era. But gradually, with the growing importance of geopolitics and geoeconomics, the US follows a tool to pressure countries to meet its foreign objectives: sanctions. Especially economic sanctions are increasingly being used to promote the full range of American foreign policy objectives.

To accomplish the objectives of the USA's foreign policy sanctions take the form of arms embargoes, foreign assistance reductions and cut-offs, export and import limitations, asset freezes, tariff increases, revocation of most favored nation (MFN) trade status, negative votes in international financial institutions, withdrawal of diplomatic relations, visa denials, cancellation of air links, and prohibitions on credit, financing, and investment.

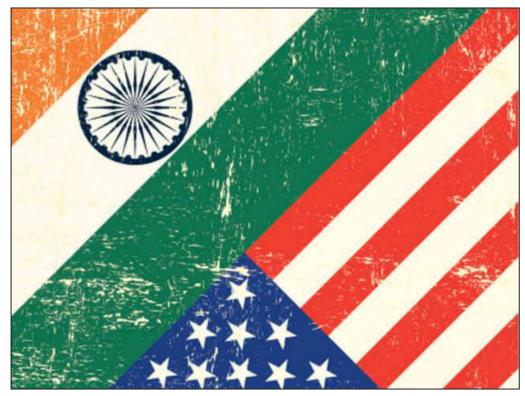
With the growing geopolitical significance of South Asia, India and Bangladesh have seen the same policy from the USA. For instance, On December 10, 2021, the USA imposed sanctions without any prior information on Bangladesh's elite paramilitary force, the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), and seven of its current and former officials accused of human rights abuses and abductions. The sanctions mean the RAB will neither be allowed to own properties in the US nor engage in any financial transaction with a US body or personnel. The sanctions also ban seven current and former top officials of the RAB, including Benazir Ahmed, the inspector general of Bangladesh Police, from entering the US.

On the other hand, the US Treasury Department imposed economic sanctions against an Indian petrochemical company Tibalaji for allegedly "purchasing millions of dollars" worth of Iranian petrochemical products for onward shipment to China. Not only that, they threatened India to impose a sanction for buying Russian missiles. So why is this imposition of sanctions in the era of cooperation?

A geopolitical ploy to create pressure?

It is nothing other than a geopolitical ploy to create pressure on the two geopolitically important countries of South Asia to align with the foreign policy objectives of the USA. The USA didn't take any strict action against any of the countries. Not only that, the USA waived the sanction from India for buying Russian missiles because their economic interest lies with India.

US sanctions show that the country has made a "significant policy shift" not only over Bangladesh and India, but in the US foreign policy in general, by placing electoral democracy and human rights at the heart of its foreign relation. The USA often uses the catchy words "democracy" and "human rights" in serving its foreign policy interest against the 'targeted' na-





Whenever it sees any country's alignment with its chosen competitor, the USA weaponizes sanctions to create pressure on them. The case of India and Bangladesh is a prime example of that. Whenever India started to maintain close bilateral relations with Russia, the USA threatened them by subtly imposing sanctions

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Why the US is using sanctions as a foreign policy tool?

Basically, sanctions are a way to signal official displeasure with a certain behavior. They can reinforce a commitment to a behav-

bia's decision to accept the Dayton agreement in August 1995. With burgeoning geopolitical interest, China's deep engagement with Bangladesh had made the country a victim of the USA's double standard sanction.

Double Standards?

Nonetheless, Washington is guilty of double standards. When President Ziaur Rahman railroaded the trials of hundreds of rebel soldiers in 1977 and secretly hung an undisclosed number of them, America did not publicly chastise him, let alone impose sanctions. Only Jane Coon, the then deputy assistant secretary of state, blocked his visit to the White House, ignoring Ambassador Ed Masters' push.

Washington's sanctions strategies often carry hidden agendas. When America imposed sanctions on the Soviet Union after it invaded Kabul, they were billed as part of a mission to rescue Afghanistan, but they were actually intended to warn Moscow not to march into Iran.

There are growing rights abuses in the West itself, given the rise of neo-Nazis and white supremacists and a history of violent racism against the black and indigenous population.

The main issue is Western insecurity and a concern that the world might shift from unipolarity to multipolarity. In all, the main objective is geopolitical, and the USA doesn't want China or Russia to dominate the Indo-Pacific Region or even South Asia.

The main issue is China's rising geopolitical dominance in South Asia through BRI and the fear that Bangladesh might officially join

remains a concern

he decision of the Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to raise the benchmark policy repo rate was not unexpected. At its meeting on Thursday, the MPC decided to raise the rate by 35 basis points, taking it to 6.25 per cent. This is a level last seen in March 2019, and the decision shows that the MPC's view is that retail inflation is still a threat and needs to be fought. The decision was taken by a 5-1 vote with one member, Jayant Varma, voting against the hike. The MPC also decided by a majority of two to remain focused on withdrawal of accommodation. The decisions show that inflation remains the core concern of the RBI. The RBI's pace of rate increase has moderated now, but indications are that the end of the current rate cycle is still not in sight.

The central bank expects retail inflation to be 6.6 per cent in the current quarter (October-December), and 5.9 per cent in the next (January-March 2023). It might mean that the level of inflation in 2022-23 would be 6.7 per cent, which will be higher than the upper band of the RBI's mandated level. October marked the 10th straight month in which inflation was higher than 6 per cent. An easing was seen in October but that was because of a fall in food inflation. The rate of core inflation is not showing any downtrend. The policy statement noted that the "battle against inflation is not over", and further policy action is needed to keep "inflation expectations anchored, break core inflation persistence and contain second-round effects". The RBI, however, hopes that price pressures will ease in the medium term and average 5.2 per cent in the first half of the next financial year. But it should be noted that even this level will be above the target of 4 per cent. The RBI is likely to expect inflation to stabilise at lower levels before reviewing its present stance.

The central bank has also lowered its forecast for growth to 6.8 per cent this year, down from its September assessment of 7 per cent and its August forecast of 7.2 per cent. The estimates for the current quarter and the next have also been lowered to 4.4 per cent and 4.2 per cent from the 4.6 per cent projected earlier. It also said that the new projections were occasioned by the risks to growth from protracted geopolitical tensions, tightening global financial conditions and slowing external demand. With the tightening of monetary conditions, growth outcomes will be affected but the RBI's attention is focussed on maintaining price stability. This is based on the well-established wisdom that inflation tends to do more harm to the economy than slack growth.

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tions. The country shows its double standards in imposing sanctions in those places where its interest lies. For instance, the USA is silent on the gross human rights violation of Israel to the Palestinians, the authoritative rule of Saudi Arabia, or the failure to address the fatal police violence by race and state. Not only that, it didn't even bother about Myanmar for the persecution of Rohingyas. But, they are too opinionated on the human rights violations of China, Russia, North Korea, and Bangladesh. The double-standards on country-specific human rights violations questions the credibility of the sanctions.

Whenever it sees any country's alignment with its chosen competitor, the USA weaponizes sanctions to create pressure on them. The case of India and Bangladesh is a prime example of that. Whenever India started to ioral norm, such as respect for human rights or opposition to proliferation. American reluctance to use military force is another motivation. Sanctions provide a visible and less expensive alternative to military intervention and doing nothing. The greater reach of media is still another explanation. The CNN effect can increase the visibility of problems in another country and stimulate a desire on the part of Americans to respond.

