

A Silent Killer: Health Experts Sound Alarm On Use Of Gas Heaters

Auqib Javed

Srinagar: The health experts have flagged concern over the life threatening risks posed by increased and incessant use of gas heaters by people in Kashmir Valley to beat the nail biting cold this winter.

The medical experts in the valley maintained that the gas heaters are the "silent killers" with a number of patients turning up to the hospital for respiratory issues.

They said that the carbon monoxide is invisible, odourless, colourless and tasteless gas, so is difficult to detect.

"The unvented gas heaters are hazards and deprive the body of oxygen," Dr Nisar ul Hassan, President, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) told Kashmir Observer. "It causes silent death because you can neither smell it nor taste or see it."

He said that there are emissions of carbon monoxide which are fatal for human beings and



have, in fact, led to several fatalities in the Valley. He further said that the carbon monoxide

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forms a bond with haemoglobin which leads to blockage of oxygen delivery to the tissues.

"Once the delivery of oxygen is hampered—resulting in tissue anoxia—thus the sudden death," Dr. Nisar added.

Another pulmonologist from Shri Maharaja Hari Singh (SMHS) hospital said that the emissions from the gas heaters get dissolved into the blood which decreases the capacity of red blood cells to carry oxygen.

Kashmir is currently going through the hardest winter period of 40 days known as 'Chilla-Kalan'. The minimum

temperature of Kashmir is still below freezing point and has just risen by a few notches.

The summer capital—Srinagar on Thursday night recorded a low of minus 6.4 degrees Celsius against minus 5.2 degrees Celsius the night before.

With non-availability of coal and wood for the traditional Hamam, the people use more electric heating and gas appliances in the winters. At the same time, the sale of heating gadgets in the Valley has picked-up. **More on P6**

Search Operation Enters 5th Day In Rajouri

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: An anti-militancy operation here entered its fifth consecutive day in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Friday, a senior police officer said.

Security forces will soon neutralise the terrorists involved in twin terror attacks in which 6 people, including two children, were killed and 15 others were injured in Dhagri village, he said.

The operation is being conducted jointly by the army, Jammu and Kashmir police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), officials said. Security forces continued the operation in more than a dozen villages of the Rajouri district that fall in the jurisdiction of Rajouri, Kandi, Budhal and Kalakote police stations, they said, adding that the security apparatus in the district has been put on high alert.

Police have questioned 14 persons in connection with terror attacks, the sources said.

Senior Superintendent of Police Rajouri, **More on P6**

Kashmir Braces For Wet Spell Beginning Today

2 Back-To-Back Western Disturbances To Bring Rain, Snowfall, Says Met Office



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Agencies

Srinagar: With two back-to-back Western Disturbances "mostly likely" affecting Jammu and Kashmir from January 7 evening, meteorological department on Friday forecast light to moderate snowfall in

Jammu and Kashmir for nearly seven days beginning Saturday. "Two back to back Western Disturbances (are) most likely to affect J&K and adjoining from 7th January (evening)," a meteorological department official said, adding, "Under The influence of the 1st WD 7th (evening)

to 9th January (afternoon), weather is likely to be cloudy with possibility of light snow over higher reaches during 7th night and light rain/snow over plains of J&K and light to moderate snow in middle and higher reaches during January 8th/9th." **More on P6**

Health Dept Asks Staff To Gear Up

Director Health Services Kashmir on Friday directed all Chief Medical Officers, Medical Superintendents and Block Medical Officers to mobilize and gear up all the resources in view of the prediction of snow, so that the patients are managed properly and referrals are avoided. "In view of prediction of snow in valley notified by the Meteorological Department, all the Chief Medical Officers/ Medical Superintendents & Block Medical Officers are hereby enjoined upon to mobilize & gear-up all the resources in terms of Doctors, Paramedics, availability of drugs in sufficient quantity, readiness of fleet of Ambulances, ensuring power backup, Setting-up of Control Rooms at District as well as at the level of Sub District Hospitals **More on P6**

Youth Most Powerful Driver For 21st Century Change: LG

Asks Youth To Recognize Their Unique Potential And Contribute Towards Nation Building

Observer News Service

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Friday that youth is the most powerful driver for change in the 21st century and they will play a crucial role in equitable development & transformation of the society.

"The Amrit Kaal Khand is the opportune moment to build a powerful and self-reliant India by strengthening the cultural and social unity of the country. The onus to achieve this goal and ensure the welfare of humanity rests on the shoulders of our youth," Sinha said.



He made these remarks during the inauguration of Amrit Yuva Kalotsav, a cultural festival organised by Sangeet Natak Akademi to mark 75 years of India's independence. The event **More on P6**

'Making Efforts To Protect Farmers Interest'

The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Friday that his administration is making committed efforts to protect the interest of farmers, to bring prosperity to farm and to their homes, and to instil self-respect in more than 13 lakh farmer families **More on P6**

6 OUR COLLECTIVE RESOLVE FOR THE CULTURAL JOURNEY of the next 25 years is to re-establish the glory of India on the world stage. Youth energy, national unity and self-reliant society will play a crucial role in realizing this resolution."

Govt Overhauls Police Dept, 74 Officers Transferred

15 IPS Officers Of AGMUT Cadre Among Those Shifted

Observer News Service

Srinagar- The Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday ordered a major reshuffle in the police department with 74 officers transferred in the interest of the administration with immediate effect.

According to a government order, Garib Dass, IPS (AGMUT: 1997), Commissioner Civil Military Liaison, holding additional charge of Director SKPA, has been transferred and posted as Director SKPA, Udhampur, against an available vacancy. Vivek Gupta, IPS (AGMUT: 2007), DIG Traffic, Jammu,

holding additional Charge of DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range, has been transferred and posted as DIG North Kashmir Range, Baramulla, vice Udayabhaskar Billa (AGMUT: 2008), IPS, who has been relieved with immediate effect to join his new assignment at the Centre as Deputy Inspector General in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), on deputation basis, for a period of 05 years with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier, in pursuance of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, order dated 26.12.2022.

Imtiaz Ismail Parray (AGMUT: 2009), IPS, Commandant IRP-8 Bn has been **More on P6**

Azad Loyalists Switch Sides, Return To Cong

Tara Chand, Peerzada Sayeed Among 17 Leaders Rejoin Grand Old Party In New Delhi

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Seventeen former leaders of the Democratic Azad Party (DAP), including ex-deputy chief minister Tara Chand and ex-PCC chief Peerzada Mohammad Sayeed, on Friday returned to the Congress fold and were welcomed back by the party which said they were on a "leave of two months".

AICC general secretary K C Venugopal welcomed the leaders, saying it was a happy day for



the party as they were returning back to their home ahead of the Bharat Jodo Yatra which will enter Jammu and Kashmir after two weeks.

"The Bharat Jodo Yatra has become a big movement in

the country and that is why all these leaders have decided to come back to the Congress fold," he told reporters.

"This is only a beginning and when the Yatra is entering Jammu and **More on P6**

Not A Setback For DPAP: Azad



The leaders from Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) returning to the Congress fold was not a setback for the newly formed party, its chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad said on Friday, and wished his old colleagues well. **More on P6**

Govt Orders Restructuring Of R&B Department

Among Others Creates 782 Posts By Corresponding Reduction Of 1182 Posts

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Government on Friday ordered restructuring of Public Works (R&B) Department by way of re-organisation of cadre and rationalization of jurisdiction of its subordinate and field offices by making them co-terminus with territorial limits of divisions, districts and blocks of the Jammu and Kashmir.

According to a government order, Development Commissioner Works (Ex-officio Secretary Tech. R&B Department) has been re-designated as Engineer-in-Chief (Secretary Technical R&B Department), Mechanical Engineering Department Jammu and

Kashmir has been renamed as Mechanical and Hospital Directorate J/K respectively.

"The post of Chief Engineer, DIQC shall be filled from Civil Wing of PW(R&B) henceforth instead of Hydraulic Wing."

Also, one post each of Chief Engineer Mechanical Wing and Chief Engineer Mughal Road Project is transferred to Civil Wing.

The government also ordered conversion of three posts of Chief Engineers of SKUAST- Kashmir(01), SKUAST-Jammu(01) and SKIMS Soura(01) from deputation post to duty post by abolishing these posts from the concerned subsumed/merged engineering wings of departments. Mechanical **More on P6**

Despite being geographically distant from Kashmir how Kashmiris in West maintain cultural, social, and emotional linkages with their homeland. Tune-in to latest KO podcast

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4 Out Of 5 Glaciers May Be Lost By 2100: Study

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Over 80 per cent, or 4 out of every 5 glaciers by number, could well disappear by the end of this century, if fossil fuel use continues unabated, according to a study.

The findings showed that the world could lose as much as 41 percent of its total glacier mass this century - or as little as 26 percent - depending on today's climate change mitigation efforts.

Assistant Professor David Rounce of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University, US, led an international effort to produce new projections of glacier mass loss through the century under different emissions scenarios, according to the study.

The projections were aggregated into global temperature change scenarios to support adaptation and mitigation discussions, such as those at the United Nations Conference of Parties (COP 27), held in Egypt, the study said.

Even in a best-case, low-emissions scenario, where the increase in global mean tempera-

ture is limited to +1.5 degrees Celsius relative to pre-industrial levels, over 25 per cent of glacial mass will be gone and nearly 50 per cent of glaciers by number are projected to disappear, the study said.

A majority of these lost glaciers are small (less than one sq km) by glacial standards, but their loss can negatively impact local hydrology, tourism, glacier hazards, and cultural values, the study said.

Rounce's work provided better context for regional glacier modelling, and he hoped it will spur climate policymakers to lower temperature change goals beyond the 2.7 degree Celsius mark that pledges from COP-26, held in Glasgow, UK are projected to hit.

Smaller glacial regions like Central Europe and Western Canada and the US will be disproportionately affected by temperatures rising more than 2 degrees Celsius C. At a 3 degrees Celsius rise, glaciers in these regions almost disappear completely, the study said.

Rounce noted that the way in which glaciers respond to changes in climate takes a long time.

He described the glaciers as extremely



slow-moving rivers.

Cutting emissions today will not remove previously emitted greenhouse gasses, nor can it instantly halt the inertia they contribute to

climate change, meaning even a complete halt to emissions would still take between 30 and 100 years to be reflected in glacier mass loss rates, the study said.

Many processes govern how glaciers lose mass and Rounce's study advances how models account for different types of glaciers, including tidewater and debris-covered glaciers, the study said.

Tidewater glaciers refer to glaciers that terminate in the ocean, which causes them to lose a lot of mass at this interface. Debris-covered glaciers refer to glaciers that are covered by sand, rocks, and boulders.

Prior work by Rounce has shown that the thickness and distribution of debris cover can have a positive or negative effect on glacial melt rates across an entire region, depending on the debris thickness.

In his newest work, he found that accounting for these processes had relatively little impact on the global glacier projections, but substantial differences in mass loss were found when analyzing individual glaciers.

The model is also calibrated with an unprecedented amount of data, including individual mass change observations for every glacier, which provide a more complete and detailed picture of glacier mass change, the study said.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIVISION ANANTNAG

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS Notice Inviting E-Tenders-NIT No.31 of 2022-23

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K U.T, e-tenders on percentage basis are invited in Single cover system from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K U.T Govt. for the following works:-

S. NO.	NAME OF WORK	Estt Cost (Rs in lacs)	Earnest Money (EMD) Rs	Time for completion	Class of Contract	Cost of Tender document (Rs)	Major Head of Account	Tender opening authority
1	Const. of Escape/Escape channel on upstream side of tube syphon of Beora Canal for balance work	8.75	27000	14 days	CEE/DEE	300/-	4702 District Capex	Ex. Engineer

1. The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (BOQ) set to terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from:-

1.	Publishing date	05.01.2023	04.00 PM
2.	Download Date Starts	05.01.2023	04.00 PM
3.	BID Submission Date Starts	05.01.2023	04.00 PM
4.	BID Submission Date Ends	13.01.2023	06.00 PM
5.	Date of opening of tenders	14.01.2023	10:00 AM

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website www.jktenders.gov.in and The bids uploaded shall be opened online on above mentioned date by the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Anantnag in presence of the bidders who may wish to be present. In case of holiday or office happening to be closed on the basis of opening of the bid, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

1. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies (on 100dpi) of all necessary documents like Cost of Tender document in the form of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Anantnag / latest GST clearance certificate / Registration card duly renewed along with Verification/BID Security in the form of EMD as per above. The date of CDR/FDR/BG should be between the date of start of bid and bid submission end date. After opening of tenders online, the 1st lowest bidder shall be asked to deposit the CDR/FDR pledged to tender receiving authority and other documents in original. The CDR/FDR and other documents in original shall be deposited within two days positively after opening of tenders. The EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR of the successful bidder will be retained as performance security deposit till expiry of defect liability period, whereas the EMD of unsuccessful bidders will be returned latest by 30 days after award of the contract. The check list of documents for cover 1st is attached with the NIT & bidders are advised to recheck the uploaded documents as per the Check list.

1. In case the bid of the tenders is unbalanced, the bidder has to upload additional performance security deposit in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG as per the breakup given below failing which the tender shall be rejected. The date of CDR/FDR/BG should be between the date of start of bid and bid submission end date.

