

Eviction Drive Continues Despite Criticism, Protests

Land Retrieved From Two Former Ministers In J&K

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Despite facing sharp criticism from the residents and major political parties of Jammu and Kashmir, the Union Territory administration continued its anti-encroachment drive on Monday and retrieved over 400 kanal of state and Kahcharai land, including 13 kanal of forest land from the illegal occupation of a former Minister.

According to reports, a joint team of revenue and forest department officials assisted by police appeared in the Sedow area of Shopian on Monday morning and retrieved over 13 kanal and 16 marla of forest land, illegally occupied by former minister Taj Mohi-Ud-Din. The entire chunk of land, reports said, measured around 35 kanal.

The anti-encroachment team used JCB to pull down the chain-link fence used by the former Minister to secure the land.

A resident of the border town of Uri, Taj resigned from Congress last year and joined Ghulam Nabi Azad-led DAP.



In Ganderbal district, over 66 kanal of state and Kahcharai land was reclaimed during a day-long anti-encroachment drive, an official spokesperson said.

The drive, he said, was carried out jointly by civil administration in different tehsils of the district. The land retrieved on Monday from influential persons includes 58 kanal of state land and eight kanal of Kahcharai.

"During the anti-encroachment drive JCB machines were deployed to dismantle

the boundary walls and other structures erected illegally on government land besides notice boards indicating the status of land, survey number, location, etc. was installed on the site," the spokesperson said.

In Wussan, located on the banks of Sindh stream, he said, 38 kanal and 8 marla of encroached state and Kahcharai land were freed from influential persons, including businessmen and top government officials.

He said that most of the retrieved land in estate Wussan has been handed **More on P6**

5 Arrested For Stone Pelting In Jammu

Five people were arrested and four detained in connection with stone pelting during an anti-encroachment drive here last week, police said on Monday. Three policemen were injured in the stone pelting that took place on Saturday during the drive to demolish a vehicle showroom built on encroached land in Malik Market in Narwal bypass area, they said. **More on P6**

Admin Warns Action Over Fake List

The district administration Srinagar on Monday warned legal action after a fake list of Nazool properties in this capital city went viral on social networking websites. "A fake list of Nazool properties is being circulated on social media portraying it as a list of encroachments in Srinagar. The general public is requested not to pay any heed to such misinformation. Legal action against the fear mongers being initiated through," **More on P6**

India Rolls Out New Haj Policy

Haj Forms To Be Free Of Cost, 25 Embarkation Points This Year

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: There will be 25 embarkation points for Haj-2023 and forms for going on the pilgrimage will be out very soon with the application being available free of cost, according to the Ministry for Minority Affairs.

The ministry said the Haj policy released on Monday will bring financial relief to pilgrims.

Haj package costs have been reduced by approximately Rs 50,000 as the money that was deposited with the Haj Committee for foreign exchange and items such as umbrella, bags and bed sheets would not be charged and these things can be arranged by the pilgrims themselves, sources said.

The new Haj policy stated that out of the total number of quota allocated to the government of India, 80 per cent will be allocated to the Haj Committee of India and the remaining 20 per cent will be allocated to private operators.

"Those who have performed Haj earlier through Haj Committee of India will not be eligible to apply. In the case of 'Mehram' (companion) for lady pilgrims and of companions accompanying pilgrims over 70 years of age, repeaters will be allowed on payment of additional charges as applicable from time to time," the policy stated.

Woman pilgrims and those over 70 years utilising the service of a repeater as "Mehram" must give a solemn **More on P6**

Powerful Quake Kills Over 2300 In Turkey, Syria,



Agencies

Azmarin (Syria): A powerful 7.8 magnitude earthquake rocked wide swaths of Turkey and Syria early Monday, toppling hundreds of buildings and killing more than 2,300 people.

Hundreds were still believed to be trapped under rubble, and the toll was expected to rise as rescue workers searched mounds of wreckage in cities and towns across the area.

On both sides of the border, residents jolted out of sleep by the pre-dawn quake rushed outside on a cold, rainy and snowy night. Buildings were reduced to piles of pancaked floors, and major aftershocks or new

quakes, including one nearly as strong as the first, continued to rattle the region.

Rescue workers and residents in multiple cities searched for survivors, working through tangles of metal and concrete. A hospital in Turkey collapsed, and patients, including newborns, were evacuated from facilities in Syria.

In the Turkish city of Adana, one resident said three buildings near his home were toppled. "I don't have the strength anymore," one survivor could be heard calling out from beneath the rubble as rescue workers tried to reach him, said the resident, journalism student Muhammad Fatih Yavuz. **More on P6**

Gulmarg Turns White After Overnight Snowfall

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The weather department on Monday predicted another rain and snow spell in Kashmir Valley from February 9, even as the overnight snowfall draped the famous ski-resort of Gulmarg in a thick white blanket, while incessant rains lashed the plains.

According to a meteorological department official, the weather would be "partly cloudy" ON February 7 and 8. However, he said widespread light to moderate snowfall and rain was expected at many places from February 9-11.

The official quickly added that "no major snowfall" was expected during the next one week.

He said that in last 24 hours till 0830 hours today, Srinagar received 5.2mm of rain, Qazigund 5.6mm, Kokernag 11.2mm, Jammu 1mm, Banihal 9.0mm, Batote 9.2cm, Katra 1.2mm, and Bhaderwah 3.6mm while Gulmarg received 35 cms (114-ft) of snowfall, Kupwara 5cms and Pahalgam 2cms.

Meanwhile, amid cloud cover, the minimum temperature saw further increase except at a few places with Srinagar recording a low of 1.8°C, the same as on the previous night. Today's minimum temperature, he said, was above normal by 2.2°C for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of minus 1.6°C against 0.4°C on the previous night. **More on P6**

Politicians Break Silence 6 Days After Start Of Eviction Drive

Majid Nabi

Six days after the Union Territory administration launched an unprecedented eviction drive to free thousands of acres of state land

from the illegal occupation, two former chief ministers Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti criticised the bulldozing of properties without serving legal notices to occupants. Sajad Lone, considered close

to BJP, also spoke and raised questions on the motive of the drive. He ridiculed a select group of babus holding reins of power at the secretariat who he accused of being behind the drive.

Bulldozer Should Be The Last Resort: Omar



Coming down heavily on the Jammu and Kashmir administration over the ongoing anti-encroachment drive, former Chief Minister and National Conference (NC) Vice-president Omar Abdullah on Monday asked the government to give a chance to people to prove their claims on their lands and issue written notices before demolishing their properties. Addressing a news **More on P6**

Bulldozers Shouldn't Represent India in Kashmir: Lone



Accusing the Jammu and Kashmir administration of creating homelessness, Peoples Conference President Sajad Gani Lone said on Monday that "New Delhi shouldn't be represented by bulldozers in Kashmir, but by love and compassion." The administration seems to be more **More on P6**

No State Saw So Many Bulldozers : Mehbooba



DP president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday slammed the anti-encroachment drive, and hit out at the BJP and Jammu and Kashmir administration, accusing them of turning the union territory into Afghanistan by following a "bulldozer policy". She said the BJP's initial call for 'Ek Samvidhan, Ek Vidhan, Ek Pradhan' has given way to 'one country, **More on P6**

THE BJP THOUGHT THAT SINCE THEY CANNOT bring the entire country to the standards of Jammu and Kashmir so they will bring Jammu and Kashmir to the level of the rest of the country..."