Previously, these sanctions helped the USA to achieve various significant foreign policy objectives. Sanctions introduced in the aftermath of the Gulf War increased Iraqi compliance with resolutions calling for the complete elimination of its weapons of mass destruction and diminished Iraq's ability to import weapons. In the former Yugoslavia, sanctions were one factor contributing to Serthe mega project. And for India, it is burgeoning defense and economic cooperation with Russia. So, at the end of the day, Bangladesh's core foreign policy is similar to India's. The "Friendship to all, malice to none" policy wants to diversify its engagements with multiple actors to bolster its ability to act independently and on its own terms. Suppose the USA understands this basic reality. In that case, they will be more successful in strengthening relations with and achieving their broader goals in the Indo-Pacific region as well as South Asia.

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Keeping Power Theft in Check

TTH the potential to generate 20,000 megawatts of hydropower, Kashmir is still in darkness. Being the chief producer of electricity in India, Kashmir should have the least electricity crisis but that is far from the ground reality. The valley faces power cuts throughout the year but during winter it becomes very hard to live with electricity for several days.

Electricity, in the 21st century, is not a luxury rather a necessity, like air and water. But in Kashmir, even the capital city of Srinagar faces a lot of power cuts. And even when electricity is available the voltage is so low that a bulb doesn't work properly, let alone other heavy electrical appliances.

With such circumstances, people are left with no option but to go through unethical and illegal means like electricity theft. The PDD department needs to understand the necessity and provide electricity accordingly. That's the only solution to curb power thefts. Also, transformers burn at least every five days during winter, leaving people suffering for days.

The price people pay for electricity is unfair because first of all rates are higher than the supply and secondly, electricity should be cheap because it is generated domestically.

Why would anyone pay such a huge amount for a bare minimum? If the government had to purchase electricity from outside then it was somewhat justified.

One of the reasons for electricity theft is that many people don't consider it as theft because they feel it's their own as it is produced in the valley. It could be stopped only when the population is made aware that this is theft as most of the population doesn't consider it as theft. The clergy delivering Friday sermons should educate people regarding the theft.

The PDD should carry regular checks to make sure employees are not indulging in corruption and doing their work with proper ethics. Whenever any field staff member is caught taking bribes and helping the public in thefts, strict action should be taken against them.

While government agencies should set an example by taking strong action against the field staff and public involved in the wrongdoing, at the same time PDD should update their infrastructure and make sure that the public is getting sufficient amounts of electricity during winters, so that they won't resort to theft.

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Christianity in Question in Britain and America?

Asad Mirza

fficial census figures from Britain points to the falling number of Christians in the country, while in America a demand is growing to declare the country a Christian nation

Over the years, it was believed that Christianity was ebbing in the United Kingdom, but now the fear has been proved right. The figures made public on 29th November, from the 2021 census published by the Office for National Statistics show that, for the first time, less than half of the population of England and Wales consider themselves to be Christians.

Their number fell by 17% in a decade, to 27.5 million; the number of people who ticked the "no religion" box rocketed by 57%, to 22.2 million. Though some may say that now the UK is becoming more secular, but others also points to the fact that at the cost of Christianity, some other religions are growing. The annual British Social Attitudes

The annual British Social Attitudes Survey, by contrast, found in 2020 that 53% of British adults belong to no religion, with only 37% Christians. Separately a poll commissioned by Humanists UK in 2019 showed that 29% of British adults hold all the fundamental beliefs and values of humanists, hinting at the widespread shift in popular values, opinions, and identity the UK has undergone in the 21st century.

The census showed that the number of Muslims has risen by 42%; they now constitute 7% of the British population. British Hindus hit the million mark for the first time. These changes also reflect big demographic shifts. One in six of those who filled in the census were born abroad, compared with one in ten a decade ago. Three cities are "majority-minority": Birmingham (51.4%), Leicester (59.1%) and Luton (54.8%), i.e. Christians have become a minority in these cities.

The Economist magazine says that some on the right are bewailing the revelation that Christianity is now a minority religion. But will passing this symbolic threshold actually change anything? It could influence discussions over the state funding of faith schools. Most are still Christian amidst concerns that non-Christian faith schools may exacerbate ethnic



MEANWHILE, IN THE U.S. GROWING NUMBERS OF RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL LEADERS are embracing the 'Christian nationalist' label, and some dispute the idea that the country's founders wanted a separation of church and state. On the other side of the debate, however, many Americans – including the leaders of many Christian churches - have pushed back against Christian nationalism, calling it a 'danger' to the country

tices of other believers, too. At his

coronation next May, he may try to

cast himself as defender of all faiths.

It helps that he is king alongside a

segregation: Hindu schools, for example, tend to be populated only by children of immigrants from south Asian countries.

There is another related worrying thought, if immigration continues to rise, secularisation will slow. As it is assumed that immigrants tend to have a reviving effect on all religions; that is largely why church attendance has held up better in London than it has in other places.

Meanwhile, the Labour Party is

Hindu prime minister and a Muslim mayor of London, opines The Economist.

The ONS figures also revealed that the majority of Muslims are living in the areas of England and Wales with the worst levels of deprivation. Muslims now account for 7 percent of the population in England and Wales, some 3.9 million in 2021, however, the data showed 61 percent of them live in the lowest 40 percent of areas ranked by deprivation score, The October, more than four-in-ten U.S. adults say the country should be a 'Christian nation,' but far fewer want churches to endorse candidates, speak out on politics

Most U.S. adults believe America's founders intended the country to be a Christian nation, and many say they think it should be a Christian nation today, according to the survey designed to explore Americans' views on the topic. But the survey also finds widely differing opinions about what it means to be a 'Christian nation' and to support 'Christian nationalism'.

For instance, many supporters of Christian nationhood define the concept in broad terms, as the idea that the country is guided by Christian values. Those who say the United States should not be a Christian nation, on the other hand, are much more inclined to define a Christian nation as one where the laws explicitly enshrine religious teachings.

Overall, six-in-ten U.S. adults – including nearly seven-in-ten Christians – say they believe the founders "originally intended" for the U.S. to be a Christian nation. And 45% of U.S. adults – including about six-in-ten Christians – say they think the country 'should be' a Christian nation. A third say the U.S. 'is now' a Christian nation.

These juxtaposing findings lead us to wonder whether the Western world is trying to really abandon the Christianity as the state religion, or taking a leaf from the current Indian politics, are they going to reassert and re-establish themselves as leading Christian nations that need to be watched. Does it also sound to be a death knell of a secular state, needs to be seen.

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proposing to abolish the House of Lords, bishops and all. Yet, the most distinctive element of Britain's form of theocracy is likely to adapt rather than disappear. Though he promised in September to "inviolably maintain and preserve the settlement of the true Protestant religion" King Charles III seems taken by the pracchanging the UK's nature and character. Brexit was chosen as a direct result of this fear along with related economic woes.

Meanwhile, in the U.S., growing numbers of religious and political leaders are embracing the 'Christian nationalist' label, and some dispute the idea that the country's founders wanted a separation of church and state. On the other side of the debate, however, many Americans – including the leaders of many Christian churches – have pushed back against Christian nationalism, calling it a 'danger' to the country.

Added to it, immigration has al-

ways been one of the major driv-

ers of the UK's politics and there is

a belief amongst the 'Whites', that

the immigration is responsible for

According to a report released by the Pew Research Centre on 27th

How Are Books Made?

Lara Farina

ooks are material things – usually made of paper, ink, thread and glue – but a lot of work goes into making them before they get assembled into something you might find at a library or bookstore. Most of this work has to do with a book's content, the writing and art on its pages.