S.No	Percentage of unbalanced bid viz. Quoted percentage on BOQ.	Additional Performance Security
01.	Upto and including 15% Below	Nil
02.	> 15% upto and including 20% Below	5% of Advertised Cost
03.	> 20% upto and including 25% Below	10% of Advertised Cost
04.	> 25% upto and including 30% Below	15% of Advertised Cost
05.	> 30% Below	20% of Advertised Cost

3. Contractor / Bidder who fails to submit the CDR/FDR / Treasury Challans as required, there EMD will be forfeited besides they will be barred/prohibited from participating in the Tendering process for a period of Six Months (06 Months) in the first instance. Their online uploaded tenders will not be considered for the said period.

4. Contractor who shall be allotted the work has to start the work within the stipulated time period after the date of allotment as the work is of very important nature.

5. The department shall not be responsible for delay in online submission of bids due to any reason what so ever.

6. The tenders shall remain valid for 90 days. (Ninety Days)

7. As soon as the contract is fixed with the successful bidder, he has to enter into an agreement with the department.

8. The earned money shall be forfeited if:-

a. Any bidder withdraws his bid during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in terms & condition of the bid.

b. The successful bidder fails to execute an agreement with the department within 10 days after fixation of contract.

9. The tender opening authority reserves the right to accept/reject the bid without assigning any reason thereof.

10. The work is to be completed within the time limit specified in the NIT. In case of delay in completion of work due to contractors fault beyond stipulated time of completion the contractor shall be liable to pay liquidated damages at the rate of 0.5 % of the contract value (half percent) per week of delay. However, such liquidated damages shall not exceed 10% of the total contract value of the item, or a part thereof, delayed.

11. No price escalation will be paid for completion of the work within stipulated time or extended date of completion due to any reason whatsoever.

12. Retention money/Security deposit shall be 10% of the contract value. The Security Deposit is to be recovered at the rate of 10% of bill amount from Running Account Bills and shall be released after completion of the defect liability period i.e; 06 months after the issuance of completion certificate by the Engineer-in-Charge.

13. All items of works shall conform to Specifications as per Relevant IS codes and as directed by the Engineer-in-Charge.

14. The contractor shall be solely responsible for carrying out the mandatory tests required or as decided by Engineer-in-charge for the quality control at his own costs. The cost of conducting all tests shall be borne by the contractor and shall be deemed to have been included in the quoted percentage rate tendered. Nothing extra shall be payable on this account.

15. In case of tie for the position of 1st lowest bidder the bids should be out rightly rejected and the work shall be put to fresh tenders.

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

17. The contract shall be terminated. In case contractor fails to start/complete the work, within the stipulated time period, his CDR/Earnest Money/additional performance deposit shall be forfeited after termination of the contract. Besides, defaulting contractor shall be barred/Prohibited from taking part in future tendering process in Irrigation Department at least for Six Months

18. The employer may terminate the contract if the contractor causes a fundamental breach of the contract. The fundamental breach of contract will include:-

a) Continuous stoppage of Work for a period of 07 days without authorization of Engineer in-charge.

b) The contractor fails to start/complete the work, within the stipulated time period.

Pursuant to the process of termination of defaulted contract, the employer reserves the right to invite fresh tender for the balance work at the risk and cost of defaulter contractor. Besides, his Performance Security/Retention Money shall be forfeited after termination of the contract and defaulting contractor shall be debarred from taking works in Irrigation Department at least for one year.

19. Any kind of damage which may occur to any work during the course of execution due to torrential rains/heavy snow fall/cyclone/floods etc. shall be the responsibility of the bidder till the work is finally handed-over to the Department.

20. The taxes viz. Income tax, GST & Cess shall be deducted from the bidders' claims as admissible under rules.

21. The bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities). In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling percentage rate inclusive of all taxes & it should be saved with the same name as it contains.

22. Instructions to Bidders:-

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

b) To participate in bidding process bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per information Technology Act 2008.

c) Bidders can get Digital Signature certificate from approved vendors.

d) The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No financial bids will be accepted in Physical form.

e) Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents like PAN/TIN/ E-Chalan/ Tenderers Address Format / Registration Card fully renewed.

f) The unit rates & prices quoted by the bidder shall be entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of work unless otherwise specified.

23. The payment shall be made only after the funds are received on this account from higher authorities under Major Head of Account as shown against each.

24. Photographic evidence during, before and after the execution of work is a must and shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor.

26 Other terms & conditions shall be the same as laid down in the PWD Form-25.

Remittance Head-0702

Position of AAA:- (i) Accorded Vide AAA No.263 DDCA of 2021 Dated 06-09-2021.

Position of TS:- (i) Accorded vide TS No.21 DB of 2022 Dated 05-01-2023.

Position of Funds:- Available

No.IDA/6142-64

DIPK-16073/22

Dated:-06-12-2022

Executive Engineer,
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Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir (UT) OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECHANICAL DIVISION SOUTH AWANTIPORA Tele/fax: 01933/295537; Email Id: xenphemechsouthawp@gmail.com

EXTENSION NOTICE

Subject: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of electro-mechanical equipments at various water supply schemes of Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora under JJM.

References: This Office ENIT No.: 70 of 2022-23 Dated: 16-11-2022 issued vide No.: JSD/ MDSA/3692-3707 Dated: 16/11/2022.

Due to No response of the works figuring at S No. 04 & 07 of eNIT 70 of 2022-23, the date of downloading/uploading of the bids of these works is hereby extended upto 13/01/2023 (04:00 pm) and the opening date of the Technical Bid is 14/01/2023 (01:00 pm). Other terms and conditions of the ENIT's remain same.

No:- JSD/PHE/MDSA/4584-86

DIPK-16050/22 Dated: 06/01/2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Division
South Awantipora

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Directorate of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Kashmir

Sub: Appointment of candidates as depot Assistant (MTS) in food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department Kashmir Under Hon'ble Prime Minister's Special package for Kashmiri Migrants and Non-Migrants Kashmiri Pandits

Ref: 1. Administrative Department's letter No. FCS&CA/Estt/69/219 Dated 15-10-2021
2. Administrative Department's letter No: FCS&CA / Adm/58/71677/2021-09 dated 07-07-2022
3. SSP/Dy. Superintendent of Police (Hqrs) for Special DG CID J&K Form No 3890 dated 02-12-2022

Order No: 617 – DFCS&CAK Of 2023
Dated: 05-01-2023

Consequent upon non joining of candidates/non-submission of verification rolls by candidates of the selection/waiting list within the stipulated time period recommendations made by J&K Service Selection Board Communicated vide their letter no. SSB/Secy/Sel/2021/7046-53 dated 14.10.2021 read with Administrative Depart referred to above and subsequent receipt of satisfactory Character/ Antecedents VERIFICATION report from Criminal Investigation Department J&K vide letter referred to above sanction is hereby accorded to the temporary appointment of Mr. Zaker Ali S/o Parvez Ahmed R/o Anantnag in ST category of the waiting list as Depot Assistant (Multitasking staff) carrying substantive pay level of Rs. 14800-47100 (SL-1) under Hon'ble Prime Minister special Package for Kashmiri Migrants and Non-Migrant Kashmiri Pandits.

The appointment of the appointee shall be subject to the following conditions:-

- That the emoluments of the appointee shall be governed under S.O 194 dated 17.06.2020 as extended vide government order No. 586 JK GAD of 2021 dated 17.07.2021.
- That the appointee shall give an undertaking in the shape of an affidavit to the effect that if on verification, genuineness of the qualification, migrant, domicile and category (if any) certificates from the concerned issuing authority are found fake/forged, the claim of the appointee for appointment shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio.
- The salary of the appointee shall be drawn and disbursed by the concerned Drawing and Disbursing Officer after receipt of satisfactory report in respect of documents as mentioned at (b).
- The in-terse-seniority of the appointee shall be as per the order as it exist in the selection list as communicated by J&K Service Selection Board.
- The appointment and other terms and conditions shall be governed by SRO 412 of 2009 dated 30.12.2009 issued by Revenue Department.
- The appointment of the candidate shall be governed by the " New Pension Scheme" notified vide SRO-400 of 2009 dated 24.12.2009
- The appointment is subject to the outcome of any writ petitions (s), if any pending before any court of competent jurisdiction.

The Appointee shall report to the Assistant Director Anantnag Food, civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Kashmir and shall be allowed to join only on production of the following documents / certificates in original) wherever applicable to be verified subsequently:

- Academic Qualification Certificate(s).
- Date of Birth Certificate.
- Domicile Certificate.
- Health Certificate from the concerned Chief Medical Officer.
- No loan certificate under Self Employment Scheme from DIC Concerned and Employment Department.
- Migrant certificate
- Non-Migrant Certificate (For Non-Migrant Kashmiri concerned Revenue authority
- Category certificate

In case the appointee fails to join within a period of 21 (Twenty One) days from the date of issuance of this order he shall forfeit his right and his appointment shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio without any further notice as per Circular No. 8-KJ (GAD) of 2019 dated 04-12-2019 issued by General Administration Department.

NO: DFCS&CAK/ADM/B-X-25/PMP

DIPK-16068/22 DATED: 06-01-2023

Director Food Civil Supplies & CA
Deptt, Kashmir

PUBLIC NOTICE

My mother's name has been wrongly written in my 09th class registration card as Zareena while her correct name is Haseena which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Government High School Dhoowan within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Adil Ahmad Wani
S/o Sonaulah Wani
R/o Lalpora Tehsil Kunzer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My mother's name has been wrongly written in my 11th class registration card as Zareena while her correct name is Haseena which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Government Higher Secondary School Kunzer within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Adil Ahmad Wani
S/o Sonaulah Wani
R/o Lalpora Tehsil Kunzer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Father name has been wrongly written in our school records as Shahnawaz Ahmad Dar while his correct name is Shahnaz Ahmad Dar which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Mohammadia High School Kunzer within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Aabiroo Jan & Aayat Jan
Ds/o Shahnaz Ahmad Dar

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost the Number Plate of my Motorcycle (Pulsar) bearing regd no: JK01AG 0740. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if any body having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned Police Station within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mohammad Yaqoob Sheikh
R/o Yayil Wanbal Srinagar

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SAD DEMISE

With profound grief and sorrow it is informed that W/O Ghulam Mohammad Pandit R/O inside Kathi Darwaza, Near Sultan ul Arfeen School has left heavenly abode on 6th January 2023 (Friday). The congregational Fateha Khawani shall be observed on 8th January 2023 (Sunday) 10.30 Am at graveyard Kastoore Pendi Near Botraj Colony, Srinagar. May Almighty Allah grant Jannat-ul Firdous to the departed soul.

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“80 Percent Work On Dog Sterilization Facility At Tengpora Complete”

Agencies

Srinagar: Srinagar Municipal Corporation Commissioner Athar Amir Khan on Friday said that around 80 percent work has been completed on dog sterilisation facility in Tengpora area of Srinagar.

Talking to reporters, Khan said the Corporation was working hard to control the dog population in the City and for that several initiatives have been taken.

He said they have constructed two more dog sterilisation facilities, one is at

Tengpora, which is 80 percent complete and another is at Chatarhama.

“We are trying to build more capacity of sterilisation facilities to control dog birth and we are also working with some NGOs in this regard so that the dog population is controlled in the city,” he said.

He said they are also trying to reduce and remove bins and dumpsters across the city, where stray dogs and animals gather and for this they have launched a door-to-door campaign to provide bins to every household—(KNO)

Directorate Of Handicrafts & Handloom, Rolls Out 8 Online Services

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Director Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir on Friday launched 08 online Services for the artisans, weavers, trainees and other stakeholders. These services are integrated with the Single window system, with aim to provide all Handicrafts and handloom services under “One Umbrella-Single Window System”.

The purpose of this system is to facilitate the artisans and other stakeholders to get digital clearances and other benefits in a time bound manner. The department of Handicrafts & Handlooms, Kashmir in this regard had already conducted a capacity building program for the employees of the department to ensure a complete paperless process.

The department on Friday registered the Kani-Shawl artisans who are the trainees of the department and generated their artisan cards online. It was directed that now onwards all the trainees will be imparted a separate training with regard to the single window system so that they are fully

ly aware of how to use and avail benefits using the on-line platform.

Mahmood Shah, Director Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir on this occasion said, “the move is aimed to improve ease of doing business and to facilitate stakeholders without any hassle”. The Director also directed all the district offices to ensure that all the applications must be processed in a time bound manner and emphasized more on strengthening and transparency of the system.

These services are also integrated with the Rapid Assessment system (RAS). The purpose of the RAS interface is to enable the citizens to provide prompt feedback about the quality of service after the citizen avails an e-Service of the Government. The analytic features of the RAS help integrated departments in system improvement and better delivery of services.

A dedicated Grievance Redressal Cell (GRC) with the aim to look into the complaints and grievances lodged by any stakeholder and redress it as per requirement within the stipulated time has also been set up.

Police Arrests Drug Peddler In City

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Police on Friday arrested a drug peddler from the city's Lasjan locality. The drug peddler has been identified as Bilal Ahmad Mir S/O Ghulam Qadir. Police have filed a Fir in this regard. F.I.R. No 02/2023 under NDPS Act has been registered at Rajbagh Police station & investigation has

been started.

“One drug peddler namely Bilal Ah Mir S/o Gh Qadir Mir R/o Lasjan, Srinagar arrested. 90 grams of heroin, proceeds of drugs (cash), injection syringes & mobile phones used for drug trade recovered. Fir No 02/2023 under NDPS Act registered at Rajbagh PS & investigation started” Srinagar Police tweeted on its official handle.

'All Programs Offered By IGNOU Recognized By UGC'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A day after the School Education Department clarified that the Postgraduate degrees in science stream obtained via distance mode won't be considered valid, IGNOU regional center Srinagar Friday defied it saying that all the Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates are duly recognized by UGC.