SHORT TAKES

Teenager Injured In Landmine Blast



A 15-year-old boy was injured in a landmine blast along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Monday, sources said. Mohammad Shoaib was grazing his cattle as the landmine exploded in the forward area, they said. He was injured in the blast and has been hospitalised, they added.

Mortar Shell Defused In Poonch

Army on Monday destroyed a mortar shell in Poonch district, officials said. They said that an 120-mm old mortar shell was destroyed by the Indian Army in Basoni area of Balakote sector of Mendhar sub-division of Poonch district this evening. There was no loss or injury to anyone or damage caused to any property in the incident, they further said.



Leopard Cub Caught In Ganderbal

A leopard cub was captured in Tangchatter area of Kangan in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district by the Wildlife Department on Monday morning, officials said. Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported

that the cub was captured after the department received information about its presence in the area. He said it was roaming in the residential areas, thereby posing a danger to people and their livestock. The official said soon after getting the information, **More on P6**

2 Drug Peddlers Booked In South Kashmir

Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday said to have booked two drug peddlers under PIT NDPS Act in Awantipora, Pulwama. "Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police in Awantipora have booked two notorious drug peddlers under PIT NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority", reads a statement. "The two drug peddlers have been identified as Tariq Ahmad Sheikh @Patanjali son of Ghulam Qadir Sheikh resident of Tulbagh Pampore and Javid Ahmad Dar @Brichi son of Mohammed Akram Dar resident **More on P6**

RAJOURI ATTACK CASE NIA Team Records Statements Of Locals

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has recorded statements of scores of people and is questioning several detained people in connection with the twin militant attack in Dhangri village of Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir that left seven people dead, official sources said on Monday. While five people, including two brothers, were killed in the firing by terrorists on January 1, two children died when an improvised explosive device (IED) left behind by the attackers went off the next day. The victims hailed from the minority community.

The sources said that a high-level team



of the NIA has been camping in Rajouri from the past two weeks.

Statements of around two dozen people have so far been recorded in the case, the sources said.

Top officers of the agency also visited Dhangri village a few days ago and took first hand review of the investigation.

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Life Expectancy For Young 14 Yrs Shorter In Violent Countries: Study

Press Trust Of India

Life expectancy for young people can be as much as 14 years shorter in violent countries compared to peaceful nations, according to a global study.

A team, led by researchers at the University of Oxford in the UK, shows a direct link between the uncertainty of living in a violent setting and a "double burden" of shorter and less predictable lives, even for those not directly involved in the violence.

The study, published in the journal Science Advances, estimates a gap of around 14 years in remaining life expectancy -- the number of years a person can expect to live -- at age 10 between the least and most violent countries.

In El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Colombia, the gap in life expectancy with high income countries is predominantly explained by excess mortality due to homicides, they said.

"What we found most striking is that lifetime uncertainty has a greater association with violence than life expectancy," said Jose Manuel Aburto from Oxford's Leverhulme Center for Demographic Science.

"Lifetime uncertainty, therefore, should not be overlooked when analysing changes in mortality patterns," said Aburto, lead author of the study.

Using mortality data from 162 countries, and the Internal Peace Index between 2008-2017, the study shows the most violent countries are also those with the highest lifetime uncertainty.

In the Middle East, conflict-related deaths at young ages are the biggest contributor to this, while in Latin America, a similar pattern results from homicides and interpersonal violence, the researchers said.

However, lifetime uncertainty was "remarkably low" between 2008-2017, in most Northern and Southern European countries, they said.

The researchers found that in high-income countries, reduced cancer mortality has recently helped to reduce lifetime uncertainty.

However, in the most violent societies, lifetime uncertainty is even experienced by those not directly involved in violence.

"Whilst men are the major direct victims of violence, women are more likely to experience non-fatal consequences in violent contexts," said study co-author Professor Ridhi Kashyap, from the Leverhulme Center.

"These indirect effects of violence should not be ignored as they fuel gender inequalities, and can trigger other forms of vulnerability and causes of death," Kashyap said.

According to the study, lower life expectancy is usually associated with greater lifetime uncertainty. Living in a violent society creates vulnerability and uncertainty, and that, in turn, can lead to more violent behaviour.

Office of the Principal Baitul Ilem Public School

Mahawara, Budgam

To The worth director
School Education Kashmir .

Subject: Approval of managing body for Baitul Ilem Public School Mahawara, Budgam

Sir,
The managing committee, constituted by BIP School Mahawara and Conved by the chairman observing all prerequisites as desired by the modifying order of the department is submitted as under for the approval which may very kindly be accorded. The affidavit and the press cutting as required is enclosed

S. No	Name of the Member	Parentage	Residence	Eud. Qul.	Designation	
01	Ishfaq Hus-sain Mir	Gulzar Hus-sain Mir	Mahawara	M.PEd	Chairman	
02	Rehana	Ali Mohd Mir	Mahawara	MA, B.Ed	Principal	
3	Hadeesa	Gh Mohd Parrah	Mahawara	B.A, M.A	Member from the staff	
4	Shanawaz Ahmad Mir	Ali Mohd Mir	Mahawara	12TH	Parrent member	
5	Mukhtar Hussain Dar	Gh Rasool Dar	Mahawara	10th	Parent member	

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The Court of The Principal District Judge Srinagar

(District Court Complex Moominabad, Batamaleo)

Present : Jawad Ahmed

In the case of

1/ Mst Shafiq W/o Bashir Ahmad Sofi

2. Mohammad Jassar Bashir

3. Mohammad Rayyan Sofi

4. Mohammad Munim Sofi

5. Auwha

6. Zunaira Sons and Daughters of Bashir Ahmad Sofi All residents of Sheshgari Mohalla Khanyar Srinagar

v/s

Public at Large

Notice: To General Public

Whereas, the applicants have filed the aforesaid application before this court stating therein that the names of the applicants No. 2 to 5, who were minors at the time of issuance of succession certificate dated 14.12.2010, have been inadvertently mentioned as i) Jasir Bashir, ii) Mohammad Rujan, in) Mohammad Munim, iv) Awaha when, infact their actual names are i) Mohammad Jassar Sofi, ii) Mohammad Rayyan Sofi, iii) Mohammad Munim Sofi iv) Auwha respectively. Whereas, the aforesaid application has been moved before this court wherein rectification in the names of the petitioner No. 2 to 5 has been prayed for.