COOKING UP IDEAS

Book authors usually begin the writing process by brainstorming ideas. They write down a number of thoughts and make notes about things they've observed or read.

Authors writing a made-up story, called fiction, might imagine the possible characters' personalities and habits. They might also outline a plot, or the sequence of events that will happen in the story.

An author who is writing nonfiction – like history or science – will research the topic and decide how to interpret what they find. The research may involve looking at archival documents, interviewing people or visiting locations where important events happened.

Once authors have ideas about what they want to write, they need to think about whom they'd like to read their book. If, for example, an author is writing about outer space for a general audience, it's important to explain the science in way that everyone can understand. An author who is writing for other astronomers who already know a lot about the subject shouldn't spend much time explaining the most basic things.

► REVISE, REVISE, REVISE

After authors have brainstormed, researched, plotted and outlined their projects, they draft and revise. Few authors write something down once and never change what they've written. Most write a first or rough draft and later change many things, from the order of topics to the par-



ticular words they use.

When authors need to make these tough decisions about what to change, they may have the help of an editor. An editor's job is to review drafts of a proposed book and help the writer make it as good as it can be, and to coordinate all the steps to publish the book.

Editors work for publishers, the companies that help create the final form of the book and then distribute, advertise and sell it. When writers want to work with an editor, and hope to turn their story into a real book, they send their revised draft to publishers in hopes that the company will purchase it. This way, authors get paid for their writing, but the publisher also profits from book sales.

Many other people work at a publishing company, too. Copy editors and proofreaders check for mistakes in an author's writing. Designers and typesetters are responsible for the look of the book, including its cover. Publishers may also find illustrators for a book, although many authors want to illustrate their own.

THE FINAL STEPS

When the content of a book is all ready, it will be sent to a printer to be inked onto paper, glued or sewn together as a collection of pages, and bound into hardback or paperback copies. Hardbacks are books with stiff cardboard bindings and paper dust jackets to protect the covers. Paperbacks have a cover of only thick paper and are cheaper to make.

The first printing of some kinds of books, like novels or histories, is often a hardback. If lots of people want to buy the book and the publisher prints another batch of books – called a print run – they will typi-

cally be paperbacks.

So far, I have described the way that most books are made now. But book creation predates modern publication, printing and even paper. For many centuries, books were written by hand on vellum, which is made of animal skin.

Before the invention of the printing press around 1440, most writing was done by scribes, artisans who were trained to write in special scripts called calligraphy. Authors could recite their work aloud to scribes, and the scribes would write it down. Scribes also copied a lot of material from other books to make new books for patrons, readers who told scribes what they wanted in a book and paid for it.

In my work as an English professor, I study many of these medieval handwritten books, called manuscripts. Often, manuscripts can give modern readers an idea of what particular people in the past wanted to read. For example, a book written for a queen might contain the stories she liked, calendars of important dates, a history of her family or her country and prayers and poems she might recite. There's a good chance that the queen's book was unique, because it was written specifically for her.

You can look here at pages from a manuscript made for use by one particular woman: Christina of Markyate, a holy woman in 12thcentury England. She ran away from home as a teenager to become a recluse and later became a spiritual adviser to the monks of St. Albans monastery. The monks made this very beautiful book of prayers for her.

You can make your own mini-book just by folding a single piece of paper. Think of some content, write a draft and then be your own scribe by writing and illustrating your book!

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Bukhari Urges People Not To Fall Prey To Divisive Politics

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

Uri: Calling for unity and harmony among the masses, Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, who was on a day-long tour to north Kashmir's Uri, on Tuesday urged people not to fall prey to the divisive politics by the conventional political parties.

He was addressing a public rally at Bijhama Uri, where people and his party workers gave him a warm welcome on his arrival.

According to a press release issued here, while addressing the gathering Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari cautioned people that traditional political parties and their leaders are out there to polarize communities and populations for their own political interests.

He said, "The traditional political parties and their leaders come to allure you with fake promises and emotional slogans. For their own political interests, they even try to divide you on the basis of variant political ideologies. But you must understand the fact that J&K people irrespective of their religion or regional identities or political affiliations are



actually sailing in the same boat in terms of their vulnerabilities, issues, grievances, and challenges, thus you must stand united, maintain harmony, and not fall prey to the divisive politics of these selfcentered and power-hungry politicians." He further said. "Appi Party does not

He further said, "Apni Party does not believe in divisive politics. We never try to allure people with fake promises and emotional slogans. Our agenda is very simple, yet very significant: We are working for the peace, prosperity, and development of Jammu and Kashmir. We want to see J&K people prosperous irrespective of their caste, creed, or their geographical location, and political ideologies. And, we will keep striving for these achievable goals."

Talking about J&K's protracted turmoil, which has caused deaths and destruction over the years, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "J&K people have been grappling with instability and conflict for more than three decades, and they have seen bloodsheds and destructions occurring here in all these years. We are in dire need of a peaceful environment which would pave the way for prosperity and development. We cannot afford unending turnoil and continuous deaths here. We have to take care of the future of our young generation and the generations to come. Therefore, we need politics of peace here rather than the politics of conflicts."

He promised that Apni Party would continue its work for sustainable peace in J&K. "I assure you that Apni Party will never indulge in the politics of hate and divisions. Unlike the traditional political parties, you will always see us abstaining from the emotional slogans that have been landing our youth either in jails or graveyards." Besides Syed Mohammad Altaf

Bukhari, the prominent leaders who

were present at the rally venue included Party's District President Baramulla Khurshid Ahmad Khan, Incharge Uri constituency Choudhary Mushtaq, Syed Mushtaq, Rafiq Balote, Manzoor Ahmad, Mukhtar Ahmad, Abdul Ahad, Syed Ahmad Khan, Abdul Majeed Shah, Mohammad Ramzan Pandith, Sher Ali Khan, Mohammad Syed Khan, Abdul Hameed Mir, Gulzar Ahmad Khan, Sarpanch Bijhama Javaid Ahmad Pandit Sarpanch Lachipora Mohammad Aslam Khan, Sarpanch Mayan Munnir Ahmad Khan, Sarpanch Mayan tour to Uri Sudd

During his daylong tour to Uri, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari visited various places including Gantamulla, Noorkha, Bijhama, Lachipora, and Maiyan Muqam. He met people of different walks and various delegations that included political, social, and religious personalities who besides apprising him of the present political scenario in Uri, informed him about the public issues and the grievances.

Meanwhile, a number of political leaders and activists from various parties in Uri joined Apni Party in presence of Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari.

1996 Assembly Elections In J&K Were Fixed In New Delhi: Rana

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

Jammu: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana Tuesday alleged that the 1996 Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly elections were fixed in New Delhi that paved way for a particular political party in the sensitive state to form the government after nearly six years of gubernatorial rule. 'The beneficiaries of the crucial 1996 elections know the fact that the number of seats to be won by the contesting political parties were fixed on a High table in New Delhi", Rana said while interacting with media men on the side-lines of a function here this afternoon. Devender Rana took head on

tion here this afternoon. tt Devender Rana took head on o those pointing fingers on the s Indian Army and said that the observations on the Army are regrettable, condemnable and b shameful. He said the Indian h Army is known for its profes-

sionalism and apolitical char-

acter the world over and the

valiant officers and jawans have offered supreme sacrifices to defend the integrity and sovereignty of the nation. It is because of their valour and vigil that the compatriots feel a sense of security and pride, he added.