Regional Director Dr. Shahnawaz Ahmad Dar said, “All the programs offered by IGNOU including the MSCENV are duly recognized by UGC and in terms of the decision taken by UGC in its 550th meeting.”

Dar said, “The UGC has exempted IGNOU from applicability of UGC (Open and Distance Learning programs and Online Programs) Regulations, 2020 from aca-

ademic session 2020-2021 and onwards.”

“Further, all the Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates awarded by IGNOU are recognized by all the member institutions of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and are at par with the

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corresponding Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates issued by all Indian or Deemed Universities or Institutions,” he said.

The regional director further said that IGNOU offers two programs in Environmental studies viz Masters of Science in Environmental and Master of Arts in Environmental Studies.

“The Masters of Sci-

ence program is having a lab course of 4-credits in the first three semesters and dissertation or project of 8-credit course in fourth semester as compulsory courses to complete the degree,” he said.

Dar said, “The news regarding questioning

the validity of Degrees obtained in Masters of Science from IGNOU by some newspapers is factually wrong, incorrect and misleading.”

A day before the School Education Department said that Post Graduate degrees obtained through distance mode in Science Stream would not be considered valid for seniority and promotion purposes.



Due to the dip in temperature, parts of Dal Lake remain frozen. KO Photo Abid Bhat

DC Chairs District Level Bankers Review Committee Meeting

‘Rs 1398.43 Cr disbursed among 37590 sanctioned cases generating self-employment for 87000 youth’

Observer News Service

Srinagar: To review the performance of the Banks and other Financial Institutions under various Government initiatives and sponsored schemes, a meeting of District Level Review Committee/ District Consultative Committee (DLRC/DCC) was held Friday under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammed Aijaz Asad.

Besides, Additional District Development Commissioner, Srinagar, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, the meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, Lead District Officer, RBI, Lead District Manager Srinagar, DDM NABARD and Officers from Employment, Handicrafts, Horticulture, Agriculture, Animal & Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries and other concerned Departments. Besides, senior Officers of J&K Bank, SBI, PNB, HDFC and other sponsoring agencies operating in Srinagar.

On the occasion, the DC was apprised that an amount of Rs 1398.43 crore was disbursed among 37590 sanctioned cases in Srinagar District under different self-employment schemes thereby generating self-employment opportunities for over 87000 unemployed youth of the District during last 3 quarters.

The DC was informed that as many as 1184 unemployed youth/ beneficiaries were provided financial support to the tune of Rs 39.18 crore to establish their income generating units to earn livelihood under different self-employment schemes during Back to village-4 and My town My Pride-2.0 programmes.

Giving details, it was informed that under the recently organized Back to Village-4.0 programme of the Government held

from October 10 to November 03, 2022, as many as 522 cases were sanctioned with disbursement of Rs 18.37 crore.

Similarly, under the My Town My Pride (MTMP-2.0) programme organized from November 28 to December 06, 2022, an amount of Rs 20.81 crore was disbursed among 516 unemployed youth of the City for establishing income generating units under different self-employment schemes.

With regard to Nationwide Intensive Awareness Campaign of RBI held in the month of November, 2022, the DC was informed that as many as 429 awareness camps were organized by different Banks operating in Srinagar District to enhance the level of financial education and awareness regarding frauds amongst the customers and complaint redressal mechanism like Internal Grievances Redress (IGR) as well as Alternative Grievance Redress (AGR) mechanism of RBI.

While reviewing the Bank wise movement of CD Ratio in the District, the DC was informed that total Deposits of the District Srinagar stood at Rs 32388.42 Crore and Advance at Rs 21979.58 Crore constitute 67.9 percent CD Ratio in quarter ended in September, 2022.

Besides, Banks operating in Srinagar have disbursed Rs. 3147.47 crore among 70111 beneficiaries under Annual Credit Plan for financial year 2022-2023, which includes Rs 835.51 Crore under priority sector and Rs 2311.95 Crore in non-priority sector.

The DC was further apprised that under Prime Ministers Mudra Yojna(PMMY) Scheme Banks operating in Srinagar have disbursed Rs 389.72 crore among 12231 beneficiaries of the District as of November 30, 2022.

Under the Pradhan Man-

tri Employment Generation programme (PMEGP), a total 1583 cases were sanctioned and an amount of Rs 82.73 crore were sanctioned among beneficiaries.

Similarly, giving overview of Credit Disbursement through different schemes, the Lead District Bank Manager, Abdul Majid apprised the chair that under Pradhan Mantri SVANI-DHI schemes Rs 7.07 crore were disbursed among 5953 registered Street Vendors in the District under which Urban Street Vendors are eligible to avail a loan of Rs 10000 with tenure of one year with interest subsidy of 7 percent for handholding of youth.

With regard to implementation of Nation Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM), a total 212 cases were sanctioned with disbursement of Rs. 3.45 crore among the beneficiaries in the District.

While reviewing performance under Mission Youth schemes, for providing self-employment, the DC was informed that under the MUMKIN scheme, a total 245 cases have been sanctioned so far involving an amount of Rs 17.36 crore.

Similarly, under TEJASWINI scheme 97 cases have been sanctioned with an Amount of Rs 4.79 crore

The Chair was also informed that as many as 116860 beneficiaries have been enrolled under different Social Security Schemes. Under Atal Pension Yojna 7025 beneficiaries have been registered, similarly under PM Jyoti Jewan Bima Yojana 29071 beneficiaries and 80764 beneficiaries were enrolled under PM Suraksha Bima Yojna in Srinagar District. It was also revealed that over 70 Financial Literacy Camps were organized by FLC Centre Srinagar including 20 Digital Literacy Camps.

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Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
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This Day In History

- 754 Pope Stefanus II arrives in Ponthion
- 1325 - Afonso IV succeeds Dionysius as King of Portugal
- 1558 - Calais, last English possession in France, retaken by French
- 1579 - England signs an offensive & defensive alliance with Netherland
- 1610 - Galileo Galilei discovers the first three moons of Jupiter: Io, Europa & Ganymede
- 1618 - Francis Bacon becomes Lord Chancellor of England
- 1622 - Germany & Transylvania sign Peace of Nikolsburg
- 1698 - Russian Tsar Peter the Great departs Netherlands for England
- 1790 - French Revolution: A major riot breaks out in Versailles as people demand lower bread prices
- 1822 - Liberia colonized by Americans
- 1904 - Marconi Co establishes "CQD" as 1st international radio distress signal
- 1915 - World War I: Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm approves strategic bombing of Britain, but forbids bombing London, fearing his relatives in the royal family might be killed
- 1922 - The Anglo-Irish Treaty is ratified by Dail Eireann by a 64-57 vote
- 1935 - French Foreign minister Pierre Laval and Benito Mussolini sign the Franco-Italian Agreement
- 1940 - Winter War: The Finish 9th Division defeats the Soviet forces on the Raate-Suomussalmi road despite being significantly outnumbered
- 1941 - Chinese Kuomintang forces under orders from Chiang Kai-shek open fire on the surrounded Communist New Fourth Army at Maolin, Anhui Province, killing or capturing 7,000 troops
- 1942 - WW II siege of Bataan starts
- 1944 - US Air Force announces production of 1st US jet fighter, the Bell P-59
- 1945 - Lord Haw-Haw (William Joyce) reports total German victory in the Ardennes

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Delete Sindh Add Kashmir To ‘Jan Gan Man’?

Supreme Court Serves Notice To Government On National Anthem

Agencies

NEW DELHI- The Supreme Court Thursday sought the government's response to a petition seeking the deletion of the word "Sindh", now a part of Pakistan from India's national anthem and replace it with the word "Kashmir".

A bench comprising Chief Justice R. C. Lahoti and Judge G.P. Mathur issued notice to the government in response to public interest litigation filed by Sanjeev Bhatnagar, a scientist and speed skating champion who represented India in the Asian Games.

In September, the court while rejecting his plea had given the petitioner the liberty to draw the government's attention to this and then approach the court if no action was taken.

According to the petitioner, who is also an advocate, approached the court stating that the inclusion of the word Sindh in the national anthem was an infringement on the sovereignty of Pakistan.

The inclusion of the word in the anthem for the past 54 years had also hurt the feelings of over one billion people in India, he claimed.

Bhatnagar said the petition was being filed to avoid any future international dispute as such "flaws" in the anthem could bring dishonour and disrespect to the nation.

He sought a direction for the deletion of the word Sindh from the anthem and its substitution with the word Kashmir.

In response to his representation, the home ministry replied the anthem was adopted by the Constituent Assembly Jan 24, 1950. At that time, Sindh had become a part of Pakistan and therefore the assembly was conscious of this fact.

"The word Sindh refers not mere to the province of Sindh but also to the Sindh culture which is an inalienable part of the rich and diverse culture of India," the home ministry said.

"Moreover, the contribution of Sindh people in the making of modern India has been extremely noteworthy and cannot be overlooked. It may not therefore be appropriate to delete the word Sindh from the national anthem.

"Former deputy prime minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Advani is a member of the Sindh community.

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Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

Whereas Mr. Asaf Rasool Kanue, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated **03-09-2022** thereby calling upon the Borrower namely **Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Pampori S/o Haji Abdul Gani, Mrs. Fahmida W/o Mohammad Ishaq Pampori** and **Mr. Danish Hussain Pampori S/o Mohammad Ishaq Pampori** all residents of Umer colony Lal Bazar Srinagar to repay an amount of **Rs.47,84,014.33 (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Eighty Four Thousand And Fourteen Paise Thirty Three)** being the balance outstanding as on 31-08-2022 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the **3rd day of January of the year 2023**.

The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount in aggregating to **Rs. 48,78,760.47/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty And Paise Forty Seven Only)** together with future interest thereon from 01-12-2022 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

The borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

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Diversity, be it cultural, linguistic or geographical is to be deemed as a sign of beauty and exuberance in the plan of creation, to be celebrated and to be seen as a testimony to the transcendent source from which it emerges. Each culture, civilization, society is a closet unto itself with aesthetic and ethical merits of its own. But the modern world, living under western dominance and celebrating the values of the Euro-centrism has come to demean and diminish the beauty, glory and the merit of cultures and civilizations which are not Western or which do not tailor themselves to the size of the Western cloth.
In the wake of post colonialism, a subtle and tenacious form of cultural imperialism has come to

Aping The West

Amir Suhail Wani



survive in the erstwhile European colonies and the natives have more and more preferred shunning their own culture and legacy in favour of borrowed Western and European modes of thought and life, without giving a slightest thought to the consequences of this aping attitude and without taking into account the richness, intricacy and subtlety of indigenous cultural matrices.
The white man's supremacy has been etched so deeply into our thoughts and acts that, as most of the thinkers say, civilization has come to be synonymic the West and the rest of the world is imagined such as if it has no cultural and civilisational merit. This is not withstanding the fact that recent

and impartial studies show that the West, in its development, has relied heavily on the East and what modern world defines as progressive and emancipated West owes much to the people it now deems as barbarians and wanting in civilizing crusade.
There is certain confusion, which if left unmet will lead us nowhere in this debate of Westernization of Eastern cultures. Muhammad Iqbal, the poet philosopher of the East who had a firsthand experience of living in the West and experiencing all that it has to offer in full diversity forewarned his Eastern fellowmen that the glory of the West is to be traced not it its music and nudity, but the commitment to learning a vow to conquer the force-

es of nature. He wanted his countrymen to imbibe this western spirit of adventure, the spirit that cleaved the heart of atom and conquered the space. In the East and more so in our Kashmiri context, people are overawed by the halo surrounding the Western civilisation and are mistaken to believe that in mimicking the Western style of dressing and dining, we might equal them in their scientific, academic and literary achievements. No worse misunderstanding or hallucination can be thought of and our we needed to understand – the sooner the better that if we really want to ape West in its progress, then it has to be attained by following its scientific spirit, meritocracy, democratic values and the values of soul and mind which are really worth imitation and may lead to the real emancipation and enlightenment.
There is another and more pervasive tendency whereby one, driven by the sense of inferiority complex, is drawn to the point where his hatred for his own culture and tradition develops into alienation. Seeing the scientific and technological ascent of the West, one is, at times, led into the belief that we are culturally and traditionally as much backward with respect to the West as much we are in matters of science and technology.
This false consciousness leads one to give up his inherited values, mores, paradigms and perspectives on life and culture and he surrenders sheepishly to all alien influences. Let it also be reiterated that cultures and civilizations have always learnt and imbibed from one another and there is nothing to go against it or to reject this tendency wholesale.
The civilisational gradient, to quote M.M Sharif, has decided the direction in which ideas and ideals flow from one civilization to the other. But historically, this learning and imbibing has always been in matters deemed positive and fruitful.
When nations and cultures copied other people blindly, not were they only scolded by contemporary seers, but this blind aping hastened their decline and evaporated their traces from the world. Nobody condemns, nor one should, the absorption of Western and modern values into our vernacular fabric, but in this process, an alarm needs to be raised whenever the fabric is itself in danger.