Whereas, objections to the aforesaid application are invited from general public and whosoever from the general public may have any objection in correction of the names of petitioners No. 2 to 5 as Mohammad Jassar Sofi, Mohammad Rayyan Sofi, Mohammad Munim Sofi and Auwha may appear either personally or through his/her counsel for filing objections to the application or if anyone would be interested to be a party may file application for arraying him as party. The next date fixed in the matter is 14.02.2023.

Given under my seal and signature of the court today on 03.02.2023.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Kousar Parveen S/O, W/O Sh. Masroof Ahmad Khan R/O Trikanjan Tehsil Boniyar District Baramulla Have Purchased Plot No. 16-N Sector No.n In Housing Colony Ompora Budgam From Sh. Nazir Ahmad Shah S/O Ali Mohammad Shah R/O Khan Sahib Budgam, Originally Allotted In Favour Of Sh. Nazir Ahmad Shah S/O Ali Mohammad Shah R/O Khan Sahib Budgam I have applied for transfer of leasehold rights of above said plot in my favour. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to the Managing Director, J&K Housing Board, Green Belt Park, Gandhinagar, Jammu within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice. However, no objection will be entertained after the expiry of the above said period.

KOUSAR PARVEEN
W/O Sh. MASROOF AHMAD KHAN
R/O TRIKANJAN TEHSIL BONIYAR DISTRICT BARAMULLA

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Aamir ullah Rather S/o Abdul Kareem Rather R/o Ogmuna Tehsil Kowarhama District Baramulla do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as under:-
1. That I was adopted by one namely Abdul Rahman Najar R/o Rasripora Tehsil Pattan at the time of my birth as my mother died soon after giving birth to the deponent.
2. That as I was residing with my adoptive father at Rasripora and in my adhaar card my name has been shown as Aamir-ullah Najar S/o Abdul Rehman Najar and residence as my correct name is Aamir-ullah Rather S/o Abdul Kareem rather and I have returned to my parental home for permanent settlement at my parental home, the said Aadhar Card was made during my minority.
3. That I intend to correct my caste/surname and parentage in the Adhar card and address also as I have migrated to my parental home i.e Ogmuna Tehsil Kowarhama District Baramulla.
4. That this affidavit is solicited for correct of the name and address as the correct name of the deponent is Aamir-ullah rather S/o Abdul Kareem Rather and my address is Ogmuna Tehsil Kowarhama District Baramulla

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The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 12th session Annual 2019 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

Name : Barakh Sarah

S/o: Haji Mushtaq Ahmad Shah

Roll No: 260421

Year & Session : 2019 - Annual



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

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Sd/ Assistant Secretary
Board Of School Education
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The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

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Name : Barakh Sarah

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Court Of The 2Nd Additional Munsiff JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1st CLASS AT SRINAGAR

(PROCLAMATION REQUIRING OBJECTION FROM GENERAL PUBLIC
CNR: JKSG030022872023 Date of tiling 30.01.2023

Jana W/o Ghulam Mohammad Bhat R/o Zewan Balla Srinagar Applicant

Versus

Registrar, Births and Deaths, SMC Srinagar

Non-Applcant

WHEREAS an application has been made before me that Ghulam Mohammad Bhat S/o Abdul Rehman Bhat R/o Zewan Balla Srinagar has died on 11-09-2022 and the applicant has sought a direction from this court for registration of the death particulars, Ghulam Mohammad Bhat , in the concerned register of births and deaths.

Proclamation is hereby made that the any person having any objection(s) to this application may appear before this Court (or before me) to file objections within 07 days of this publication.

Dated, this 31lh day of January 2023.

Sd/-

(AHTZAZ AHMED)

NJ 2nd Additional (JMJC), Srinagar

Court Of The 2Nd Additional Munsiff JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1st CLASS AT SRINAGAR

(PROCLAMATION REQUIRING OBJECTION FROM GENERAL PUBLIC
CNR: JKSG030022872023 Date of tiling 30.01.2023

Syed Yaqoob Shah S/o Syed Yousuf R/o Surteng Rainawari, Sgr

Applicant

Versus

Registrar, Births and Deaths, SMC Srinagar

Non-Applcant

WHEREAS an application has been made before me that Syed Yousuf S/o Late Syed Asghar Shah R/o Rangparistan Rainwari Srinagar has died on 29-05-2016and the applicant has sought a direction from this court for registration of the death particulars, Syed Yousuf , in the concerned register of births and deaths.

Proclamation is hereby made that the any person having any objection(s) to this application may appear before this Court (or before me) to file objections within 07 days of this publication.

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IN THE COURT OF JMJC, JUDGE SMALL CAUSES, SRINAGAR

Present:- Ms Tabasum

Rafiq

Applicant

v/s

Registrar Births & Deaths SMC, Srinagar.

(Non-Applcant)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas an application has been received from the applicant for registration of Death of Firdousa in the records of SMC Srinagar. Objection, if any, be submitted in writing before the undersigned within seven days from the date of this Publication. The details of the Person are as under:-

Name:- Firdousa

Sex:- FEMALE

Father's Name:- NA

Mother's name: NA

DOB: 01-05-2022

Place Of Death:- Babapora Habbakadal A/P City Colony Illahl Bagh Sgr

Sd/-

nj Judge Small Causes, Srinagar

From the office of the Advocate G.R .Rah and associates

In the case of:

Javeed Ahmad Goujree 2.Showkat Ahmad Goujree 3 Shakir Karim all s/o of Abdul Karim Goujree and 4 Mrs.Khazeri wife of Abdul Karim Goujree all residents of Safa Kadal Srinagar'

Versus

Public at large

(NON-CAVEATOS)

In the Petition in terms of Section 48-A The Caveator has reason to believe that Non-Caveators may file any Application, Petition, Appeal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seed in obtaining some relief/order at their back /in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveator be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

Sd/advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to change the name on Electricity Bill bearing Consumer ID No: 0203010002084 from Mohd Shafi Sheikh to Mohd Arif Dar S/o Ghulam Qadir Dar R/o Shahhamdan Colony Bemina . If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division Watal Kadal Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mohd Arif Dar S/o Ghulam Qadir Dar
R/o Shahhamdan Colony Bemina

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Rahti W/o Ghulam Nabi Bhat R/o Zewan Bala Srinagar

Applicant

Versus

Registrar, Births and Deaths, SMC Srinagar

Non-Applcant

WHEREAS an application has been made before me that Ghulam Nabi Bhat S/o Mohd. Kamal Bhat R/o Zewan Bal Srinagar has died on 22-03-2001 and the applicant has sought a direction from this court for registration of the death particulars, Ghulam Nabi Bhat , in the concerned register of births and deaths.

Proclamation is hereby made that the any person having any objection(s) to this application may appear before this Court (or before me) to file objections within 07 days of this publication.

Dated, this 31lh day of January 2023.