Rana said the BJP is credited with holding free and fair elections in Jammu and Kashmir in 1977 under the leadership of Mr. Morarji Desai, 2002 under the premiership of Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee and 2014 under Mr Narendra Modi. The people, therefore, must remain reassured about the fairness of the assembly elections that will empower them to choose their own government, he maintained.

Rana said some political parties and their leaders are rattled over the ground under their feet shaking due to pro-people policies of the BJP at the Centre and path-breaking initiatives taken by the UT administration for holistic development and implementation of various welfare schemes for ameliorating the lot of the people.

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LG Orders Pace

exhorted the officers to give an active push to exports, marketing promotion programmes for handicrafts focusing global market, development of industrial estate connected to significant economic nodes to maintain the momentum of growth.

Sinha, he said, also took note of progress made under 'Ease of Doing Business' initiative across various parameters. He asked the senior officials to review the implementation of reforms regularly to remove bottlenecks.

"The LG directed the revenue department to work in close coordination with Industries & Commerce department to expedite setting up of Industrial Estates and to resolve all pending issues within one month," the spokesperson said.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; H. Rajesh Prasad, Principal Secretary, Power Development Department; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; Achal Sethi, Law Secretary; Smita Sethi, Secretary in the I&C department; HoDs; Managing Directors and other senior officers attended the meeting.

Bijli, Sadak Not

reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir in 2019.

Omar said abrogation of Article 370 will be an issue in the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, which will be first polls in the union territory after the August 2019 move of the Centre.

"It is obvious that this election will not be contested merely on bijli, sadak, pani (electricity, roads and water). Whatever has happened since August 5, 2019 will be an issue in the elections. Lets see what the people's verdict is," he added. The former chief minister said his party will take all the steps to protect the identity and interests of people of Jammu and Kashmir. Lone also sought an apology from the NC for enacting the law in the first place.

"Can we at least have an apology from the creators of PSA which till date has resulted in jailing of thousands of Kashmiris. In percentage terms, proportion of people jailed from Jammu under this law is negligible. This law was meant just for Kashmiris," he said.

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launched a portal on September 7, 2021 to address the grievances of Kashmiri migrants.

The government of India reimburses the expenditure incurred by the government of Jammu and Kashmir on providing the following facilities to the eligible Kashmiri migrants settled in Jammu, he said.

IAF Closely Monitoring

increased the frequency of sorties by its combat jets in the region.

On Monday, the Indian Army said troops from the two sides clashed along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Tawang sector and the face-off led to "minor injuries to a few personnel from both sides".

The face-off took place amid the over 30-month border standoff between the two sides in eastern Ladakh.

It is learnt that Chief of Air Staff V R Chaudhari reviewed the IAF's operational readiness following the December 9 incident.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said in Parliament on Tuesday that the Indian troops bravely thwarted the attempt by Chinese PLA to "unilaterally" change the status in the Yangtse area of the Tawang sector and there were no fatalities or serious casualties to the Indian troops in the scuffle.

"On December 9. PLA troops tried to tran

tranquility along the border. The issue has also been taken up with the Chinese side through diplomatic channels," Singh said.

The defence minister assured the Parliament that Indian forces are committed to protecting the country's territorial integrity and will continue to thwart any attempt made on it.

"I am confident that this entire House will stand united in supporting our soldiers in their brave effort," he said.

Ahead of his statement in Parliament, the defence minister held a meeting with Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan, Army Chief Manoj Pande and some other senior officials.

Sources said the Chinese troops were armed with spiked clubs and bamboo sticks and that the soldiers from both sides sustained injuries in the hand-to-hand combat.

In a related development, the top brass of the Army and the IAF separately reviewed their overall operational preparedness along the nearly 3,500 km LAC in view of the incident, which is the first such flare-up in more than a year.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin, without specifically commenting on the December 9 incident, said the situation along the border was "generally stable" and two sides have maintained smooth communication on border-related issues.

However, hours after the Chinese foreign ministry briefing on the Sino-India border situation, senior Colonel Long Shaohua, spokesman of the Western Theatre Command of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), claimed that the December 9 clash took place when its troops on regular patrol on the Chinese side of the LAC were blocked by Indian soldiers.

Meanwhile, Congress said Defence Minister

prior to the coming into force of these rules or issued under these rules shall not be renewed and shall stand determined.

According to The Jammu & Kashmir Land Grant Rules, 2022, the government may for development of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir grant lease of land under the provisions of these rules.

The Rules state that the land could be leased for education, healthcare, agriculture and allied activities, tourism, skill development, development of traditional art, craft, culture and languages, hydro-electric projects, development of stadiums, playgrounds, gymnasiums or other recreational purposes, petrol pumps, gas pipelines, LPG bottling centers, fuel reservoir, next generation clean fuel sources CNG/ CBG/ LNG/hydrogen fuel/ low Carbon fuel/any other clean fuel source with related activities/ services/ utilities/infrastructures as per established norms/industry best practices, self-employment or for housing purposes of ex-servicemen, war widows, families of deprivation categories (as per latest socio-economic census), specially-abled Persons (Divyang), families of martyr (one who has sacrificed his life in the line of duty for the sake of nation), migrant workers/ building & other construction workers, rehabilitation of sufferers of natural disasters/ calamities, specific infrastructure projects for the development of infrastructure, industries, agriculture, tourism and employment generation, laying of water mains, pipes, underground cables, cause ways, underground bridges, cables, towers, poles, stay rods, stay rails for overhead cable and likewise.

As per these Rules, the land can be leased for any other purpose in the interest of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir to be determined by the Government that is showing the path of peace, progress and oneness," he said.

"In the globalized world, many foreign universities are strengthening their efforts for promotion, development and research on treasure of Sanskrit. It is the result of India's growing stature in the world and acknowledgement of India's rich cultural heritage and social, spiritual values," he added.

Sinha also expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for revival of Sanskrit, Yoga and other ancient schools of Indian philosophy.

He said that the Central Sanskrit Universities Act, 2020 converted 3 deemed to be Universities into Central Sanskrit Universities and thus provided more opportunities to spread the knowledge of Sanskrit language not only in India but also across the world.

The LG also made valuable suggestions for popularizing the extraordinariness of the Sanskrit language.

"Sanskrit is the mother language of all the civilized languages of the world. During the G20 presidency event, we must showcase our intangible heritage, values and ideals from the ancient scriptures. All the eminent Institutes can plan a year-long calendar of activities in collaboration with Government departments," he said.

On the occasion, the LG also conferred Kailakh Sanskrit-Ratna Award-2022 to Shakti Pathak, Chief Trustee of Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan for his outstanding contribution in promotion & propagation of Sanskrit language. Atal Peethadheeshwar Swami

Vishwatmanand Sarswati ji Maharaj, who presided over the event, said that everyone should strive to promote Sanskrit language which is protecting our cultural heritage since ages. Prof JP Sharma, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu highlighted the need to adopt and promote Sanskrit language. Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul is aimed at taking Sanskrit to every village, every household, he added.

He accused the Centre of taking away the resources and jobs of local people by bringing outsiders in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The mineral extraction contracts are given to outsiders even the postman who delivers letters will be brought in from other places. Our youth are not deemed fit for these jobs," he claimed.

"I would have had no objection to these things but then they should take our youth and give them jobs in Haryana, Punjab, UP and other states. They should allow our contractors to do mining in Punjab. But they won't do it," he added.

Omar said a National Conference government will ensure that the land and the resources of Jammu and Kashmir are reserved for the local people only.

On the development front, Omar lambasted the J-K administration alleging it was not able to carry out even 10 per cent of the works that should have been done.