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The G20 and G Minor

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But first, G20 countries must overcome their tendency to favor the interests of major economies. The pandemic, during which lower-income countries were deprived of access to vaccines due to hoarding by developed economies, has highlighted the need for global solidarity

December, India began its yearlong G20 presidency, taking over from Indonesia amid rising geopolitical tensions and economic uncertainty. Surging inflation has raised the specter of a global recession. Supply chains, made more efficient but also more vulnerable by globalization and the digital revolution, are crumbling under the weight of COVID-related disruptions and the war in Ukraine, both of which have revealed and deepened the fault lines of the international order.
During the Great Recession of 2008-09, the G20 arguably helped to prevent a worse crisis by persuading the world's biggest economies to coordinate their fiscal and monetary policies. With the global economy at a critical juncture, following decades of relentless globalization that have made markets increasingly interconnected, the group could once again play this role.
To confront the looming global crisis, G20 countries must, first and foremost, coordinate macroeconomic policies. During and after the Great Recession, developed economies attempted to boost growth by keeping interest rates at or close to zero – or even negative. While this was necessary, ultra-low rates soon became a trap, preventing countries that wanted to raise interest rates from doing so, lest their currencies appreciate and their exports decline.
The COVID-19 pandemic, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and the spike in inflation have freed the world's largest economies from the low-interest-rate trap. But this transition could have been less painful had governments coordinated their macroeconomic policies. With the global economy on the verge of recession, the G20 must provide leadership on this issue and help policymakers avoid their predecessors' mistakes.
The pandemic and the war in Ukraine have also shown that in our globalized, interlinked world, every crisis is likely to have disproportionate economic effects. In a standard oligopoly, as described by the nineteenth-century economist Augustin Cournot, a few firms produce the same good, but this is no longer the case. For example, cars had once been produced in their entirety by a single manufacturer. Today, however, many firms manufacture the different parts separately – one company makes the chassis, another the wheels, and so on – creating what I have called a vertically serrated industry.
These intricate production processes have led to greater vulnerabilities. In a classic oligopoly, if a war or a pandemic broke out and 10% of manufacturers stopped producing cars,



10% fewer cars would be produced. Nowadays, however, if the world's wheel manufacturers shut down, car production would fall by 100%. This is precisely what is happening today, as a chip shortage has disrupted the global car industry, leading to sharp price increases.
A vertically serrated industry could also be weaponized. Governments could, for example, threaten to shut down production of a critical component, such as computer chips, knowing that this would bring global production to a halt. Some policymakers, like US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, have touted friend-shoring, whereby countries like the United States intend to reduce their reliance on geopolitical rivals by limiting the sources of critical goods to a few trusted allies. But this approach could further exacerbate tensions and push the world closer to a disastrous war. Instead, the world's superpowers must commit to avoiding such tactics. The G20 could play a central role in facilitating tense negotiations, designing international agreements, and overseeing coordination strategies.
But first, G20 countries must overcome their tendency to favor the interests of major economies. The pandemic, during which lower-income countries were deprived of access to vaccines due to hoarding by developed economies, has highlighted the need for global solidarity. As a 2020 letter to the G20 written by former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown

and others noted, the group could provide the sort of coordinated global leadership needed to address health disparities between the Global North and South.
But even beyond the pandemic, emerging and developing economies, particularly in Africa and the Pacific, often find themselves at the mercy of major powers, their prosperity contingent upon election outcomes in developed countries. This year, the G20 could take a giant step forward by enabling several smaller countries to participate in its deliberations and make their voices heard.
We could call this proposed group G Minor. While the G20 represents the world's largest economies, the G Minor would represent the needs of emerging and developing countries that lack the diplomatic and military clout required to protect their interests on their own. Forming such a group would be an admirable gesture of inclusion, enabling India to make its mark on the G20 and achieve a more just international order.

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CINEMATIC STEREOTYPES: PLOT OR PARADOX?

Neha Sheikh

"MAYBE 50 percent of the parts I was offered were terrorists, and the others were stereotypical people" recounts Tahar Rahim, the French Algerian actor, widely known for playing the role of Malil El Djebena in Jacques Audiard's "A Prophet". A well known actor, Tahir is also known for playing the role of FBI agent Ali Soufan in "The Looming Tower", an action packed series placed in the late 90's that tries to unearth and outline the rise and subsequent increase in threat of Osama Bin Laden and Al Qaeda. This series also focuses on the contentions and rows between the FBI and CIA that, if resolved, could have thwarted the 9/11 attacks. The character of FBI agent Soufan in "The Looming Tower" presents itself to be a subdued paradox, that is also often reflected in fictitious series. As a Muslim who is fluent in Arabic and of Lebanese descent, Soufan serves to be a helpful addition to the FBI. His fluency in the Arabic language enables him to be a vital asset in translating documents and communicating with suspected terrorists. On one hand we see Soufan constantly rejecting the extremist ideals of the terrorists, trying to show what Islam is really about while on the other hand he fails to uphold the core values of Islam himself. In the "The Looming Tower" we get a glimpse of a Muslim man caught in an interesting paradox of rejecting and casting away the core values of his religion while installing himself with having the moral authority to lecture others on what 'his' religion is really about.

This paradox is often adopted by a lot of producers and directors in many series that revolve around terrorism and militancy. One such series that gained immense fame in India is "The Family Man", starring Manoj Bajpayee as agent Srikanth Tiwari, who works for the National

Investigation Agency and is allotted cases pertaining to national security, in specificity those that involve terrorism. The crux of the first season is to thwart 'Mission Zulfikar' by finding the culprits behind a bomb blast, who turn out to be Muslims. The season continues with Srikanth arriving in Kashmir to find Sajid, the perpetrator of the bomb blast. The scenes in Kashmir again delve into the areas of militancy and 'anti national sentiments'. In the entire series, Muslims are either portrayed as terrorists or Pakistanis. The presence of the Muslim NIA agent Pasha seems to be nothing more than tokenism and Srikanth Tiwari, the lead in this series, does not play any role in trying to combat the stereotypes perpetuated by his colleagues and family. In one instance, when a Kashmiri officer and Major Vikram get into a minor row over the officer calling the militants martyr, the Kashmiri officer's loyalty to his duty is questioned. He says "Kitni baar apni wafadari ka sabut dena padega" (How many times do we have to provide proof of our loyalty?). Major Vikram feeds into the prevailing stereotypes by demanding "Agar dena padhe toh dikkat hai kya" (Even if you have to give proof, what is the issue?). This



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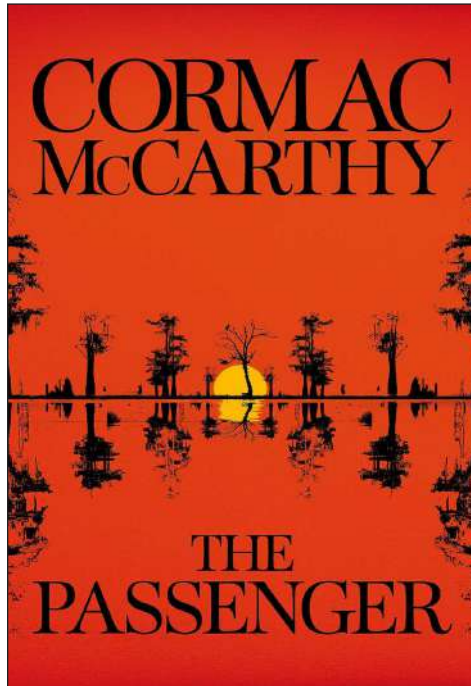
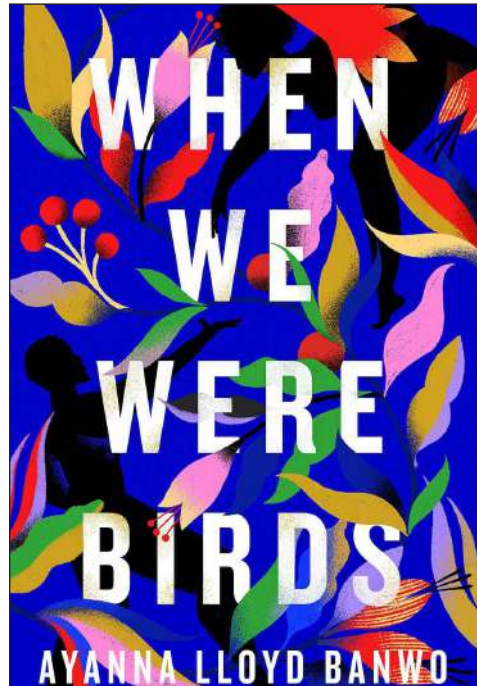
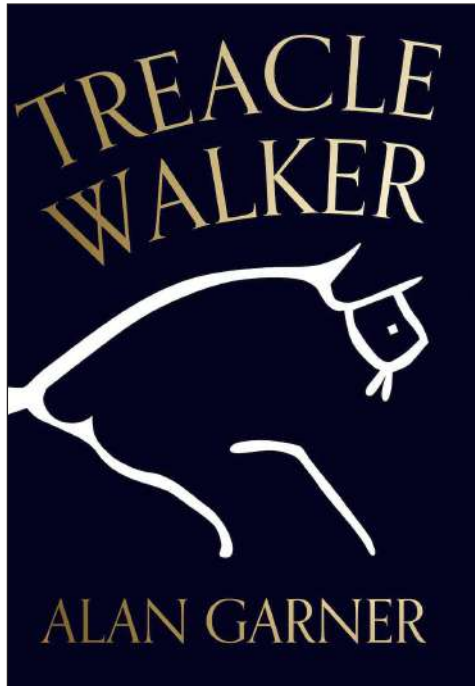
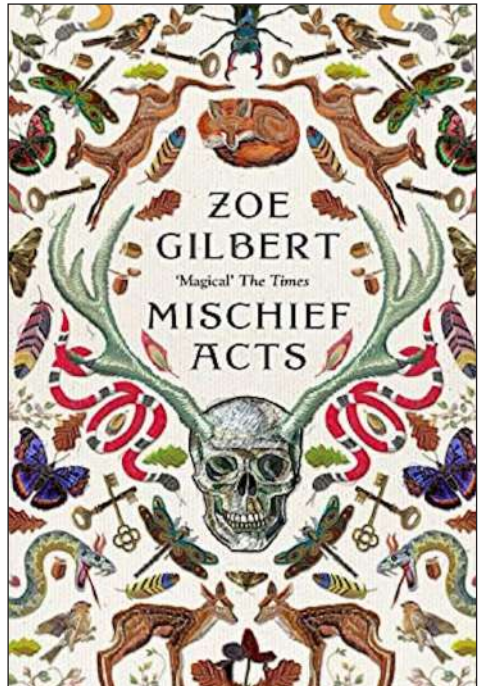
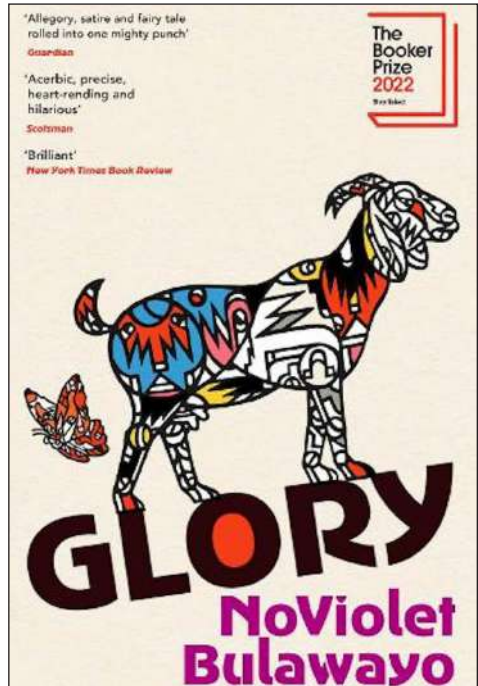
would have not been told to an officer who hailed from a metropolitan city in India. In another scene, when Srikanth's family visits him to meet his wife, Suchitra, and their children, viewers get to witness the unfolding of a scene riddled with prejudice. In the scene Srikanth's mother is seen talking to Suchi's father in a condescending tone, merely because he conversed with his grandson in his native language, Tamil. Upon witnessing that Srikanth's mother was quick to declare Hindi the national language of India and went on to encourage that communication should be done in Hindi. Even though Suchi's father went on to explain how India does not have a national lan-

guage, the angry mother in law didn't stop. Apart from the blatant prejudice showcased in these scenes there is another point of commonality, the glaring silence of Srikanth Tiwari. The eerie similarity of how this takes place in real life is hard to miss. A privileged member of society, who comes from the majority, usually chooses to remain silent in instances of minority targeted prejudices because it does not directly affect them. They do not use their authority, power and resources, all central building blocks of their privilege, to counter the imbalance which results in the rooting of stereotypes and prejudices against the minority.

Similarly when we look at Hollywood movies or English series, another paradox arises. Muslims are either featured as the 'oppressors' via their characterization as terrorists in 9/11 movies or as the 'oppressed' who are trying to escape the shackles of imposed modesty. There seems to be a contention between these two prejudiced powers themselves, who face a dilemma of choosing to either adorn the roles of educators or liberators. Even in the rare instances that Muslims are portrayed in shows and movies, the accuracy of their character tends to be very minimal. These shows perpetuate stereotypes on the grounds of 'showing reality' but somehow this zeal to bring reality to the audience disappears when it comes to showing how Muslims do not live in alienation of a social life or when an entity from an identity in majority commits these very crimes. These shows are often given free passes for 'not knowing' but that diminishes the space to take accountability. The identity and lives of minorities do not simply exist to appease cinema buffs and hence should be either accurately represented or left alone.

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In Case You Missed It: 5 Fiction Books of 2022



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In 2022, we saw Annie Ernaux win the Nobel prize for literature for her uncompromising writing about her experiences. Shehan Karunatilaka won the Booker prize for his darkly comic Sri Lankan political satire, *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida*.