Sd/-

(AHTZAZ AHMED)

NJ 2nd Additional (JMJC), Srinagar

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Shafat Hussain Malla S/o Ghulam Mohammad Malla R/o Laigaridoori Iddagh Srinagar

Applicant

Versus

Registrar, Births and Deaths, SMC Srinagar

...Non-Applcant

WHEREAS an application has been made before me that Ghulam Mohammad Malla S/o: Ghulam Mohi ud din Malla R/o: R/o Laigaridoori Iddagh, Srinagar has died on 07.05.2021 and the applicant has sought a direction from this court for registration of the death particulars, Ghulam Mohammad Malla, in the concerned register of births and deaths.

Proclamation is hereby made that the any person having any objection(s) to this application may appear before this Court (or before me) to file objections within 07 days of this publication.

Dated, this 31lh day of January 2023.

Sd/-

(AHTZAZ AHMED)

NJ 2nd Additional (JMJC), Srinagar



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15 SKUAST Students Selected For Innovation Grants

Observer News Service

Srinagar: More than 15 innovators of Sher e Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir have secured Innovation Grant Funding Support as seed money from Jammu & Kashmir Science, Technology & Innovation Council.

The grantees, mentored by SKUAST K Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship (SKIE) Centre and Team IDP of the university, were shortlisted among hundreds of applicants and have been given the opportunity to pitch their innovative ideas in front of the reputed jury members.

Utilise the fund for validating the proof of concept

The Innovators were selected based on their novel and out-of-the-box ideas and solutions, and transforming

their ideas into minimum viable products and services to help in eradicating and providing a sustainable solution to various Agri-based problems.

The grants will be utilised by these innovators for validating the proof of concept and turning them into viable marketable products.

Vice Chancellor, SKUAST Kashmir, Prof Nazir A Ganai congratulated the selectees and their business mentors for their efforts and bringing laurels to the university. He further added that these achievements are the cornerstone and act as a benchmark to motivate other young innovators to come into this arena and contribute to infusing the culture of innovation, incubation and start-ups in the Union Territory and the country as a whole.



KU, AP University, SMC Sign MoU To Improve Quality Of Education

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a major initiative that aims to further the cause of universalisation of education, the University of Kashmir, Azim Premji University Bangalore and Srinagar Municipal Corporation on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding to give a fillip to quality of education in 83 identified primary schools in Srinagar.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan chaired the MoU-signing ceremony as chief guest while Mayor Srinagar, Mr Junaid Azim Mattoo and Commissioner SMC Mr Athar Amir Khan, IAS, were the guests of honour who represented the SMC. Azim Premji University was represented by Mr Bijoy Shankar Das, Leader (NE States and J&K).

The tripartite MoU envisions joint collaboration in three critical areas, including visioning workshops with SMC core group, continuous professional development programmes for Zonal Education Officers, School Leaders and School Teachers,

besides development of academic material like textbooks for these schools functioning under the ambit of SMC.

While the KU will provide all academic and technical support to finalise and contextualise the modules, Azim Premji University will bring in necessary technical resources for the initiatives. The SMC, on its part, shall extend necessary support in realisation of the desired objectives.

In her presidential address, Prof Nilofer said the MoU is yet another opportunity for the University to connect with the community at grassroots and engage with the baseline feeders (primary schools) for higher education.

Urging seriousness at all levels to realise the MoU objectives with sustained attention and focus, Prof Nilofer said the University will share resources, infrastructure and expertise so that the identified schools are truly benefited.

Mayor Srinagar, Mr Junaid Azim Mattoo, underscored the genesis of the MoU. He said

the Kashmir University's partnership in the MoU will offer a great impetus to "set our priorities right" vis-à-vis upgradation of quality of education in the identified primary schools functioning under the aegis of SMC.

"Giving a decent schooling to children from disadvantaged sections of the society is the focus of the MoU, which we shall be able to attain with the vast academic strength of the University of Kashmir and support from Azim Premji University," he said, underlining the need to evolve synergies and synchronisation to face the "challenges in the way."

Commissioner SMC, Mr Athar Aamir Khan called for bringing in best practices and cross-learning in schools to improve the learning outcomes.

"This MoU offers an opportunity to identify and address the gaps in teaching-learning at primary level," he said, adding that the SMC will offer its full support so that the goals envisioned in the MoU are achieved holistically.

Police Detains Stunt Bikers, Seizes Two wheelers



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Police on Monday detained at least seven stunt bikers for performing life threatening stunts on Boulevard road. The Police further said that youth were counselled and were handed over to family members after taking good

behaviour bonds.

"Seven stunt bikers detained by Nishat PS while doing life threatening stunts on Boulevard road. Four (4) two wheelers also seized. The delinquent youth were counselled and were handed over to family members after taking good behaviour bond" Srinagar Police tweeted.

Changing Lifestyle Putting Kangri At Backburner

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Some decades back, for most Kashmiris Kangri was the only portable way for people to warm themselves. However, with the advent in technology and change in lifestyle, some city residents say they have given up the use of 'Kangri' and they no longer use the traditional Kashmiri firepot in their households. Badr-u-Nissa Bhat, a resident of Srinagar's old city area said that they have given up the use of Kangri many years back.

"My family gave up the use of Kangri when I was very young. They had apprehensions about my safety and the things around. I am not used to it" said Badr-u-Nissa, a Ph.D. scholar at Kashmir University.

However, she says it is impossible

to stay warm without resorting to other advanced mechanisms to keep yourself warm in Kashmir.

"Two of our rooms have a Hamam facility and in other rooms we use radiators. I think these are efficient ways to heat up a room. But I am still fanatized by Kangris." She said.

"Whenever I go to a relative's place, I don't miss a chance to get a 'Kangri Josh'."

Shadab Abbas, is another Old city resident who says they don't use the traditional firepot to warm themselves.

"Kangri comes with a lot of risk and there are better ways to warm ourselves. We use a gas heater to warm up our rooms"

Although some city residents may have given up the use of traditional firepot for warming themselves, most people say it is part of Kashmiri culture and legacy.

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This Day In History

- 1831 - Belgium adopts its Constitution
- 1863 - HMS Orpheus sinks off the coast of Auckland, New Zealand, killing 189.
- 1881 - Battle at Ingogo, Transvaal: Boers beat superior British forces
- 1889 - Astronomical Society of Pacific holds 1st meeting in SF
- 1905 - Dominican Rep signs treaty turning over customs collection to US
- 1907 - Conservative coalition take over Reichstag in Germany after rallying conservatives against the threat of a socialist government
- 1915 - 1st wireless message sent from a moving train to a station received
- 1915 - 2nd Battle of Masurian Lakes: German armies surrounded a Russian army
- 1924 - Benito Mussolini government exchanges diplomats with USSR
- 1928 - 1st solo England to Australia flight takes off (Bert Hinkler)
- 1944 - Germans launch counteroffensive at Anzio, Italy
- 1945 - US 76th/5th Infantry divisions begin crossing Sauer
- 1945 - London, Washington and Moscow discuss final phase of World War II
- 1947 - Arabs & Jews reject British proposal to split Palestine
- 1950 - US & Great Britain recognize Bao Dai Vietnamese regime
- 1959 - Fidel Castro proclaims new Cuban constitution
- 1962 - Gas explosion in Luisanthal coal mine Voelklingen Germany kills 298
- 1962 - US President JFK begins blockade of Cuba by banning all Cuban imports and exports.
- 1964 - Cassius Clay converts to Islam, and is renamed Muhammad Ali
- 1965 - US begins regular bombing & strafing of N Vietnam
- 1967 - A fire at a restaurant in Montgomery, Alabama kills 25 people.