"During our time, we might have been able to get only 70 per cent of the works done but this administration has failed to get even 10 per cent done," he claimed.

Sajad Lone Mocks

create laws pertaining to public order.

"Need a clarification in good faith. Given that JK as on date is a UT. Does UT Assembly have the powers to amend or create laws pertaining to public order. Or say the PSA. So why lie?" People's Conference president Sajad Lone said in a series of tweets.

Lone was reacting to NC leader Omar Abdullah's statement that his party, if voted to power, will repeal the PSA on the first day in office.

"What an irony. Those who scripted this draconian law, want us to believe they will repeal it. Even more ironical that UT assembly just doesn't have the powers for any such repeal. Lying through their teeth has been one consistent trait of those who scripted such laws," Lone said.

The PSA was enacted by the government headed by NC founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah in 1978 to curb timber smuggling in Jammu and Kashmir. The law, which provides for detention of up to two years without trial, was later used against terrorists and separatists after the eruption of militancy in Jammu and Kashmir in 1990. gress the LAC in the Yangtse area of Tawang sector and unilaterally change the status quo. The Chinese attempt was contested by our troops in a firm and resolute manner," Singh said.

"The ensuing face-off led to a physical scuffle in which the Indian Army bravely prevented the PLA from transgressing into our territory and compelled them to return to their posts," he said.

It was the first major clash between the India and Chinese armies since August 2020 near Rinchen La in eastern Ladakh.

Indian and Chinese troops were engaged in a brief face-off near Yangtse in October last year as well and it was resolved following talks between local commanders of the two sides as per established protocols.

The IAF increased its overall strength in various key bases in the eastern theatre including in Tezpur where a fleet of Su-30 jets were deployed.

A squadron of Rafale jets is based in Hasimara air base in West Bengal and it carries out sorties in areas under the eastern theatre as well.

India Foiled Chinese

said there were "no fatalities" or serious injuries to the Indian soldiers and that the clash led to injuries to a few personnel on both sides. With the opposition questioning the government's handling of the border issue with China, Home Minister Amit Shah told reporters that no one can capture an inch of India's land till the Narendra Modi government is in power.

In his statement, Singh said,"on December 9, PLA troops tried to transgress the LAC in the Yangtse area of Tawang Sector and unilaterally change the status quo. The Chinese attempt was contested by our troops in a firm and resolute manner."

"The ensuing face-off led to a physical scuffle in which the Indian Army bravely prevented the PLA from transgressing into our territory and compelled them to return to their posts. The scuffle led to injuries to a few personnel on both sides," he said.

Singh's comments came a day after the Indian Army issued a statement on the incident.

"I wish to share with this House that there are no fatalities or serious casualties on our side," the defence minister added.

Singh said as a follow-up of the incident, the local commander of the Indian Army in the area held a flag meeting with his counterpart on December 11 to discuss the issue in accordance with established mechanisms.

"The Chinese side was asked to refrain from such actions and maintain peace and Singh's statement on the clash in Tawang was "incomplete" and accused the government of hiding the truth from the nation.

Congress spokesperson and deputy leader of the party in Lok Sabha Gaurav Gogoi and party leader Pawan Khera also accused the government of diplomatic failure with China, claiming that India has lost its pre-eminent position in Southeast Asia.

Both the leaders demanded that the government should agree to a detailed discussion on the border situation and ties with China, alleging that Prime Minister Modi's remarks made in June 2020 that "no one has entered Indian territory nor has anyone occupied its territory" has emboldened China to indulge in such misadventures.

"Why did Rajnath Singh give a statement so late as the incident is of December 9. Why was this not given yesterday in Parliament? What are they hiding? This government wants to hide the truth from the nation and our demand from day one has been to tell the truth to the nation," Gogoi said at a press conference.

Gulmarg Coldest

0.3°C on the previous night and it was 0.7°C above normal for the place, he said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 5.5°C against minus 4.4°C on the previous night, the official said. It was 1.3°C below normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, the official said.

In Kupwara town, the mercury settled at minus 1.7°C against 2.2°C on the previous night, the official said. It was normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 8.0°C against 9.1°C on the previous night. It was 1.2°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said. Banihal recorded a low of 0.2°C (below normal by 1.5°C), Batote 2.9°C (0.8°C below normal), Katra 9.3°C (1.5°C above normal) and Bhadarwah 1.2°C (0.8°C above normal).

In Ladakh, Leh recorded minus 7.4°C and Kargil minus 10.6°C, the official said. The MeT department has forecast mainly dry weather till December 21.

Army General,

DGP, the spokesperson said, appreciated the bond between the Army, J&K Police and CAPFs which he said has contributed immensely in wiping out the ill intentions of Pakistan and their terror associates.

On behalf of all ranks of the 26 Div, the GOC also presented a memento to DGP.

J&K Administration

The Rules state that an empowered committee headed by Financial Commissioner Revenue and comprising officials from different departments would identify and designate land and the purpose for grant of the lease.

Its function will also be to recommend the period of grant of lease, which shall ordinarily be for 40 years.

The committee will also monitor every lease agreement entered into and the conditions thereof. The panel has also the powers to recommend to the government for cancellation of any lease.

According to the Land Grant Rules, the empowered committee shall recommend to the government a list of land including its market value and the purpose for which land is to be granted on lease.

On receipt of recommendations, the Government shall after examination of the recommendations return the same with its sanction or otherwise to the Committee through Financial Commissioner, Revenue.

"On receipt of sanction from the Government, Financial Commissioner, Revenue shall convey the same to Deputy Commissioner concerned for publication of a notice by him in Form-II for proposed auction through online mode," the Land Grant Rules further state—(KNO)

Sanskrit Is Mother

approach to popularize the language.

"Sanskrit is not confined to religious texts. It also offers complete knowledge structure of ancient India that covers great works of scientists, experts in medicine, botany & mathematics like Aryabhatta, Charaka, Sushruta, Bhaskaracharya, Varahamihira, Brahmagupta and many others," Sinha said.

The LG made these remarks while flagging off Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul of Shri Kailakh Jyotish & Vedic Sansthan Trust, here on Tuesday.

The initiative, he said, will share the treasure of knowledge & wisdom with people and provide non-formal education of Sanskrit, one of the oldest living languages of the world.

Appreciating the Kailakh Jyotish & Vedic Sansthan Trust for engaging in the commendable work of preserving, developing and propagating the Sanskrit language and message of the ancient sages, the LG called for working together with flexible and non-formal approach to popularize the language.

"Sanskrit is more than a language. It is the source of our social values that has been guiding humanity since time immemorial. Our ancient sages gave the message of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam- world as one family in Sanskrit

Couple Killed

and Consumer Affairs (FCSCA) department. Their car rolled down several hundred feet into the gorge, the official said, adding while Shakuntla was found dead by rescuers on the spot, Ram succumbed to his injuries at Government Medical College Hospital Doda.

IED Defused

"Accordingly, Bomb Disposal Squad was rushed to spot and the IED was destroyed without causing any damage," the spokesperson said.

He said that a case under relevant sections of law was registered in PS Tarzoo and further investigation is in progress.

"The timely recovery of the IED thwarted an untoward incident and has scuttled the nefarious plans of terrorists to derail peace and harmony," he added.

Mughal Road

The highway was closed due to heavy snow-fall on December 8.

'Terror Associate'

a pistol was recovered from his possession. Accordingly, the spokesperson said, a case FIR No. 358/2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Pulwama and further investigation is in progress.