There were also a series of screen adaptations and spin-offs that brought us back to some of our favourite books. The new *Lord of the Rings* series *Rings of Power* gave fans an opportunity to delve further into Middle Earth, discovering all the lore and world building that Tolkien meticulously laid out in his books.

Netflix also took on the challenge of adapting D.H. Lawrence's searing tale of passion across the class divide, *Lady Chatterley's Lover*. The film is a sweet love story but the book is a powerful thing worth reading, especially in our climate of strikes.

It was a year of great reading, so choosing the best fiction released in

2022 was a difficult feat. Our academics have read hundreds of books this year and out of those, we have managed to pluck these five.

Glory by NoViolet Bulawayo

Set in the animal kingdom of Jidada, *Glory* begins with a coup that ousts the "Old Horse", bringing an end to his 40-year rule. Hope quickly turns to despair, however, as corrupt leader is replaced by corrupt leader.

Bulawayo notes in the book that *Glory* is an Animal Farm-inspired satirical account of Robert Mugabe's four decades in power as prime minister and then president of Zimbabwe. However, as the postcolonial and global literature scholar Jenni Ramone writes:

If *Glory* is a version of *Animal Farm*, it's a global one that acknowledges the impact of colonialism, post-independence corruption and violence and the continued threat from neocolonialism.

Bulawayo weaves this narrative in a stylistically experimental way using tweets and excerpts from videos

that mimic oral storytelling techniques. It's a dynamic story which is at times humorous and at others hard to read in its unflinching descriptions of violence.

Mischief Acts by Zoe Gilbert

"How many Britons can tell you what a bogart is, or where you might see a will-o'-the-wisp? Who can tell you about standing stones or the Green Man?" writes literature scholar Joe Bedford.

Zoe Gilbert wants us to remember, and with *Mischief Acts* she retells these stories and imbues them with newness as she mixes folklore, poetry and song to re-enchant our natural myths.

Characters like Herne the Hunter, Puck and Robin Goodfellow play their cruel games with humanity across the generations. The stories snake from the days of forest-dwelling right through to the modern information age and attempt to peak into our uncertain future.

Mischief Acts is an extraordinary and ambitious book that hopes that

its readers will understand the urgency of climate change and pay more attention to the natural world.

Treacle Walker by Alan Garner

Time is slippery in this book about a boy living in his own world. The book's hero Joe seems to have no parents or guardians. He measures time by the passing of Noony, a train that goes by at what we must suppose is noon.

There is a rhythm to Joe's unconventional life, which is interrupted when a rag-and-bone man appears named Treacle Walker. Their unlikely friendship sets Joe off on a wild adventure as he tries to understand the mysteries of his world where myth and folklore converge with physics and time.

Treacle Walker is about understanding our place. "In his book of essays *The Voice That Thunders* (1997) [Garner's] best advice to other writers is to 'know your place'. By which, of course, he does not mean where you doff your cap, but develop your understanding

of where you are and through that perhaps something of who you are," writes creative writing scholar Anna Robinson.

When We Were Birds by Ayanna Lloyd Banwo

When *We Were Birds* is a love story ripe with Caribbean folklore and magic realism. Set in Trinidad, it follows a Rastafarian grave-digger and a girl who can speak to the dead, and is a powerful exploration of trauma, legacy and inheritance – with a dash of crime for good measure.

Laden with proverbs and lore and written in a lilting Trinidadian English, Ayanna Lloyd Banwo's writing is rhythmic and seductive, carrying the reader along.

"[When *We Were Birds*] opens with protagonist Yejide sitting on her grandmother's lap as she tells her a story that opens 'there was a time before time'. Because of the text's strong narrative voice, it feels like the reader stays on that lap throughout the novel," writes Caribbean literature and cultures scholar

Leighan M Renaud.

The Passenger by Cormac McCarthy

In his 13th book, Cormac McCarthy is flexing his literary muscles, letting readers know that despite his old age his prose is still dynamic, his mind is still sharp and he is unafraid of plunging depths he has not reached before.

A romping southern gothic thriller, *The Passenger* follows Bobby Western, a man haunted by his complicated past, as he travels from New Orleans to the Florida coast searching for the truth about a sunken jet and its missing passenger.

"Suspense and science, punning and lyricism, hallucination and incest: the novel splices these and other strands together, generating what [the literature scholar Edward Said] calls the 'non-harmonious, non-serene tension' typical of a writer's late style," writes lecturer in American studies Andrew Dix.

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A Silent Killer

"I sold over 35 gas heaters and radiators in the last two months and people are still coming," said Abdul Rashid, who owns an electric shop in Srinagar.

It may be noted, the gas heaters have led to several deaths across Kashmir, many suffocated to death in sleep.

In November 2022, a couple died of suffocation caused by a gas leak in North Kashmir's Baramulla district. The couple had reportedly fallen unconscious after the room they were sleeping in was filled with gas from a heater.

In January 2019, five members of a family died inside their rented accommodation in the outskirts of Srinagar due to toxic gas from the LPG heater they were using.

Similarly, in 2019, a couple from North Kashmir's Sopore died of asphyxiation in HMT area of Srinagar. As per reports, a gas heater was on in the room where the couple slept and next day their bodies were found.

Health experts maintain that many deaths can be avoided if people are aware of the preventive measures and they seek advice of doctors.

Dr. Hassan said that gas heaters should be used in open space, not in bedrooms and other closed rooms etc.

"...and you can't use the gas heater for more than four hours. There should be enough ventilation so that the emittents will have a vent," he said.

Its symptoms, according to doctors, include tiredness, shortness of breath, headaches, dizziness and nausea.

Dr. Hilal Ahmad Rather, HOD Cardiology SKIMS, told Kashmir Observer that the emissions from the gas heaters can kill any normal person, beat a heart patient or respiratory disease patient.

"The patients with heart and respiratory disease should be more careful," he added.

Kashmir Braces

From January 9th (afternoon) to 11th January (afternoon), he said, weather is likely to be cloudy with possibility of light snow over isolated higher reaches of Kashmir.

"Under the influence of the 2nd WD from January 11th(afternoon) to 13th January(afternoon), the weather is expected to be cloudy with possibility of light rain/snow over plains of Jammu and Kashmir and light to moderate snow over middle and higher reaches during 12/13 January."

He advised travelers and transporters to plan their journey accordingly especially over Sonamarg-Zojila-Gumni axis, Razdan pass, Sinthan pass, Sadhna pass, Mughal Road etc.

"There is going to be an improvement in minimum (night) temperature and dip in maximum (day) temperature."

Meanwhile, severe cold conditions continued in Kashmir Valley even as there was a slight rise in the minimum temperature on Friday.

The meteorological department official said that Srinagar recorded a low of minus 5.5°C against last night's minus 6.4°C that was coldest for the season so far. Today's minimum temperature was 3.6°C below normal.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 5.6°C against minus 6.2°C, the lowest recorded this season for the gateway town of Kashmir. Today's minimum temperature was 2.7°C below normal, he said.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of minus 8.6°C against minus 9.2°C on the previous night. The coldest night recorded this season in the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district was on January 2 when mercury plunged to minus 9.6°C, he said. Today's minimum temperature was 1.6°C below normal for the place, he said.

Kokernag recorded a low of minus 4.3°C against minus 4.4°C on the previous night, he said. It was 0.3°C below normal for the place, he said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 5.0°C against minus 7.5°C on the previous night, the official said. It was 2.8°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district which recorded its coldest night on January 2 when minimum temperature plummeted to minus 10.0°C, the official said.

In Kupwara town, the mercury settled at minus 5.6°C against minus 6.0°C on the previous night in the north Kashmir area, he said. The official said that the temperature was 2.9°C below normal.

Jammu recorded a low of 3.7°C against 3.0°C on the previous night. It was 3.7°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 5.4°C (above normal by 5.4°C), Batote 3.6°C (above normal by 2.1°C), Katra 4.6°C (1.4°C below normal) and Bhadrawah minus 0.6°C (1.6°C below normal).

In Ladakh, Leh and Kargil recorded a low of minus 14.6°C and minus 18.1°C respectively, the official said.

Kashmir is under the grip of Chillai-Kalan, the 40-day long harsh winter period that started on December 21. It does not mean an end to the winter either. It is followed by a 20-day-long period called 'Chillai-Khurd' that occurs between January 30 and February 19 and a 10-day-long period 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold) which is from February 20 to March 1.

Youth Most

featuring young artists from across the country in the field of performing art will showcase India's art styles & traditions.

Underscoring the need to bring the young generation closer to the roots of art and cultural heritage, the LG said that Amrit Yuva Kalotsav is also an opportunity to look at our rich cultural legacy.

He said India is the only country in the world which has created a balanced environment for science, art and spirituality to grow and blossom together.

"Art is a living element of our tradition and its different forms will play an important role in building a self-reliant India. This festival is an opportunity to see the vastness of life's values," the LG said.

"Our collective resolve for the cultural journey of the next 25 years is to re-establish the glory of India on the world stage. Youth energy, national unity and self-reliant society will play a crucial role in realizing this resolution," he added.

The LG asserted that youth is the most powerful driver for change in the 21st century and they will play a crucial role in equitable development & transformation of the society.

"I believe science is the search for development and Art is the expression of that development. For centuries, the different art forms have kept the consciousness of the society awake and ignited," he added.

Sinha also threw light on India's deep connection with the culture & traditions. He said that the cultural heart of India is filled with lyrics & ragas and that various art forms are not about technicalities but the flow of the heart.

"Art is a powerful instrument for social transformation. On the path of developmental journey, India always considered cultural divinity and spirituality as the top priority," the LG said.

"For centuries, various performing arts, Bharatnatyam, Kuchipudi, Kathak, Hindustani classical music and other genres have kept the arts alive for the future generation and have also made efforts to unite the whole country through it," he added.

Sinha also motivated the youth to recognize their unique potential and contribute towards nation building.

"We must remember that the responsibility of preserving our cultural treasure and the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat is on the shoulders of the youth," he added.

Dr Sandhya Purecha, Chairperson, Sangeet Natak Akademi, while speaking on the occasion highlighted the efforts of the Akademi to connect the youth with the cultural heritage. A workshop on Art Critique is also being organized as part of the 3-day long festival of music, dance & drama, she informed.

Health Dept

and heating arrangements in all Government Health Care Institutions across the valley, so that the patients are managed properly and timely, besides, referrals to the Tertiary Care Hospitals are avoided especially when all the roads remain cut off during the snow in Valley," reads the circular issued by Director Health Services Kashmir.

"They will also ensure that the border/hard to reach areas, which may remain cut off during winters, have adequate medicines (emergency drugs, Oxygen Cylinders), placing of curtains on doors, covering of windows with polythene wherever needed to keep the hospitals warm." It states further.

Besides, all the Chief Medical Officers/Medical Superintendents, Block Medical Officers, Doctors (Medical Officers/ Consultants) and Paramedical staff shall remain stationed at their present place of postings during snow fall," the Circular reads.

"Any deviation from the circular instructions shall invite disciplinary action under rules," it adds further

Search Operation

Mohammad Aslam said the police are carrying out a massive exercise to strengthen village defence committees (VDCs) in the district for which camps are going on in different villages.

SSP Rajouri further informed that a number of additional troops are also being deployed in sensitive areas and notorious infiltration routes.

Tehsildar Suspended

Dated 20-12-2022, Shri. Ghulam Rasool Bhat Tehsildar Bijbehara (Additional Charge Tehsil Srigufwara), District Anantnag is hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect and attached in the office of Deputy Commissioner Anantnag," reads the order.

It reads accordingly additional Commissioner Kashmir (A) is appointed as an enquiry officer to enquire into the matter.

"He shall submit his findings, report and recommendations within a week's time," it reads.

'Making Efforts

in Jammu and Kashmir.

Sinha made these remarks during the inauguration of UT level training & orientation program for effective implementation of 29 projects under holistic agriculture development plan, at the Convention Centre here on Friday.

A total of 638 training schedules are planned at the divisional and districts level for the next 4 months.

Speaking on the occasion, the LG said that four months long capacity building drive will ensure availability of quality human resources and provide necessary ground support for implementation of holistic agriculture development plan.

"The new projects will drive sharp growth in Agriculture & Allied Sector, boost local economy & improve the productivity and resilience in the current system. I firmly believe, technology, innovations will enable continuing output growth without adding much to input cost," he said.

"This is J&K's moment to shine and agriculture, allied sector will be the mainstay of the economy. The ambitious projects aim to make farming viable, steady and sustainable with better input, extension support, risk mitigation and ensuring remunerative prices and market support," he added.

The LG said that implementation of any scheme on the ground depends on four major factors – Mechanism, Resource, Coordination and Evaluation. And, it is these four aspects which translate the policy into an action programme.

"The fifth factor is also necessary in the implementation of this ambitious project of the agriculture sector and that is Sensitivity. The farm has its own nature, it has its own language which the farmer understands very well. All stakeholders must extend support to farmers,"Sinha said.

He underscored that the UT administration is making committed efforts to protect the interest of farmers, to bring prosperity to farm and to their homes, and to instil self-respect in more than 13 lakh farmer families.

"New agri-business enterprises, youth engagement & providing them unlimited access to resources, opening up employment opportunities in agriculture & allied sectors are other important areas we are focusing on. Our aim is also to create a secure ecosystem for small & marginal farmers, the LG said.

He said that the concept of climate-smart-agriculture will give a new shape to the food security system.

"Rural Business & Service Hubs will boost agriculture marketing in J&K and ensure that benefits of crops reach directly to farmers. District officials need to act as a medium between farmers & agri-policies. There must be a better coordination at all levels," the LG said.