From KO Archives

US Team To Assess Peace Process In J&K

WASHINGTON - A four-member US congressional team led by Edward Royce, Republican member of the House of Representatives from California and co-chairman of the congressional caucus on India, will visit India and Pakistan for 10 days from February 16 to assess the progress of the peace process in Jammu & Kashmir.

The proposal for the visit came from David Bonior, member from Michigan, which has a large Pakistani community, besides Syrians and Iraqis. Indian American sources said Bonior espouses Pakistan's cause in the Kashmir dispute.

Talking to the United News of India, Democratic Representative Jim McDermott, co-chairman of the India caucus, said the team would try to figure out if they could play any role in resolving the longstanding dispute.

He, however, made it clear that the congressmen have no plan to be interlocutors for the peace process.

Besides Royce and Bonior, the other members of the delegation are McDermott and Joseph Pitts, a Republican from Pennsylvania.

"We want to look at the Kashmir situation, get a feel from both sides and try to figure out if there is any role for us," McDermott said, adding that the team would visit the Kashmir valley as well.

The congressmen are scheduled to meet both Indian and Pakistani leaders during their visits to New Delhi and Islamabad, though no schedule has been worked out. They will also visit Lahore and the earthquake-affected areas of Gujarat.

McDermott said the proposal was mooted during a chat he had with Bonior a few days back. "We both came to a decision to contribute to the peace process in Kashmir and approached the House speaker to provide us a military plane to transport the delegation to India," he added.

He admitted the Bush administration had not moved as quickly as it should have in the Gujarat tragedy. "There is no need to wait for protocol as you see the human tragedy unfolding before you in a friendly country," he said, referring to the argument that New Delhi had not approached Washington for assistance.

The India caucus is also handicapped by the fact that President George W Bush is just putting his administration together and there is no assistant secretary in the South Asia division in the state department who can debate proposals.

But the near unanimous resolution adopted by the House of Representatives expressing solidarity with the quake victims was intended to send a message to the White House that Congress is keen to see the executive branch act. "If only the tragedy had occurred five days earlier, things would have been different as the Clinton government was still there," McDermott added.


US assistance to the earthquake victims should be a generous contribution reflective of the wealth of the country, he said.

The congressman said a decision to fill up the vacancy caused by the resignation of Assistant Secretary Karl F Inderfurth would be taken by the end of February. But the post of ambassador to India would need longer to be filled once the incumbent, Richard Celeste, demits office in a month's time.

Celeste has been asked to continue until alternative arrangements are made. But "we may end up having a long gap before the next ambassador is posted to India", McDermott said, referring to the long Senate confirmation process that will have to be gone through.

He said Senator Sam. Brownback, Republican from Kansas, is currently spearheading a move to have the remaining sanctions against India lifted. The 100-member congressional caucus will extend full support to the move. The desire to lift the remaining sanctions is widespread and pressure will build up on the new administration soon. "Everything in politics has a timing," McDermott remarked.

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Winter And Tourism

While the winter and the attendant snow-fall create many hardships for people in the Valley, on the tourism front, things start looking up. In the famous health resorts of Gulmarg and Pahalgam, the snow has drawn tourists in droves. The high altitude areas and the famous tourist resorts have been receiving snow since December. According to tourism department figures, the hotel in Gulmarg are booked till March. At 8,960 feet, Gulmarg, Kashmir's wonderland of snow, is receiving a good number of tourists. According to the tourism department, the occupancy of the hotels in the famous hill resort is full. The hoteliers are up-beat, so is the tourism department.

Snowfall is a boon for tourism. It is important for its novelty for the ninety-nine percent of more than a 1.4 Indians, so they look forward to visit Kashmir in winter. The tourism department is also organizing national winter games at Gulmarg from February 10 under the "Khelo India" initiative. The big sporting event is projected to draw over 1500 participants. Anurag Thakur, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, and Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of J&K, recently inaugurated the Third Khelo India National Winter Games Anthem, Mascot, and Jersey. They termed Gulmarg a "Sports City," saying the resort would be able to welcome the largest number of 1500 players from across the country. The event promotes winter sports such as skiing, Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snow rugby, ice stock sport, snow baseball, climbing, snowshoe running, ice hockey, figure skating, and speed skating. Prime Minister Narendra Modi in February 2021 virtually inaugurated the second edition of the games.

The tourism department has also made tremendous efforts to bring tourists back to Kashmir. The J&K Tourism Department participated in this year's Outbound Travel Mart in Mumbai as part of its nationwide tourism promotional campaign. Thousands of holidaymakers, travel traders and tour organizing professionals thronged the J&K pavilion. The Jammu and Kashmir administration anticipates a 15-20 percent year-on-year increase in visitors to the Union Territory in 2023 and has planned 75 alternative destinations to lower footfalls at the most popular attractions.

More than 20 lakh tourists, including 3.65 lakh Amarnath yatrins and over ten thousand foreigners, visited Kashmir during 2022. The Tourism department has said that an advertising campaign across major Indian cities and the opening of new destinations have helped. The UT government has also increased the options for tourists by developing more resorts. For example, Aharbal, Yusmarg, Tosamaidan, Gurez, historic old city in Srinagar, are finding a prominent place on the tourist map of Kashmir. These places need further development of tourist infrastructure and also wider publicity for people to visit. So current year could be hoped to bring more tourists to the Valley.

OTHER OPINION

Going Green

As an article presented at the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting in Davos last month notes, India holds the key to hitting global climate change targets given its sizeable and growing energy needs. With the country's population set to overtake China's some time this year, India's appetite for energy to propel the economy is set to surge exponentially. The transition to green alternatives from the current reliance on fossil fuels is therefore an urgent imperative and an opportunity to leverage this move to catalyse new industries, generate jobs on a sizeable scale, and add to overall economic output. In a nod to this, Budget 2023-24 devoted a fair amount of space to the green industrial and economic transition needed. With the electric vehicle (EV) revolution poised to take off as every automobile major rolls out new EV models to tap demand, the availability of indigenously produced lithium-ion batteries has become a necessity, especially to lower the cost of EVs. The Budget hearteningly proposes to exempt customs duty on the import of capital goods and machinery required to manufacture lithium-ion cells used in EV batteries. This ought to give a fillip to local companies looking to set up EV battery plants.