Cop Killed After

the vehicle identified as Bashir Ahamd Kuchay son of Ghulam Mohidin Kuchay, a resident of Negoo Brenwar, Budgam was critically injured.

The injured who was constable in Jammu and Kashmir Police was shifted to SDH Pampore, where doctors declared him brought dead.

After medico legal formalities, the body was handed to legal heirs for last rites, he said.

Meanwhile, police registered a case and started further investigation into the matter.

Fire Damages

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident and the cause of fire was not known immediately.

Search Continues

17-year-old girl of Kralteng locality of Sopore jumped into the river Jhelum–(KNO)

STATE

JKSSB Filled 9205 Advertised **Posts Since 2020: Report**

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board has filled nearly half of the over 20,000 posts, for which recruitment advertisements were issued since 2020, according to a parliamentary panel report.

According to the report of the parliamentary standing committee on home affairs, 20,323 posts have been advertised by the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board since 2020 and the selection process has been completed with respect to 9,205 posts, while selection for the remaining posts are under process at various stages.

The committee recommends to fast-track the recruitment on the remaining posts and resolve the procedural and administrative issues which are delaying the recruitment," the report tabled in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday stated.

The panel observed that there is no categorical reply on the selection for the remaining posts that were advertised by the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board since 2020. "The committee may, therefore, be apprised of the present status of selection process," it said.

The report also incorporated the action taken so far and said that to oversee the recruitment

and to have a single nodal point in the government, an accelerated recruitment committee has been constituted to identify vacancies for being filled up on immediate basis and finalising the procedure to be followed at all levels so that the principles of transparency and inclusiveness are maintained and the recruitment process is concluded

on fast-track basis. As part of the reform process, the job for filling up all Class-IV posts belonging to all the departments and organisations and bodies has been entrusted to the JK Services Selection Board.

Besides, in order to infuse an element of transparency and speed up the recruitment process, interviews for all the posts up to and including Pay Level 5 (Rs 29,200-92,300) has been dispensed.

By way of notification of the Jammu and Kashmir Appointment to Class- IV (Special Recruitment) Rules, 2020, consolidated vacancies at the level of Class IV have been referred to IK Services Selection Board.

Additionally, various amendments in the recruitment rules have been made to conclude the selection process by SSB and JK-PSC in a time bound manner. Recruitments in the public sectors have been carried out from 2019 onwards totalling 29,806, it said.

SC Collegium Recommends Justice N Kotiswar Singh As Chief Justice Of J&K, Ladakh HC

on

Born

Agencies **SRINAGAR:** The Supreme Court collegium headed by Chief Justice Of India D Y Chandrachud on Tuesday recommended Justice N. Kotiswar Singh as the Chief Justice of J&K and Ladakh High lia, Court. Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, presently posted in Gauhati High Court, was among three judges of the High Courts' recommended to be transferred by the collegium. The two other judges include Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra of Uttarakhand to CJ Jharkhand and Justice K. Vinod Chandran of Kerala to Chief Justice of High Court of Gauhati, according to the order of the collegium.

1963 at March. Imphal, Manipur, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh had schooling from Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapith, Puru-West Bengal

and Pre University Course in Science from St. Anthony's College, Shillong. Justice Singh graduated from Kirori Mal College, Delhi University with B.A. (Hons.) in Political Science in 1983 and obtained his Degree in Law (L.L.B.) from Campus Law Centre, Delhi University in 1986. Justice Singh was enrolled as tice of the Gauhati High Court w.e.f. 21 September 2020 to 09 an Advocate in 1986.

Justice Singh served as the January 2021 and from 9 May 2022 to 22 June 2022.(GNS) Advocate General of the State

Mastermind Behind Ex-MLC's Murder Held In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: An alleged mastermind behind the murder of a former National Conference legislator in Delhi last year, was arrested after a brief encounter here, a senior Jammu and Kashmir Police officer said on Tuesday. Harpreet Singh alias Amit

Rana was wanted in connection with the killing of T S Wazir. His arrest followed investi-

gation into a recent dacoity by a group of 10 armed criminals

house of businessman Rakesh Agarwal in posh Gandhi Nagar locality, Additional Director General of Police, Jammu zone, Mukesh

of Rana were also arrested in a series of raids by police at different places in Punjab and Delhi and two pistols, Rs 5 lakh in cash and the police uniforms used by them were seized.

gested that the criminals, the Delhi Police, while Harpreet nine of whom are residents of Singh was absconding.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORKPLACES **Panel To Probe Complaints By Women JKAS Officers**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday ordered constitution of Internal Complaint Committee for female members of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) to probe sexual harassment complaints of the women officers at the workplaces.

"In terms of Section 4(1) of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, sanction is hereby accorded to constitution of Internal Complaint Committee to enquire and dispose of the complaints, if any, of sexual harassment against female members of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (IKAS), I&K Secretariat (Gazetted) Service-I and J&K Secretariat (Gazetted) Service-II under Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013," reads the order.

deep Kaur (IAS), Commissioner Secretary to the Government, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (Presiding Officer), Rehana Batul (IAS), Secretary, Public Grievances, Parveen Kumar (JKAS), Additional Secretary to the Government, Home Department, Representative of an NGO to be nominated by Social Welfare Department and any other person co-opted by Presiding Officer Member.

Houses, Commercial **Properties In Jammu To Get Unique Digital Door Number**

Press Trust Of India

IAMMU: All the residential and commercial properties falling in the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) limits would be geotagged and a unique digital door number would be assigned to each property, an official of the Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) said on Tuesday.

The mapping of the residential and commercial properties would enable the citizens to avail maximum benefits of civic services as well as governance, the official said.

He said JSCL in coordination with JMC is expeditiously working on the project Geographical Information System (GIS), which also includes mapping of all the natural and man-made assets such as streams, rivers, elevations, drainage networks, road networks and utility Poles onto the digital ward map of Jammu.

Such captured data would also equip the administration for conducting spatial planning for various projects pertaining to infrastructure development in the municipal wards of Jammu. The technology can further be leveraged to strengthen the existing grievance redressal system, the official said He said the project would not

only provide the digital addresses between Rs 10 to 15 lakh after they failed in their assassinaof the property but also revamp the delivery and monitoring of all Wazir (67), a former member civic services being provided by of the Jammu and Kashmir Legthe government. "The project will play a vital islative Council (MLC), was found dead with a gunshot wound at a

role by reducing manual interventions which will further plug the leakages in the systems and thereby promote transparency," the official said.

He said the QR code-based Digital Door Number (smart address) would be allotted and subsequently a DDN Plate fixed outside each property.

"For this purpose, the survey team duly authenticated by JMC is capturing the data against a few property attributes such as owner details, property measurements like plot area and built-up area, electric and water connection details and other relevant information.

"The data thus captured would be linked to the DDNs which will bring in several benefits like availability of digitised data for promoting online services, ease of address navigation for the citizen on a digital map, garbage collection

monitoring as the QR Code will be used by the garbage collector to scan and mark the completion of garbage collection task based upon which a notification will be sent to the concerned DDN owner on mobile App for the appropriate feedback," the official said.

Further, he said the registration on the mobile App against a particular DDN will enable the respective citizen to make timely payment of the rents or usage charges owing towards JMC assets and therefore ensure revenue realisation.

"The GIS technology can be exploited up to such an extent wherein the dimensions (length and width) captured against the road and drainage network across the city would act as one of the deciding factors for critical vehicular movements such as fire brigades and ambulances," the official said.