"Barriers and challenges can be easily overcome by individual competence, organizational capabilities, commitment, information tools and resources," he said, adding" I firmly believe with this much needed reform, young generation will take up farming as a viable career option in the future,"

On the occasion, the LG also released a publication on Soil Testing Manual.

Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Prof Nazir Ganai, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST Kashmir and Prof JP Sharma, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST Jammu also spoke on this occasion.

"2.5 lakh youth will be connected with sustainable employment in Agriculture & Allied sectors through skill development courses in five years,"Dulloo said.

Govt Overhauls

transferred and posted as DIG Training, Police Headquarters, against an available vacancy.

Umesh Kumar, IPS (AGMUT: 2009), Staff Officer to ADGP Railways, J&K, has been transferred and posted as DIG Home Guard, Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Shakti Kumar Pathak, IPS (AGMUT: 2009), Director

Special Security Force (SSF), J&K, has been transferred and posted as I/c DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range, Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Rayees Mohammad Bhat, IPS (AGMUT: 2010), SSP Baramulla, has been transferred and posted as I/c DIG South Kashmir Range, Anantnag, against an available vacancy, relieving Sujit Kumar, IPS, of the additional charge of the post.

Shridhar Patil, IPS (AGMUT:2010), AIG (Tech) Police Headquarters, holding additional charge of the post of Director Police Telecommunication, J&K, has been transferred and posted as I/c DIGTraffic, Jammu, vice Vivek Gupta.

Dr. Ajeet Singh, IPS (AGMUT: 2010), SSP CID Cell, New Delhi, has been transferred and posted as I/c DIG State Investigating Agency, against an available vacancy.

Altaf Ahmed Khan, IPS (AGMUT: 2010), SSP CID CI Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as I/c DIG CID Kashmir, against an available vacancy.

Haseeb-Ur-Rehman, IPS (AGMUT: 2010), Commandant SDRF 1 Bn., Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as I/c DIG Railways, J&K against an available vacancy. The officer shall also look after the work of State Investigating Unit (SIU), Jammu.

Vikas Gupta, IPS (AGMUT: 2010), OSD in Prisons Department, has been transferred and posted as I/c DIG Prisons, J&K, on deputation basis, against an available vacancy. "The salary of the officer shall continue to be drawn against the post already transferred to the Prisons Department, from the overall cadre strength of IPS, in terms of Government Order No.255-Home of 2022 dated 26.07.2022."

Abdul Qayoom, IPS (AGMUT: 2010), Commandant IRP-9 Bn., has been transferred and posted as I/c DIG IR Kashmir, against an available vacancy. "The officer shall also look after the work of State Investigating Unit (SIU), Kashmir."

Nisha Nathyal, IPS (AGMUT: 2010), Commandant SDRF 2Bn., Jammu, has been transferred and posted as I/c DIG Armed, Jammu, against an available vacancy. "The officer shall also hold additional charge of the post of DIG IR Jammu."

Javid Iqbal Matoo, IPS (AGMUT: 2010), AIG (Building) Police Headquarters, has been transferred and posted as I/c DIG Crime, J&K against an available vacancy.

Joginder Singh, SSP, Anti Corruption Bureau, has been transferred and posted as Director Special Security Force (SSF), J&K, Shakti Kumar Pathak.

As per a separate order, Abhishek Mahajan, IPS (AGMUT: 2013), SSP Samba, has been transferred and posted as AIG (Welfare), Police Headquarters, J&K, vice Rajinder Kumar Gupta.

Nagpure Amod Ashok, IPS (AGMUT: 2013), SSP CID SB Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as SSP Baramulla.

Dr. G.V. Sandeep Chakravarthy, IPS (AGMUT: 2014), SP Kulgam, has been transferred and posted as AIG (CIV), Police Headquarters, J&K, vice Rajesh Bali.

Shobhit Sakkena, IPS (AGMUT: 2015), awaiting posting on deputation to Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, has been posted as SP CID, Jammu at CID Headquarters.

Lakshay Sharma, IPS (AGMUT: 2016), SP South Srinagar, has been transferred and posted as SP Bandipora, vice Mohd. Zaid.

Sahii Sarangal, IPS (AGMUT: 2017), SP (East), Srinagar, has been transferred and posted as SP Kulgam, vice Dr. G.V. Sandeep Chakravarthy, IPS.

Kumar Sharma, SSP CID CI Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Principal PTI, Vijaypur, vice Khalil Ahmad Poswal.

Dr. Koshal Kumar Sharma, SSP Traffic City Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-19th Bn., vice Benam Tosh.

Showkat Alimed Dar, Principal STC Sheeri, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-4th Bn., vice Abrar Ahmad Choudhary.

Bakar Hussain Samoon, Commandant IR-20 Bn., has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-23rd Bn., vice Atul Sharma.

Rajinder Kumar Gupta, AIG (Welfare), Police Headquarters, has been transferred and posted as Assistant Director, SKPA, Udhmapur, vice Mohan Lai.

Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Commandant IR-22nd Bn., has been transferred and posted as OSD with Advisor (B) to the Lieutenant Governor. "One post of Superintendent of Police from the overall cadre strength of JKPS is transferred for purpose of drawl of salary of the officer," reads the order.

Sanjeev Kumar Khajoria, Commandant IR-5th Bn., has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-24 Bn., against an available vacancy.

Rajesh Bali, AIG (CIV) Police Headquarters, has been transferred and posted as Assistant Director, SKPA, Udhampur, against an available vacancy.

Ramesh Kumar Angral, AIG (Personnel), Police Headquarters, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-22nd Bn., vice Rajesh Kumar Sharma.

Benam Tosh, Commandant IR-19th Bn., has been transferred and posted as SSP Samba, vice Abhishek Mahajan, IPS.

Mohan Lai, Assistant Director SKPA Udhampur, has been transferred and posted as Staff Officer to ADGP, Railways, J&K, vice Umesh Kumar, IPS.

Shabir Ahmed Malik, SSP, attached with Police Headquarters, has been posted as Commandant IR-21st Bn., against an available vacancy.

Mohd. Zaid, SP Bandipora, has been transferred and posted as Commandant JKAP-11th Bn. (Security), vice Wasim Qadri, who shall await orders of posting in Police Headquarters, J&K.

Atul Sharma, Commandant IR-23 Bn., has been transferred and posted as Staff Officer to Commandant General HG/CD/SDRF, J&K, vice Randhir Singh.

Shiv Deep Singh Jamwal, Commandant IR-1st Bn., has been transferred and posted as SP Kathua, vice Ramesh Chander Kotwal. Randhir Singh, Staff Officer to Commandant General HG/CD/SDRF, J&K, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-20th Bn., vice Bakar Hussain Samoon.

Virinder Singh, SP, awaiting posting in Police Headquarters, has been posted as AIG (Personnel), Police Headquarters, J&K, vice Ramesh Kumar Angral.

Mohd. Majid Malik, Addl. SP Qazigund, has been transferred and posted as Principal STC Sheeri, vice Showkat Ahmed Dar.

Tahir Saleem Khan, SP Budgam, has been transferred and posted as Commandant JKAP-9th Bn., against an available vacancy. Khalil Ahmad Poswal, Principal PTI Vijapur, has been transferred and posted as SP Kishtwar, vice Shafqat Hussain.

Ramesh Chander Kotwal, SP Kathua, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-1st Bn., vice Shiv Deep Singh Jamwal. Abrar Ahmad Choudhary, Commandant IR-4111 Bn., has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-5th Bn., vice Sanjeev Kumar Khajoria. Shafqat Hussain, SP Kishtwar, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-6 Bn., against an available vacancy. Manoj Kumar Pandit, AIG (Communication) Police Headquarters, has been transferred and posted as AIG (Tech), Police Headquarters,

vice dhar Patil, IPS, with additional charge of Director Police Telecommunication, J&K.

Sanjay Sharma, SP Rural, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commandant IR-14th Bn., against an available vacancy.

Al-Tahir Geelani, SP West, Srinagar, has been transferred and posted as SP Budgam, vice Tahir Saleem Khan.

Mohd Aftab Mir, Addl. SP, Bhaderwah, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commandant IR-22nd Bn., against an available vacancy.

Master Popsy, Addl.SP Doda, has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP, Reasi, vice Surjeet Kumar Bhagat.

Surjeet Kumar Bhagat, Addl.SP, Reasi, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commandant IR-15th Bn., against an available vacancy.

P.K.Modi,SP,awaitingpostinginPoliceHeadquarters, has been posted as Deputy Commandant IR-Isl Border Bn., Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Rahul Charak, ADC to Lieutenant Governor, has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP Rural, Jammu, vice Sanjay Sharma.

Mohd. Rafi Giri, SP, awaiting posting in Police Headquarters, has been posted as Addl.SP, Nowshera, against an available vacancy.

Rajni Sharma, Addl. SP Ramban, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commandant IR-1st Bn., against an available vacancy.

Kameshwar Puri, SP, awaiting posting in Police Headquarters, has been posted as Addl.SP,Bhaderwah, vice Mohd Aftab Mir.

Gourav Mahajan, SP, awaiting posting in Police Headquarters, has been posted as Addl SP, Ramban, vice Ms. Rajni Sharma.

Jeetan Ji Matoo, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Deputy Commandant 1st Border Bn., Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Mushtaq Ahmad, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Deputy Commandant IR-23rd Bn., against an available vacancy.

Gurmeet Singh, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Deputy Commandant IR-5,h Bn., against an available vacancy.

Mohd Shaifi, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Deputy Commandant IR-21sl Bn., against an available vacancy.

Jagdev Singh, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Deputy Commandant IR-15th Bn., against an available vacancy.

Rajinder Kumar (4028), SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Deputy Commandant 1st Women Bn., Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Rajesh Sandal, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Deputy Commandant IR-12th Bn., against an available vacancy.

Mohd Ayoub Zargar, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Deputy Commandant IR-5th Bn., against an available vacancy.

Farahat Jeelani, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Addl. SP, Kupwara, against an available vacancy.

Shabir Ahmad, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Addl. SP Kulgam, against an available vacancy.

Altaf Hussain, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Deputy Commandant IR-11th Bn., against an available vacancy.

Mohd. Farooq Khan, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Deputy Commandant IR-2nd Bn., against an available vacancy.

Mohammad Aslam, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Deputy Commandant 1st Women Bn., Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Naeem Ahmad Wani, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Deputy Commandant 2nd Border Bn., Srinagar, against an available vacancy.

Syed Yasir Qadir, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Addl. SP, PCR, Srinagar, against an available vacancy.

Furqaan Qadir, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Deputy Commandant 2nd Women Bn., Kashmir, against an available vacancy.

Sandeep Bhat, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Deputy Commandant 1st Women Bn., Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Sachin Gupta, SP, awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Deputy Commandant 1st Border Bn., Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Azad Loyalists

Kashmir, all people with Congress ideology and who want a united India will join the party. I think, they had gone on a leave for two months," he said.

Asked whether there are any talks with DAP chief Ghulam Nabi Azad to return to the Congress fold, Venugopal said he has himself denied any such talks.

On whether Azad has been invited for the Yatra, he said, "Those who believe in the Congress ideology are welcome to join the Bharat Jodo Yatra."

"We have invited all like-minded parties to join the Yatra," he said, adding that Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Sayeed will join the Yatra and walk with Rahul Gandhi in Srinagar.

Party leader Jairam Ramesh said, "A total of 19 leaders were to join today, but 17 were able to come to Delhi and join today. This is the first phase and others will also join soon".

Asked about the reasons to quit the Congress, Tara Chand said, "We got carried away by emotions and friendship and quit the party in haste".

On why they rejoined, he said, "We were not comfortable" in DAP as we have spent 50 years of our life in the Congress and realised our mistake".

Peerzada said there is need to strengthen and unite all secular forces in Jammu and Kashmir, where terrorism has increased instead of decreasing in the last eight years.

Not A Setback

Seventeen leaders of the DPAP, including ex-deputy chief minister Tara Chand and ex-PCC chief Peerzada Mohammad Sayeed, on Friday rejoined the Congress in New Delhi.

"It is not a setback because all three of them have no constituency. I wish them well, I will not say anything against them as they have been my old colleagues," Azad told reporters here. He was referring to Chand, Sayeed and Thakur Balwan Singh. Azad said when the delimitation took place, these leaders were left without their constituencies as some assembly constituencies were reserved by the commission.

"I had given them positions (in the party) as they were my old colleagues and they could not have contested elections. But, they could not digest that. It is okay. Perhaps where they went, they do not know that these three only had party positions, but have no constituencies," he said.

Asked how he sees that the killings in Rajouri by militants were being given a "communal angle", Azad said the killings of non-Muslims in J-K has also caused suffering to the Muslims.

"The militants have always tried this. It is not something new and has been happening for the last 25 years whenever massacres of Sikhs or Kashmiri Pandits took place This has been Pakistan's policy, it is regrettable and it causes a lot of sufferings to the Muslims of Kashmir.

"Perhaps the killers have no idea that Kashmiri Muslims have to bear the maximum brunt of the killing of any non-Muslim here. Lakhs of our boys and girls from Kashmir are studying across India. The killings have an impact on them in one way or the other," Azad said.

Govt Orders

Engineers have been posted in Civil Wing of R&B, except in Jammu zone, for the purpose of snow clearance and other works, as under: Each Chief Engineer (Civil) R&B (Zonal Office) shall have one Executive Engineer Mechanical; Each Superintending Engineer (Civil) R&B (Circle Office) shall have one AEE (Mechanical); Each Executive Engineer (Civil) R&B (Division Office) shall have one AE (Mechanical) in their offices and Each Assistant Executive Engineer (Civil,) R&B (Sub Division Office) shall have one JE (Mechanical) in their offices.