Another key proposal relates to the establishment of a viability gap funding mechanism to support the creation of battery energy storage systems with a capacity of 4,000 MWh. Energy storage systems are crucial in power grid stabilisation and essential as India increases its reliance on alternative sources of power generation including solar and wind. With wind turbine farms and solar photovoltaic projects characteristically producers of variable electric supply, battery storage systems become enablers of ensuring the electricity these generators produce at their peak output is stored and then supplied to match the demand arriving at the grid from household or industrial consumers. Ms. Sitharaman also set aside a vital 8,300 crore towards a 20,700 crore project for building an inter-State transmission system for the evacuation and grid integration of 13 GW of renewable energy from Ladakh. With its vast stretches of barren land and one of the country's highest levels of sunlight availability, Ladakh is considered an ideal location to site photovoltaic arrays for producing a substantial capacity of solar power. The transmission line will help address what had so far been the hurdle in setting up solar capacity in the region, given its remoteness from India's main power grid.

The Hindu

How Eviction Drives in J&K go
Against the Concept of Welfare State

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

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Jammu and Kashmir has been taken over, literally, by infamous bulldozers. Demolition drives are being carried out, properties sealed and encroachers are being driven away. This has been the first resort from the government's end. But was it the only viable one?

Not so far away, early this year, in Gurgaon, the residents of unauthorised or illegal colonies located outside municipal areas in Gurgaon were given the option to apply for regularisation under the Haryana Management of Civic Amenities and Infrastructure Deficient Areas Outside Municipal Area (Special Provisions) Act 2021.

This isn't a singular case, in fact, the Parliament in March 2021, had passed the National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (special provisions) second (Amendment) Bill 2021 to help regularise certain unauthorised colonies in Delhi by December 2023.

Notably, there are about 1,700 unauthorised colonies in Delhi alone. In fact, in 2019, the central government announced that it would give ownership rights to over 40 lakh living in unauthorised colonies in Delhi. The central government launched the Prime Minister-Unauthorised Colonies in Delhi Awas Adhikar Yojna for the same.

If welfare programmes are taken up by various State and Central governments for its people especially to regularise illegal residential colonies or giving proprietary rights to businessmen and small shopkeepers in Delhi, Gurgaon, Mumbai, Kolkata and other places, why can't it be done in J&K?

In the past, several unauthorised colonies were regularised even in Jammu city during NC-Congress Govt. Why can't the present Government take a similar stand now? The population of J&K is increasing day by day. We have the least landholdings as compared to other states. If the Government doesn't allocate state land to people, where shall the people live? Our landmass is already choking because huge chunks of land have been acquired by the Government for various infrastructural projects.

Defeating the purpose of Welfare State

The concept of the Welfare State is embedded in the Indian Constitution which reads, "The State shall strive to promote the welfare of the people by securing and protecting

cilities and opportunities, not only amongst individuals but also amongst groups of people residing in different areas or engaged in different vocations. Therefore, a welfare state is based on the principles of equality of opportunity and equitable distribution of wealth. It also focuses on the responsibility of the Government for the disadvantaged communities in particular and

broader term and is not restricted to mean the Office of President, Prime Minister's Office, Chief Minister's Office, Civil Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Governor, Lt Governor etc. As per Article 12 of the Indian Constitution:

"Definition in this part, unless the context otherwise requires, the State includes the Government and Parliament of India and the Government

If a private school is operating on Government land/State land, why shall an order be issued from the Civil Secretariat to decide about the fate of that school? If residential colonies or shops are established on state land, let the local bodies decide about their fate through Deh Majlis (gram sabha) or ward meetings. If the Govt has managed to set up the institutions of lo-



cal bodies in cities, towns and villages, why are they side-lined during the ongoing eviction and demolition drives? Why aren't Gram Sabha (Deh Majlis) in rural areas or Ward committee meetings in urban areas called to decide who shall be evicted and who shall not be?

Issuing orders from the Civil Secretariat and getting it executed through District Administration or Revenue Department officials kills not only the essence of the Welfare State but also chokes the spirit of our local self governance as well. On one hand, the Prime Minister keeps talking about holding three-tier panchayat elections in J&K which his Govt claims to be a great achievement but when it comes to empowering these institutions, the Government doesn't seem to be serious.

This definition makes it crystal clear that the state within the meaning of constitution of India means:

1. Government and Parliament of India i.e the Executive and Legislature of the Union
2. Government and Legislature of each State, Union Territory i.e the Executive and Legislature of the various States / UTs of India
3. All local or other authorities (Panchayats, Municipalities) within the territory of India
4. All local and other authorities who are under the control of the Government of India

Municipalities, Panchayats custodians of state land

In addition to the constitutional definition of state, there are numerous judgments of the Supreme Court and different High Courts that have made it clear that local bodies are covered under the definition of State. If Municipality or Panchayat is a state then the land located in its jurisdiction also belongs to this institution?

There are important judgments of high courts and supreme court which make it clear that state land belongs to the local bodies. In towns or cities, the municipal institutions

Context, Questions and Conclusion

The entire land of Jammu & Kashmir was purchased by Maharaja Gulab Singh for Rs 75 lakhs in 1846 from British India. Does this mean that the entire population of Jammu & Kashmir are illegal occupants and the land from Lakhampur to Ladakh will again be handed over to the state?

The policies and programmes of a welfare state have to be rational and people's welfare should be the primary concern of the state. People are under stress due to ongoing eviction drives. Let this be halted and LG Manoj Sinha must soon devise a programme to streamline this entire process. Let Gram Sabha (Deh Majlis) and Ward Meetings be held to decide the issue of state land encroachments. If Panchayats / Gram Sabhas are empowered to allocate forest land to forest dwellers under the Forest Rights Act 2006, why can't the same thing be replicated in the case of state land allocation as well?

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as effectively as it may a social order in which justice, social, economic and political, shall inform all the institutions of the national life."

As per the constitution, the State has to secure a social order for the promotion of welfare of the people. It further asserts that the State shall, in particular, strive to minimise the inequalities in income, and endeavor to eliminate inequalities in status, fa-

cannot be enforceable against individuals and private entities. The obligation of protecting these rights lies on the state or its instrumentalities. Most of the fundamental rights provided to the citizens are claimed against the state and its instrumentalities and not against the private bodies. Article 12 explains the significance of the State.

We need to understand that State is a

are its custodians and in villages the panchayats (Gram sabha) have the control over this land.

On one hand, the Government sets out agendas around the empowerment of the institutions of local self governance (panchayats and municipalities) but when it comes to taking control of the state land, the ownership rights are not given to the Municipalities or Panchayats in Jammu & Kashmir.

UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL OF 5G

Navigating the Challenges and Opportunities in India's Digital Revolution

Hilal Ahmad Dar

5G technology is the latest iteration of mobile internet and is poised to bring about a revolution in the way people and businesses use the internet in India. With faster speeds, lower latency, and increased capacity, 5G promises to make it possible to support a wider range of applications and services. India is one of the largest mobile markets in the world, and 5G technology is expected to play a critical role in the growth of India's digital economy. In this article, we will take a closer look at 5G internet in India, its potential benefits, its potential drawbacks, and the challenges to its deployment, so that we get well acquainted with what the future holds for this new generation of mobile internet.

BENEFITS OF 5G TECHNOLOGY IN INDIA

Improved Connectivity: One of the primary benefits of 5G technology is the increased speed and reliability of mobile internet. 5G technology is expected to deliver download speeds of up to 20 Gbps, which is many times faster than current 4G networks. This increased speed will make it possible to download large files, stream high-quality video content, and play online games with minimal lag. This improved connectivity will make it easier for people and businesses to access the internet and connected services.

Increased Efficiency: 5G technology is expected to greatly improve the efficiency of many industries, including healthcare, transportation, and manufacturing. The increased speed and low latency of 5G networks will make it possible to support new and innovative applications and services, such as remote surgery, autonomous vehicles, and smart factories. These new services are expected to drive greater efficiency and reduce costs, making it possible to deliver better quality goods and services to consumers.

Boost to the Digital Economy: The deployment of 5G networks is expected to play a critical role in the growth of India's digital economy. 5G technology will enable the development of new and innovative business models and services, making it possible to reach new markets and customers. The growth of the 5G ecosystem will also create new



job opportunities in the technology sector, helping to drive economic growth and create new sources of employment.

Better Access to Healthcare: 5G technology is expected to play an important role in the delivery of better-quality healthcare services in India. With its increased speed and low latency, 5G networks will make it possible to support telemedicine and remote patient monitoring, making it easier for people to access medical treatment and care. This is particularly important in remote and underserved areas, where access to healthcare is limited.

Job Creation: The deployment of 5G networks and the development of new services and applications is expected to create new job opportunities in the technology sector. With the growth of the 5G ecosystem, there will be a need for skilled workers to deploy and manage 5G networks, develop new services and applications, and provide support to users. This new employment will help to drive economic growth



5G technology has the potential to transform the way people and businesses use the internet, delivering faster and more reliable connectivity, enabling new and innovative services, and boosting the growth of the digital economy. However, there are also challenges to the deployment of 5G networks in India

and support the development of a knowledge-based economy.

POTENTIAL DRAWBACKS OF 5G IN INDIA

Cost: The deployment of 5G networks is expensive and requires significant investments in infrastructure, making it a challenge for smaller companies and startups to participate in the 5G ecosystem.

This could result in a concentration of power in the hands of a few large companies, reducing competition and stifling innovation.

Health Concerns: There are concerns about the potential health effects of exposure to 5G radiofrequency radiation, although current scientific evidence does not suggest any significant health risks. Some

people are concerned that the deployment of 5G networks could lead to increased exposure to radiofrequency radiation, which could have negative health effects over time.

Interference with Other Technologies: 5G technology operates in the same frequency range as some other technologies, such as weather radar and satellite communications, which could lead to interference. This could impact the performance of these technologies, making them less effective.

CHALLENGES TO 5G DEPLOYMENT IN INDIA

Cost: The deployment of 5G networks is expensive and requires significant investments in infrastructure. This cost is a challenge for smaller companies and startups, who may not have the resources to participate in the 5G ecosystem. The cost of 5G technology is also expected to be passed on to consumers, making it less accessible to people on lower incomes.

Regulation: The Indian govern-

ment is still in the process of developing regulations for 5G technology, which could slow the deployment of networks and the development of new services. As 5G technology is a new and rapidly evolving technology, the Indian government needs to ensure that appropriate regulations are in place to protect users and promote the growth of the 5G ecosystem.

Spectrum Allocation: The availability of spectrum for 5G services is limited in India, and the allocation of spectrum is a major challenge for 5G deployment. The government needs to allocate sufficient spectrum to support the deployment of 5G networks, but also needs to ensure that other existing technologies are not impacted.

Network Deployment: Deploying 5G networks requires significant investments in infrastructure, including the deployment of new base stations and the upgrade of existing networks. This is a major challenge in India, which has a large and diverse geography and requires significant investments in infrastructure to reach remote and underserved areas.

Cybersecurity: 5G networks are expected to be more secure than previous generations of networks, but they are also more complex and vulnerable to new types of cyber threats. Thus, the government will need to take steps to ensure the security of 5G networks, including the development of regulations and standards, and the deployment of cybersecurity solutions.

5G technology has the potential to transform the way people and businesses use the internet, delivering faster and more reliable connectivity, enabling new and innovative services, and boosting the growth of the digital economy. However, there are also challenges to the deployment of 5G networks in India, including the high costs of deployment, concerns about health and interference, and the need to allocate sufficient spectrum and address cybersecurity issues. The Indian government and the technology industry will need to work together to overcome these challenges and ensure that 5G technology delivers on its promise in India.

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Reading the Tectonic Clock in Kashmir