He said the property attributes like the number of people residing, built-up or plot area along with the associating lanes and drains would enable the authorities to study the density and hence forecast the waste generation and effluent outflow in a particular ward and would also help the administration understand the deployment of the sanitation staff.

"The 'change detection technology' along with photographs of property would help the administration with enforcing building bye-laws by keeping an eye on the building construction violations happening across the city," the official said.

He said the online building permission system will be integrated with the GIS application to record the permissible measurements of the upcoming and ongoing constructions which will help in vigilance and therefore prevent encroachments.

Moreover, the availability of the public utility data like Public Health Engineering (PHE) pipelines and electric poles in the vicinity of a particular property would automate the process of issuing the required NOCs for building permissions, the official said.

The formation of an accurate database of all the properties and assets linked with the GIS applications portal will help administration to take proactive measures to improve the delivery of civic governance through better resource management," he said.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir **OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

PDP Chief's Daughter Seeks LG's Intervention To Ensure **Proper Facilities For Security Guards At Their Residence**

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti's daughter Iltija Mufti on Tuesday highlighted the lack of basic facilities for the security personnel deployed at their new residence here and sought intervention of Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

Iltija raised the issue in a communication to the Lt Governor, highlighting that around two dozen security guards have been camping in sub-zero temperatures in a makeshift garage and a tent with no facilities for electricity or basic sanitation such as a toilet at their Khimber residence.

Mehbooba, a former chief minister, and her family shifted to Khimber on November 28 after they vacated the government accommodation provided to them at Gupkar following a notice issued by the administration.

"Even before shifting here, countess trips were made by various security agencies to establish an appropriate living facility for the security personnel to be stationed here. It has been over two weeks since we have shifted yet not a single measure has been taken to ensure that the security men. be it CRPF or local police personnel, have a safe, suitable and liveable environment to discharge their duties," Iltija 610 wrote in her letter. She said around 20-25 of these security guards have been camping out in sub-zero temperatures in a makeshift garage and a tent with no facilities for electricity or basic sanitation such as a toilet. "These security men along with women guards have to use the same bathroom which we provided for since your administration has been shockingly complacent and quite insensitive about their wellbeing and essential basic needs," she said. She said it is terribly worrying and sad to see them in an "acute state of distress". "Matters are compounded

by the fact that due to lack of electricity and frequent power cuts, they are vulnerable and at risk themselves...My family including Mehbooba Mufti are deeply concerned about their wellbeing, especially since 'chillai kalan', the harshest (40-day) winter period in Kashmir, is about to set in along with predictions of snow for this week itself." she said.

She said she has previously communicated the same concerns to the security department.

"Sadly my plea to ensure their safety fell on deaf ears. We are extremely appreciative of the manner in which they are discharging their duties in such a difficult distressing

environment," Iltija said. She said the sad part is that the undignified living conditions that they are being subjected to can be easily taken care of, yet absolutely nothing is being done about it.

"Despite our political differences, I n sure we can agree that whether is a CRPF jawan or local police personnel, they deserve to live with dignity to fulfil their responsibilities. I hope you will take this matter into your hands with a sense of urgency," she said.

Singh told reporters here. He said four accomplices

Initial investigation sug-

wearing police uniforms at the Punjab, had come to Gandhi Nagar, Jammu to kill businessman Choudhary Nagar Singh but later decamped with cash

October 2011 and as a Judge of the Gauhati High Court on 7 No-

vember 2012. Justice N. Kotishwar Singh was appointed as a Judge of the Manipur High Court upon its creation with effect from 23 March 2013. Justice N. Kotishwar Singh was appointed to perform the duties of the office of Chief Jus-

tion plan, the ADGP said.

September last year.

flat in west Delhi's Moti Nagar in

Two accused were arrested by

of Manipur from

3 November 2007

till elevation to

the Bench. Justice

Singh was sworn

in as an Additional

Judge of the Gauhati High Court on 17

The members of the committee include Man-

Government of India Department of Telecommmunications O/o the Controller of Communication Accounts, J&K Telecom Circle, HUDCO Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, Jammu (J&K)-180012

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No. 9-24/CCA/JK/2022-23/Pen Ada Attention DoT/BSNL Pensioners Dated: - 12.12.2022

PENSION ADALAT NOTIFICATION

A Pension Adalat will be organized by O/o Controller of Communication Accounts, J&K Telecom Circle, Jammu-180012 on 21st December 2022 for prompt & quick redressal of pensioners' grievances of DoT/BSNL Jammu & Kashmir Circle within the framework of extan pension policy/guidelines as per the schedule given below.

Aggrieved pensioners of DOT/BSNL are requested to submit their grievances/complaints, if any, mentioning therein details of their grievances/complaints, PPO No., PPO Code, Contact No. on email ccajk@nic.in & cao.penjk@nic.in / Landline number 0191-2479283.

Station	Last date of receipt of grievance/complaints	Venue	Date & Time of Pension Adalat
Jammu	20.12.2022 (05:30 PM)	O/o CCA, J&K HUDCO Bhawan Railhead Complex, Jammu-180012	21.12.2022 at 11:00 AM
			Ints Officer (Pension) K Circle Jammu-180012



UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR **OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION DIVISION**

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

For and on behalf of the University of Kashmir, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage (% age) basis from approved and eligible Civil Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/U.T/ Central Governments for the following works

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc in shape of E-Chal- lan (in Rs.)	Earnest Mon- ey in Rs.	Time and Date for Submission of E-Tender.	Date & Time of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Raising of 1 st Floor and complete Renovation of Ground Floor (Gutted Portion) of Zabarwan Guest House (Phase-3) (Part B).	20 001 200	Rs.1,100/-	Rs.79,980/-	12-12-2022 to 19-12-2022 (6.00 PM)	20-12-2022 (11.30 AM)	"AAY" & "BEE"
2.	Up-gradation/ Upliftment of VIP Rooms in Convocation Complex at Main Campus.	5.35Lacs	Rs.200/-	Rs.10,700/-	12-12-2022 to 19-12-2022 (6.00 PM)	20-12-2022 (11.30 AM)	"CEE" & "DEE"
The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the web site www.kashmiruniversity.net / www.jktenders.gov.in. NIT No: - F(E.Tend)(UCD)/KU/61/22 DIPK-NB-5532-22 Executive Engineer DATED: 12/12/22. Dt: 13-12-2022							

(R&B) DIVISION GANDERBAL

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

CIVIL WORKS

SINGLE COVER SYSTEM (upto Rs.2.50 Crores)

EE/R&B/Divn/Gbl/e-Tender Fresh NIT No.232 of 2022-23 issued under endorsement No.16215-24

Dated:13.12.2022

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:-

S.No	Name of the Work		· · ·	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class Of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	noooune	8
1.	Improvement/Upgradation of road surface and construction of drain at Gratpora/Afzal Colony Benhama under State Sector.	Rs.16.26 Lacs	Rs.800/=	Rs.32520/=	365-Days	UT Sector	CEE/BEE

Position of AAA:- Accorded.