The government also ordered conversion of eight (08) deputation posts of Superintending Engineers (Civil) to duty posts, by abolishing these posts from the concerned subsumed department(s) for their adjustment in new territorial jurisdictions which have been identified for these Superintending Engineers (Civil).

It also ordered conversion of deputation posts of Superintending Engineer (Meeh) (01), Executive Engineer (Meeh) (05), Assistant Executive Engineer (Meeh) (04), Assistant Engineer (Mech) (04) and Junior Engineer (Meeh) (14) from subsumed department into duty posts by abolishing such post(s) from the concerned subsumed/merged engineering wings of departments.

The government also ordered conversion of deputation posts of Executive Engineers (Civil) (36), Assistant Executive Engineers (56), Assistant Engineers (19) and Junior Engineer (82) and Draftsmen (Civil) (48) into duty posts by abolishing these posts from the concerned subsumed/merged engineering wings of departments.

It also ordered formulation of new cadre strength as per revised structure for inclusion in respective Schedule-II of Gazetteed/ Non-Gazetted Engineering Recruitment Rules by Issuance of corresponding notifications, thereby revising SRO-661 (Gazetted) and SRO-654 (Non-Gazetted) dated 25.10.2019 respectively.

"There would be no change in Recruitment Rules (Gazetted & Non- Gazetted) except Schedule-II of existing Recruitment Rules of engineering wings of departments including R&B Department."

The posts merged from other departments into the PW(R&B) Department and officials who were appointed through the merged department, their service rules will remain the same through which they have been appointed initially and they shall be promoted/ superannuated as per their recruitment rules and seniority of such employees shall be maintained separately by the PW (R&B) Department, the order said.

"All civil works of other departments (merged vide Government Order No.752-JK(GAD) of 2020 dated 10.08.2020) shall be executed by the newly created Divisions/ Sub Divisions as per their jurisdiction co-terminus with CD Blocks of RDD," it said, adding, "All Works/ contracts under execution by a particular Division of PWD shall also be transferred to newly created Division/ Sub Division as per the jurisdiction."

Existing contracts of other departments (merged vide Government Order No.752-JK(GAD) of 2020 dated 10.08.2020) shall be transferred to the new territorial Divisions/ Sub

107 Netas Evicted From Govt Quarters In Jammu After Asseembly Dissolution

Agencies

JAMMU: After the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly in Jammu and Kashmir 107 political leaders have either vacated or evicted from the government quarters.

This information was shared by the Estates Department in response to an application filed under the Right to Information Act by senior Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed.

The Estates Department has revealed that pursuant to the judgment dated 18 February 2021 passed by the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in WF2No:24/2020 necessary actions were Initiated. However, it is worth mentioning that after the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly all the Ex-Ministers and Political leaders who were occupying Government accommodations were requested to vacate the Government accommodation. Most of them vacated voluntarily and eviction proceed-

ings were initiated in a phased manner against those who did not vacate the accommodation after the expiry of their allotment."

The Estates Department as per a local news agency KNT has said that the department is in the process of evicting all such occupants have vacated or evicted. Almost 107 political leaders were evicted from Jammu government quarters.

Despite notices being served to some BJP leaders, they have not vacated the government quarters. These leaders include Kavinder Gupta ((occupant of government bungalow number 4, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu) Bali Baghat (occupant of government bungalow number 2, Wazarat Road Jammu) and Sunil Kumar ((occupant of government bungalow number 14, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu).

Pertinently, in Kashmir Valley, even former Jammu Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti vacated the Gupkar-based official bungalow.

Director Info Chairs 1st Meeting Of Media Accreditation Committee



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Director Information Akshay Labroo chaired the first meeting of the recently constituted Jammu and Kashmir Media Accreditation Committee (JKMAC) to discuss and finalize the modalities for grant of Accreditation to News Media.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Director Information (PR), Deepak Dubey, who is also the Member Secretary of JKMAC, Zulfiqar Majeed (Deccan Herald), Fayaz Ahmad (ANI), Neeraj Rohmetra (Daily Excelsior), Arshid Rasool (Daily Gadyal), Naveen Sharma (Dainik Jagran), Anil Bhat (PTI), Zahoor Hashmi (Daily Aftab), Satish Vimal (All India Radio), Pradip Datta (Times Now) and Ayaz Hafiz (Rising Kashmir) as members in person and through virtual mode.

At the outset, Deputy Director (PR) gave a detailed presentation over the composition and mandate of JKMAC and briefed the Committee about the salient features of the Guidelines governing JKMAC, including eligibility criteria for working journalists, freelancers and veteran journalists.

The eligibility conditions for granting accreditation on be-

half of organization/agencies, news organizations (satellite channels), digital news publishers etc. were also discussed threadbare.

The meeting was also informed about the quotas fixed for various categories of newspaper/media establishments, electronic and digital media. Threadbare discussion were also held over the composition of the Sub-Committee of JKMAC. It was unanimously decided that the format of application for the Accreditation will be circulated through Print Media and the Social Media Handles of DIPR in the coming week. There will a window of 30 days for inviting applications from eligible media persons. After the receipt of applications, the DIPR will complete the process in the shortest possible time.

Addressing the committee members, Director Information, Akshay Labroo, who is also chairman of JKMAC reiterated that the accreditation process for journalists will be completed soon.

He added that the long pending demand from the Media fraternity will help in the smooth functioning of Media and Press in Jammu and Kashmir.



TRUCKS CARRYING ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES pass through the 3510 Meter-high Zojila Pass along the Srinagar-Leh highway on Friday, a day ahead of the closure of the strategic highway for winters.

KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

Security Agencies Raise Red Flag Over PDP President's New House

'Mufti's New Residence Not Feasible For Z+ Protectee; Prone To Militant Attacks'

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Mehbooba Mufti's eviction from her Gupkar residence has the security agencies on their toes as they claim her new accommodation is "not feasible" for a Z-Plus category protectee and prone to militant attacks.

They also claimed it will difficult to secure the 20-km route from her new residence to the city centre.

Mufti's family though alleged it was not told about the threat perception before they moved in as the administration was "deliberately trying" to put her in harm's way.

Mufti, the president of the PDP, moved into the residence at Khimber area on the outskirts of the city in November last year after she was evicted from the high-security 'Fairview' residence at Gupkar here where she had been living since 2005.

However, she was served multiple eviction notices in October last year, asking her to vacate the residence before November 15.

After Jammu and Kashmir was stripped of its special status and divided into two Union Territories in August 2019, its former chief ministers were no longer offered rent-free residential accommodation under the new laws.

Mufti then moved into the house at Khimber about 15 kms from Gupkar -- belonging to her brother-in-law.

Before the family including Mufti's daughter Iltija Mufti and mother Gulshan Nazir, moved into the new residence, security agencies carried out two security reviews of the place.

The security reviews show that the Khimber residence is "not feasible" for a Z-Plus protectee area as there were "apprehensions of a terrorist attack" on the former chief minister.

The reports make grave observations about the security situation around the house, sug-

gesting that Khimber area is vulnerable from the security point of view, lacks proper road and reliable electricity, and has poor mobile connectivity.

"The backside of the house is covered with dense forest and there is every apprehension of terrorist attack/fear of wild animals, besides a high transmission power line is passing alongside of the said house," the first report said.

The 20-km road leading to the house from Srinagar city via Zakura is "highly risky" with dense populated area in which recently militant attacks happened, it said.

The review report said the most portion of the alternate route from Khimber to the main city via Harwan, Darbagh, is also "hypersensitive", covered with dense forests and unsafe for Mufti's movement.

It added that the daily movement of SSG personnel from Khimber to their base in Srinagar's Gupkar Road area will "expose" them to public interference "which can lead to a huge security breach".

The house is located on a steep hill, and due to the steep patch of road, the smooth movement of vehicles, especially the BR (bullet-resistant) vehicles/jammers, is "difficult", the report observed.

Keeping in view these facts, the report suggests, "It is not feasible for a Z-Plus protectee to reside in a far-flung area of the Srinagar city".

The second review carried out on November 11 noted that the house was surrounded by orchards and open land that needs to be dominated on a regular basis.

While the report called for taking remedial measures, it said developing security infrastructure in the area was a "challenge" to the safety and security of residing forces as a high-transmission electricity line passes over the land.

However, Mufti's family

claims no infrastructure -- as pointed out by the reports -- has been put in place there and even the reports were not shared with them.

"For me what is disconcerting is that this report was never shared with us. It is through media that we heard of these rumours circulating about the reports after we moved in. They (administration) did not tell us anything formally," Mufti's daughter Iltija Mufti told PTI here.

Iltija said the security review reports were "very adverse" and every security agency from CID to IB to the local police have "vetoed this residence, and in very strong terms".

She said even after living there for one and a half months, "nothing has been done to upgrade the security or the facilities".

She charged that the administration was deliberately trying to put the former CM in harm's way.

"Everybody here is a sitting duck. My guess is that this report was trashed because they want to keep my mother in harm's way because she is obviously not toeing their line which has made them extremely uncomfortable," Iltija said.

Mufti's daughter said the family is concerned about the security of the former CM.

She also alleged that the government was also putting the lives of the security personnel in jeopardy. "The administration is indulging in petty politics at the cost of the lives of people," she said.

"If tomorrow, God forbid, something happens to my mother, the administration will be responsible," she warned.

The family claimed they were offered an alternative accommodation in the high-security Tulsi Bagh here -- where bureaucrats and politicians live -- by the administration, but they found the place "unsuitable" because of "lack of privacy" and many other issues.

Zojila Pass Closed For Traffic From Today

Agencies

GANDERBAL: The authorities on Friday decided to close the Zojilla Pass for vehicular movement from tomorrow.

Chief Engineer Border Roads Organization (BRO) Brig Saket Singh said that for the first time, the Zojila Pass has remained open till January 06.

The Zojila Pass is a mountain pass located at an altitude of 11,649 feet in the NH1 region. It serves as a crucial connector between Leh and the Srinagar district and is maintained by the Border Road Organization. However, the pass can be difficult to keep open during the winter months due to slippery roads and heavy snowfall at low temperatures.

In recent years, there has been a need to keep the Zojila Pass open for longer periods of time.

According to official records, the pass was open till December 13 in 2020; and last year, it was open till January 5. This year, it was open till January 6.

The Army yesterday said that its BRO 'Karmyogis', with their relentless effort under 'Project Beacon', facilitated connectivity to the Ladakh region by ensuring that the Zojila pass remained open despite heavy snowfall.

Today marks the final opening day for the Zojila Pass, as strong western disturbances are expected to bring heavy snowfall starting Saturday. This may be the last chance for travelers to use the pass until the weather improves.

However, he said that in view of the forecast of inclement weather, it shall be officially closed for vehicular movement from Saturday--(KNO)

Deduction of Commitment Charges

J&K Bank Urges Borrowers To Utilize Sanctioned Limits To Avoid Charges

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Bank on Friday clarified that the deduction of commitment charges was based on an industry-wide norm and were being charged on the sanctioned limits not availed by borrowers up to threshold levels.

Notably, a couple of days ago Kashmir Economic Alliance had expressed concern about the decision of J&K Bank for deduction of commitment charges from borrowers and had sought the intervention of the Bank authorities in this regard.

Meanwhile, in a statement, issued by the General Manager Credit J&K Bank Ashutosh Sareen said throughout its remarkable journey of over 84 years, J&K Bank has always empowered people and businesses by providing them need-based finance.

"We have stood with our esteemed customers through thick and thin of times across our operational geographies, be it by way of extending facilities under 2014 floods rehabilitation package or GECL and restructuring program under Resolution Framework 1.0 and 2.0 during Covid19 pandemic," he said.

He said regarding the concerns expressed by some of our borrowers on deduction of commit-

ment charges, it is clarified that it is an industry-wide norm and is charged on the sanctioned limits not availed by the borrowers up to threshold levels prescribed by respective banks.

"But J&K Bank was not levying these charges till recently due to pandemic and other issues which had led to adverse audit observations."

He further said now in line with the industry practice, we have automated the application of commitment charges.

"Having said that, since we believe our borrowers are an extended part of J&K Bank Family, we would request them to utilise all the sanctioned funds to enhance their businesses and earn more for themselves and those they employ in their enterprises."

He also said in fact, as a goodwill gesture, the Bank recently reduced its rates of interest by 0.50 % to 1.00% w.e.f 1st December, 2022 for all borrowers across all business sectors.

"Besides, for the convenience of its customers the Bank shall continue to review its policies that includes to ease the loan processing mechanism, reduce interest rates and other charges especially in MSME and trade sector so as to minimize the cost of finance to its borrowers," he added.

Shopian Continues Crackdown On Drug Traffickers

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: In continuation to the war against drug trafficking, the District Administration Shopian Friday issued notices to four more persons involved in illicit drug trafficking.

These drug traffickers, as per notices issued, have been involved in the illicit trade of drugs with the motive of taking illegal proceeds. They have made investment in acquiring movable and immovable properties from the illegal proceeds from the drug trade.

Taking cognizance of their illegal activities, Additional District Magis-

trate Shopian has issued notices for declaring sources of their movable and immovable properties under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotic Substances Act, 1985. The accused have been asked to attend the ADM office within 30 days. Out of these 4 persons, 02 belong to Zainapora tehsil and 01 each from Chitragram and Barbugh.

They have been further asked to produce documents indicating the source of income, earnings or assets by means of which they have acquired properties and show why acquired properties may not be declared illegal and seized as per the provisions of the NDPS Act.

Wildlife Dept Trains Staff On Conservation Of Raptor Birds

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Department of Wildlife Protection organised a one day training programme for the frontline staff on conservation of Raptor birds in Jammu and Kashmir.

The training was organised at Wildlife Training Centre Jasrota and inaugurated by Suresh Kumar Gupta, Chief Wildlife Warden, Jammu and Kashmir with lighting of ceremonial lamp.

In his address, the Chief Wildlife Warden said that J&K is rich in bio-diversity of raptors which are birds of prey. He said that out of nine species of vultures in the country, six species are already reported in J&K. "Similarly, the diverse forms of eagles, kites, owls etc form richness of raptor bio-diversity in J&K," he added. He called upon the participants to understand the importance of raptors in the ecosystem for appropriate conservation measures.

During the inaugural programme, "Training Manual for Identification threatened Raptors in Western Himalayas" prepared by Dr. Pankaj Chandan was released. Two posters on raptor birds prepared by Sachin Kumar Bhagat were also released. On the occasion, Chief Wildlife Warden also released the e-Calendar of the Department of Wildlife Protection. He also honoured three local persons of the area for their exemplary role in rescue of wild animals. Chief Wildlife Warden inaugurated three prefabricated barracks and renovated hostel for trainees at the training centre.

Dr. Kumar MK, Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu presented key-note address. Prominent resource persons for the training programme were Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Pankaj Chandan, Dr. Sudesh Kumar and Sachin Kumar Bhagat. Sarpanch Sudershan Khajuria and prominent citizens also attended the inaugural programme. During the whole day programme participants had thorough interaction with resource persons and research scholars working on the raptor birds. The programme was conducted by Vijay Kumar Wildlife Warden, Kathua.

DC Doda Asks NHIDCL To Install CCTVs, Crash Barriers On Vulnerable Spots

Observer News Service

DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, who is also Competent Authority Land Acquisition under section 3(a) of National Highway Act, 1956 in respect of National highways Projects, on Friday chaired a meeting of NHIDCL Officials and representatives of executing companies, to discuss the bottlenecks hampering the execution of works at certain points on NH244.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Abdul Qayoom; ADC, Dr RK Bharti; ACP, Sanjeev Kumar; ACP, Ashfaq Khanji; GM NHIDCL, Tehsildar Headquarter, Tehsildar Doda, representatives of ES, APCO, R&C, OWAISIS, and Mathiyani companies and other concerned officials attended the meeting.

Discussing the issue of Muck dumping, DC asked the ADC to identify the spots/ridges for the muck dumping. He directed Executing agencies/ companies to dump the muck in such a way that the piece of land coming out of the dumping can be put into some gainful use.

On land dispute issues, directions were passed to the revenue authorities to settle the same in consultation with land owners and as per the relevant laws.

On the demand raised by the NHIDCL for allotting additional land adjoining to the road under construction at certain points, DC asked the concerned to process the documents for the same.

The DC instructed the NHIDCL authorities to install CCTV cameras and immediately erect crash barriers along the National Highway at the most vulnerable points.

He further directed the companies involved in construction to accelerate the pace of work so as to complete the prestigious project in given time. He assured them that the District administration will resolve the bottlenecks, if any, to avoid disruption in the road construction work. He further directed them to bring grievances/ hindrances into the notice of administration for their timely redressal.



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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-TENDER NOTICE No: ENIT No:15a PEK of 2022-23 dated:04-01-2023

For and on behalf of the Managing Director of Jammu & Kashmir Small Scale Industries Cooperation Limited, online tenders are invited from reputed contractors who are registered with CPWD/MES/PWD of appropriate class in India.

Name of work	Adv. Cost. In lacs	Earnest money	Class of contract	Cost of tender document	Time of completion	Position of AA
Repair / Renovation of washrooms at DIC Building Kupwara	₹ 5.00 lacs	₹ 0.10 lacs	"C & D" Class	500.00	30 days	Accorded

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- The tender documents for the above job can be seen on the website www.jktenders.gov.in from 04-01-2023 (1200Hrs)
- The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website from 04-01-2023 (1200Hrs) onwards.
- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on website www.jktenders.gov.in from 04-01-2023 (1200Hrs) upto 27-01-2023 (1630Hrs) only.
- The uploaded Pre-Qualification bids in the first instance on the website will be opened on 28-01-2023 (1200Hrs). In case of holiday on the date of opening of bid, bids will be opened on the next working day. The financial bids of only those firms shall be opened who qualify in pre-qualification bid, intimation in respect of opening of financial bids shall be notified separately.
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Bank Receipt with seal and signature of bank official in favor of Project Engineer (K) SICOP Srinagar Kashmir in Account No CC-0148020100001980 , JFSC Code JAKAOKARRAN , J&K Bank Branch Karan Nagar Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of bank receipt should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Project Engineer (K) SICOP Srinagar Kashmir. (tender receiving authority) and EMD 2% of advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Project Engineer, SICOP Kashmir.
- The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Project Engineer, SICOP Kashmir) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period(DLP) of the work.
- The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape CDR/FDR of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @3% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/ BG and same shall be released after successful completion of Defect liability period (DLP) of the work.
- The advertised shown above is inclusive of 10% SICOP service charges and other taxes as admissible.
- Complete bidding process will be online (price bid not to be submitted in physical form).

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AG's Office XI Win J&K Police Memorial Tournament



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: AG's Office XI defeated FC One 1-0 on Friday to lift the 18th J&K Police Martyr's Memorial Football Tournament. The final was played at Synthetic Turf TRC, in which Shakir Jr. was named man of the match.

A total of 41 teams participated in the tournament.

"With the tremendous support, work and dedication of J&K

Police, we were able to host the most successful J&K Police Martyr's Memorial Football Tournament ever this year," the JKFA said in a statement.

"For the first time we had 41 teams attend the tournament this year most of which were from our registered District FAs and Zonal FAs. J&K Police has once again proven to be a stalwart supporter of sports and football in particular," the FA added.

J&K Face Andhra Pradesh In Santosh Trophy Today

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The J&K senior men's football team is all set to face Andhra Pradesh in their final match of the 73rd senior national football championship Santosh Trophy today, Saturday, January 7.

The J&K side has already ensured their ticket home after winning only 1 match out of 4 in the competition. The team has drawn 1 and lost 2 to take only 4 points in Group II.

Regardless, the team will hope to show a good performance today at the EMS Corporation Stadium in Kozhikode, Kerala.

Andhra Pradesh are the bottom team in the Group II table with 1 point, losing 3 and drawing 1 in the competition thus far. J&K are expected to win the



match, but it will be interesting to see if head coach Satpal Singh Kala will make any changes to the starting lineup.

The kick off is slated for 3:30 PM.

Religare Supported Curling Nationals Begin In Gulmarg



Observer News Service

GULMARG: The second edition of National Curling Championship 2022-23 was inaugurated at Gulmarg, Jammu & Kashmir on Friday by Padma Shri Yogeshwar Dutt, Indian wrestler and Olympian in the presence of Dr Rashmi Saluja, Executive Chairperson, Religare Enterprises Ltd, & President, Curling Federation of India (CFI).

Religare Enterprises Ltd is supporting the championship for the second year in a row. This year's edition will see 300 participants and officials, with 15 teams from across the country competing in various disciplines under the sub junior, junior and senior categories.

The Jammu & Kashmir Curling Association is organising the tournament under the aegis of the Curling Federation of India (CFI) with support from the Jammu & Kashmir sports council.

Dr Saluja while declaring the championship open, said, "I am elated to see the second edition of the National Curling Championship taking off in the serene and picturesque backdrop of Gulmarg's snow-clad mountains. The event embodies the spirit of winter sports in India."

"The championship is another testament to Religare's commitment to Curling in India. My heart gladdens at seeing how our efforts are gradually yielding results with India's improved showing at global Curling events. Religare will continue to promote sports and athletics in the country in a meaningful way by sponsoring deserving athletes and sporting institutions."

Yogeshwar Dutt, while throwing the event open, said, "I'm glad that winter sports is now getting its due in India. With the kind of support provided by Religare, I'm confident that India will produce champions in Curling."

Shopian Youth Wins MMA Championship Gold In MP

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A 19-year-old boy from South Kashmir's Shopian district has brought laurels to Jammu and Kashmir by bagging gold medal in 2nd Indian Open Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Championship, which was held from 2nd to 4th December 2022 at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.

Rizwan Riyaz, a resident of Shadab Karewa area in Shopian district, is pursuing bachelor's degree from Government Degree College Shopian and wants to participate in mega international events.

Rizwan Riyaz said that he was happy to win the gold medal at the national level in martial arts and he will work hard as his dream is

to reach international level.

He said that he was interested in martial arts since his childhood and started his journey in 9th class and has been giving training to interested youth.

"I am very happy to win this medal and am trying to work hard and further excel and perform well at the mega stages," he added.

Rizwan has come up with a small academy in Shopian where both boys and girls are getting training.

"I have started a small academy as well where I am training both boys and girls who are interested in this field so that they can perform well wherever they will get opportunity and to keep them away from drug addiction," he said. (KNO)



India Look To Win T20 Series Against SL

Press Trust of India

RAJKOT: The young pace bowling unit will look to pick up pieces from the hammering of previous night even as the Indian top-order itches to put in a meaningful performance against Sri Lanka in the decider of the three-match T20I series here on Saturday.

After eking out a narrow last-ball win in the opener, India fell short by 16-run defeat as Sri Lanka levelled the three-match series 1-1.

The inconsistency of a young attack was one of the reasons for the defeat but going forward Umran Malik and Shivam Mavi will know that it was great learning experience for them.

They erred in their lines and didn't always bowl the fuller length, making the Sri Lankan batters job easy to guide the pace of the short pitched stuff.

"The young kids will have games like this at times, and I think we all need to be patient



with them, (but) we need to be understanding that games like this can't happen," head coach Rahul Dravid said.

"I think as they're learning, it's tough. It's not easy learn-

ing in international cricket. You have to learn on the job. I think we're going to have to have a little bit of patience with these guys," he added.

Match starts at 7 pm.

Asian Cricket Council Slams PCB, Calls Chairman Sethi's Comments Baseless

Press Trust of India

KUALA LUMPUR: The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) on Friday hit back strongly at Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Najam Sethi "vehemently denying baseless allegations" of unilateral decision making levelled against its president Jay Shah with regards to the continental body's two-year programme.

The ACC, in its statement, categorically stated that PCB were sent the itinerary on December 22, 2022 along with other member nations but no communication came from the latter's side.

"It has come to our knowledge that PCB Chairman Najam Sethi has made a comment on the ACC President (Shah) unilaterally taking the decision on



finalising the calendar and announcing the same. The ACC wants to clarify that it has followed established due process," ACC said in its statement.

"The calendar was approved

by its Development Committee and Finance & Marketing Committee in a meeting held on December 13th, 2022. The calendar was then communicated to all the participating members individually, including Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), via an e-mail dated December 22nd, 2022," it further stated.

"While responses were received from certain Member Boards, no comments or suggested modifications were received from PCB. In view of the above, Sethi's comments on a social media platform are baseless and are vehemently denied by the ACC," the statement concluded.



Sarfaraz Leads Pakistan To Thrilling Draw With NZ

Press Trust of India

KARACHI: Sarfaraz Ahmed continued his red-hot form with a thrilling century to help Pakistan draw a nail-biting second and final Test against New Zealand as the series ended 0-0 here on Friday.

The 35-year-old Sarfaraz, who also struck half-centuries in his three previous innings after being recalled for the series following a near-four year absence, made 118 before the last-wicket pair hung on in dimming light for 21 balls to take Pakistan to 304-9, just 15 runs shy of its victory target.

New Zealand took seven wickets on the final day and was within one more scalp of forcing a win.

Sarfaraz stood firm for 4 hours and 48 minutes and featured in a second successive century stand with Saud Shakeel (32) after the Black Caps had reduced Pakistan

to 80-5 before lunch thanks to Michael Bracewell (4-75) claiming two wickets in six deliveries.

Sarfaraz and Shakeel defied New Zealand for nearly three hours before Shakeel fell to a brilliant reflex catch in the slips by Daryl Mitchell early in the final session.

Agha Salman made a brisk 30 but was clean bowled by Matt Henry before New Zealand struck twice with the second new ball under fading light.

Hasan Ali was trapped leg before wicket by Tim Southee and Sarfaraz was superbly snapped up by Kane Williamson low at leg slip off Bracewell's sharp off-spin.

No. 10 Naseem Shah and No. 11 Abrar Ahmed then held out against Bracewell and fellow spinner Ish Sodhi (2-59), with all 10 fielders around the bat, before bad light ended play with three overs left.

Van Dijk Set To Be Sidelined For Over A Month: Klopp

Agencies

Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk will be sidelined for over a month due to a hamstring injury, manager Juergen Klopp said on Friday.

Netherlands captain Van Dijk was taken off at halftime in the 3-1 Premier League defeat at Brentford on Monday as part of a triple change by Klopp.

"Virgil was a surprise for us and a big blow. He didn't feel a lot," Klopp told reporters ahead of

Liverpool's FA Cup third-round tie at home to Wolverhampton Wanderers on Saturday.

"The diagnosis was pretty harsh. We're talking about weeks, more than a month, but I hope it goes quick. It's hard for him, but he has played an incredible amount of games in recent years."

"It's the hamstring. He never had an issue with muscles before, never mentioned anything. It just now happened, it was one sprint too much."



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