Position of funds:- Available

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities(B.O.O), 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	13-12-2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	13/12/2022 from 5:00 PM.
3.	Bid submission Start Date	13/12/2022 from 5.00 PM.
4.	Bid Submission End Date	19/12/2022 upto 4.00 PM.
5.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids(Online)	19/12/2022 at 4:05 P.M in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal

- 2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in shape of Treasury Receipt/e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Ganderbal
- The Date of Treasury Challan and CDR must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date. Any deviation shall render the Note:bidder as Non-responsive.
- The Bidders shall upload earnest money equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering pledged in 1. favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal and 3% of the allotted cost as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG by the successful bidder pledged in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal . The Performance Security i.e. 3% shall be released after successful completion of the Defect Liability Peroid (DLP) of the work. The EMD of 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 3% Performance Security/ after award of the contract for the Work is issued.
- Note:-All bidders shall submit the uploaded Treasury Challan in Original before issuance allotment. 2.1
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on WebSite www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an 3. e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division(tender receiving authority). 4.
 - The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical
- The earnest money shall be forfeited If:-5.
- 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. a)
- Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified timelimit. b)
- Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract. C)
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process. 6(A)
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www. 6.1 iktenders.gov.into acquaint bid submission process.
- 6.2 To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)'as per information Technology Act-2000.Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form. 6.3
- 6.4 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original photocopies of documents related to 6.5 the bid be submitted physically I by registered post /through courier before the datespecifiedinPara-1.
- 6.6 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies and all other documents required as per NIT with technical bid. No document (s) which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained for technical evaluation in the form of hard copy. However in case of any clarification the bidders all have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

SPORTS



Srinagar Wushu Girl Credits **Parents For International Bronze**

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A young girl from Bemina area of Srinagar, who created history by winning a medal at World Junior Wushu Championship, Tuesday said the hard work has paid of and also expressed gratitude to her parents and coach for supporting her.

KNO, Ayeera Chisti, said she was proud of her achievement.

She revealed that her hardwork has paid of and also the support extended by her parents and coach helped her to achieve this feat.

Chisti added that children should follow their goal along Manoj Sinha and Union Minister with their studies and parents for Sports, Anurag Thakur also should also extend support to congratulated Ayeera. (KNO)

their children. Aveera's mother also expressed happiness over the achievement of her daughter and said she is very happy and has no words to express her joy. "My daughter has always made us proud and today also, she made the entire country

proud," she said. She also appealed to parents Talking to the news agency to support their children in their endeavour.

Pertinently, Ayeera reached home Tuesday morning. She was received by the officials of Sports Council at Srinagar Airport, who also visited her home later in Bemina here.

Notably, Lieutenant Governor,

The match saw a total of three

vellow card, with Azad of Sainik

Colony receiving the first in the

Bank was booked in the 40th

minute, while his team-

mate Faisal Thakur saw a

yellow in 59th minute.

Amardeep Singh (In-

ternational Player) was

Chief Guest on the oc-

casion and was accom-

panied by Ramesh Chan-

der (International Player),

Yousaf Don (Org. Secy.), Varinder

J&K Bank Seal Semi-Final Spot In Christmas Gold Cup

Observer News Service

JAMMU: In the third quarter final match of the ongoing Christmas 27th minute. Jamshed of J&K Gold Cup on Tuesday, J&K Bank defeated Sainik Colony FC 1-0 to advance into the semi-

finals of the football tournament. Bank's talismanic striker Akif OOTBALL CLU Reshi scored in the 6th minute of the match to seal the deal.

Sharma (President NGR), and vari-The match was fiercely conous others. LoneStar Kashmir FC tested as Sainik Colony boys kept is the other team that has qualione of J&K's best teams at bay. fied for the semi-finals

Moroccan World Cup 'Dream' Faces Biggest Test Against France



Agencies

DOHA: Morocco's improbable, history-making run at the World Cup is about to get its ultimate test. Africa's first World Cup semifinalist is playing defendstar striker Kylian Mbappé, the

leader of a new wave of soccer superstars coming out of an era dominated by Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo. Wednesday's match has cultural and political connotations – Morocco was under French

rule from 1912-1956 – and the outcome is far from the foregone conclusion many would presume by looking at the names of the players and the rankings of the teams. Morocco has exceeded all

expectations in Qatar by beating second-ranked Belgium in the group stage and then eliminating European powerhouses Spain and Portugal in

No African or Arab nation has ever gotten this far. It is one of the biggest stories in the World Cup's 92year history and Morocco is

not done yet. "I was asked if we can win ing champion France and its the World Cup and I said, 'Why not? We can dream, it doesn't cost you anything to have dreams," said Walid Regragui, Morocco's French-born coach. "European countries are used to

semifinals.

winning the World Cup and we have played top sides, we have not had an easy run. Anyone playing us is going to be afraid of us now.'

Morocco might have some injuries now – Aguerd and fellow center back Romain Saiss could be missing Wednesday relies on team shape and dis-

cipline more than any specific individual. "We recovered well. We have

the knockout phase to reach the get good news. No one is ruled things up even more. (AP)

out and no one is for certain," Regragui told reporters on Tuesday. "We'll use the best team possible."

"We're going to fight to move on, for the African nations, for the Arab world," he said.

said defender Regragui Achraf Hakimi is looking forward to a "nice duel" with Mbappé, his teammate at Paris Saint-Germain, but added that France doesn't just depend on its star player.

"Well have to block Kylian, but not just him. Hakimi is super motivated to beat his friend." he said. The key to winning the game,

he said, will be Morocco's "team spirit" and the support of the crowd at Al Bayt Stadium, where French President Em-- but Regragui's game plan manuel Macron is set to be in attendance along with tens of thousands of green-and-redclad Morocco fans. It will feel like a home game for Morocgood doctors and every day we co's players, which might level

Cycle Polo National Trials Today

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A press release from J&K Cycle Polo Association stated that the association is conducting selection trials for the upcoming Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior (Boys) National Cycle Polo Championship 2021-22 at Gindun Ground, Raj Bagh, Srinagar on Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 11 am.

"Eligible players from affiliated districts units and interested players are asked to come along with two passport size photograph, Aadhaar Card Xerox, age proof & Physical Fitness Certificate for the trials. For more information please contact 7006294963, 7006919285," the statement concluded.

Test Of Rahul's Captaincy As India Face Bangladesh In 1st Test



Press Trust of India

CHATTOGRAM: KL Rahul's tactical acumen will be tested along with his batting prowess when a depleted Indian team clashes with a tricky Bangladesh in the highstakes two-match series. the result of which will have an impact on India's chances for the World Test Championship final qualification. India are currently fourth in

the WTC table behind Australia, South Africa and Sri Lanka. The only way of qualifying for the final in June is to straightaway win both the Tests against Bangla-

desh and then all four at home against Pat Cummins' Australia to eliminate any ifs and buts. The journey starts at the Za-

hoor Ahmed Stadium, which has traditionally favoured the batters but also offers some turn towards the business end of the match. The visitors will start as over-

whelming favourites in Test format, in which the Bangladesh is yet to beat India but the absence of Rohit Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami and Ravindra Jadeja could hurt the side.

Jadeja's absence on these kind of tracks always puts Indian team on the back-foot especially when the opposition team is batting in the third innings or fourth innings. Jadeja-Ashwin duo, at least against lesser Test nations on sub-continental tracks could be lethal but Axar Patel has done his hard yards over the past two seasons as the second choice left-arm spinner.

As many as 10 Indian players, if all are fit, select themselves in the playing XI and the most important call that the two Rahuls skipper KL and head coach Dravid -- need to make is about the fifth specialist bowler -- a third pacer or a third spinner.

Whether India will field a third choice specialist spinner in wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav or slow left-arm orthodox Saurabh Kumar is there to be seen.

Saurabh, who has been a star performer for India A team in the recently concluded two-Test series against Bangladesh A with 15 wickets, would feel that he has made his case for a Test Cap in at least one of the two games.



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