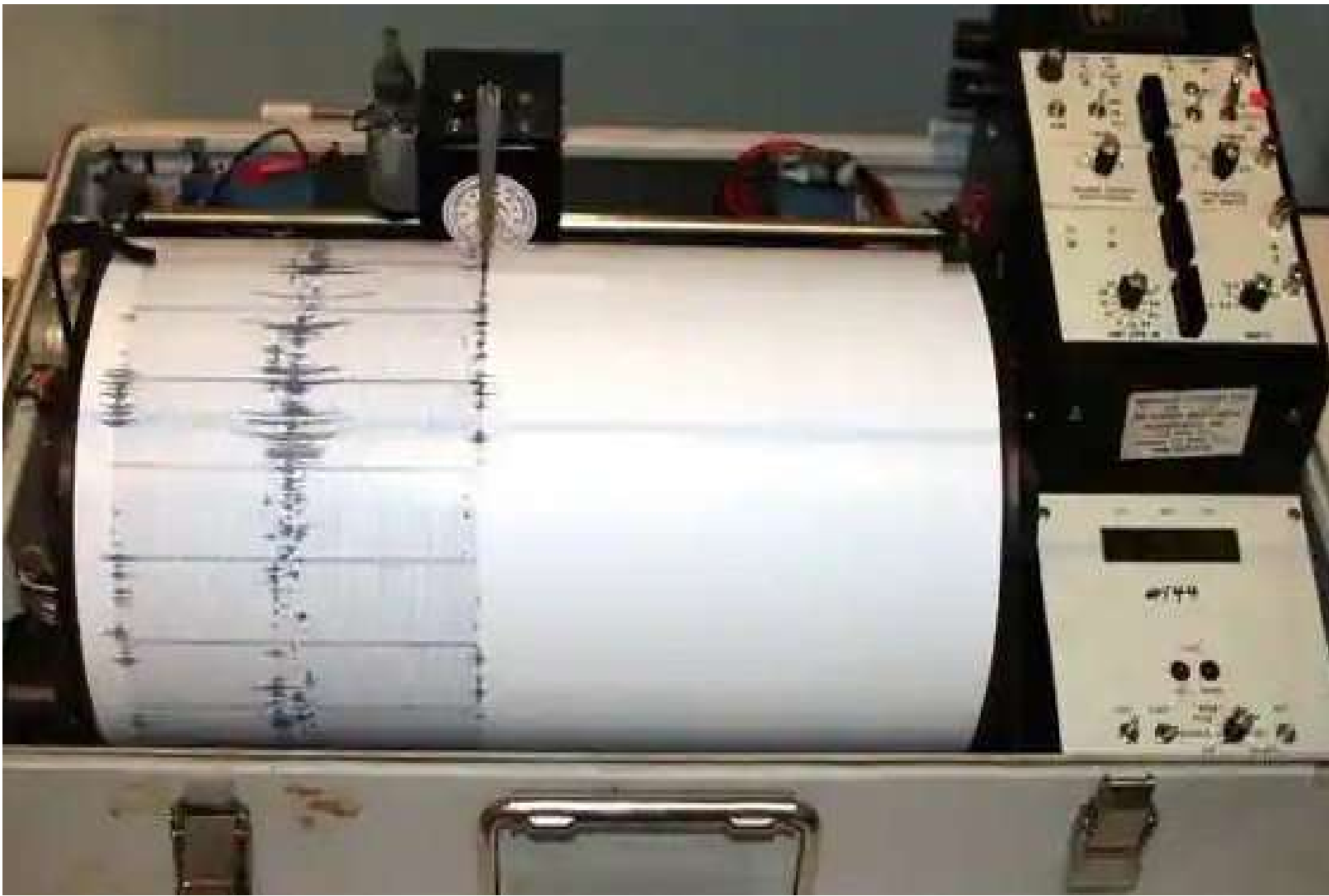
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We must learn how to use the tectonic clock in our favour to avert devastating earthquakes

EARTHQUAKES occur when rocks fail to accommodate stress. Initially, rocks will deform and try to compensate for stress, which usually results in topographic changes such as uplift, subsidence etc. Once the stress exceeds what rocks can accommodate, they strain and eventually break. The sequence of earthquakes in the Jammu and Kashmir region should be experiencing strain release, which tells us that rocks are at a stage where breaking is possible. I have checked the depth of faulting, and it seems the rocks are breaking at 5 to 10 km depth, which is very shallow, and if it forms a significant fault, it could be dangerous.

Unfortunately, we do not know the type of faulting because of the small size of the quakes. However, the pattern of earthquake occurrence in the south of the Kashmir Basin is a reflection of internal faulting, which means that such earthquakes could be associated with faults other than the major Himalayan faults, such as the Himalayan Frontal thrust, Main Boundary fault, etc. It is good news because the maximum size of an earthquake on the fault that would accommodate the ongoing earthquakes in the J and K regions should not exceed magnitude 8.0 and would ideally be expected to fall between 6.0 and 7.0. If it reaches 7.0 and 7.5, it will cause considerable damage in the region, potentially cascading into a series of other issues such as landslides, floods, liquefaction, and so on.

Earthquakes in our part of the world are happening because of the ongoing collision between India and Eurasia, two continental plates that started their journey to collide a long time back. Therefore, no one can stop them from collisions, humans can not do that, and we have no technological advancement to stop



WE HAVE TO FIRST DRAFT IN OUR MIND A SOLUTION ON HOW TO LIVE WITH EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS. It is where the will is needed; once we have it, the road towards achieving that goal will come nearer

it. Actually, stopping collisional tectonics would create more problems than solutions, which we can discuss

later in another post. Therefore, we cannot stop earthquakes from coming; they will come, only time is un-

known. I think that unknown time is a clock for us which is ticking. If we do not understand how to respond

to the time given to us by the natural clock of faulting, we will turn a hazard into a major disaster, which will

be our failure as a scientific, social, and responsible community.

Assuming there will be a big earthquake in the coming days, what could we do? Nothing much. Our houses are a pack of cards with no structural integrity to withstand ground shaking, which will become a catastrophe. We are not ready to face a big earthquake, which is something we should think about, and it should give us sleepless nights until we find a way to deal with it.

IT IS A CHALLENGE FOR ALL OF US, AND WE HAVE TO SOLVE IT TOGETHER. HOW?

Let us start. The administration can draft a possible document where auditing of buildings will be done within a few months, and action-oriented planning will follow the auditing procedures to ensure what needs to be done to prepare the region for significant earthquakes. It should ideally involve a committee on earthquake hazards, which will work on one goal, how to stop an earthquake from becoming a disaster. It is possible, and we have all the resources to do it, but what it needs is a will, which is where we are lacking.

We have to first draft in our mind a solution on how to live with earthquake hazards. It is where the will is needed; once we have it, the road towards achieving that goal will come nearer. As I said earlier, tectonic interaction between India and Eurasian plates gives us time to reflect, and if we don't, it will turn our region into what we saw in the neighbouring Muzaffarabad in the 2005 earthquake. Therefore, we must learn how to use the tectonic clock in our favour.

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Eviction Drive

over to the Horticulture Department for development of orchards.

"The Revenue teams have retrieved approximately 18702 kanal of illegally occupied government land by various land grabbers till today which include 393 kanals of land from influential persons," he added.

Echoing Lieutenant Governor, the spokesperson reiterated that the district administration has assured that common masses and poor people will not be touched and only those who have illegally occupied the Government land by using their positions will be dealt with strictly.

In Jammu, the spokesperson said, 175 kanal prime state land was retrieved during eviction cum anti- encroachment drives conducted in different parts of the winter capital.

He said a team of district administration along with police evacuated 3 kanal prime state land in Chowadi area which was encroached by a former cabinet minister. The state land signboard was also installed on the retrieved land freed from Ex-MLA from Darhal Assembly constituency.

Meanwhile, here in Srinagar little known Awami Awaz Party on Monday held a protest against the eviction drive.

Carrying placards, dozens of activists of the party assembled at the Maisuma market to register their anger against the eviction drive. The placards read "Kindly let us live peacefully" and "India is not Israel."

Party leader Nadeem Ahmad said the LG administration should stop the demolition drive which has badly affected the poor people.

"Who were affected by the demolition drive at Mehjoor Nagar yesterday? Was there any rich and influential person? They are poor people who are living hand to mouth," Ahmad told reporters.

He said if the government did not reconsider its eviction drive, the consequences would be very serious.

"Is Kashmir not for the people of Kashmir? You are giving land to outsiders while making Kashmiris homeless," he added.

5 Arrested For

The owner of the showroom, Sajad Ahmed Beigh, is among those arrested, according to police.

"We have arrested five people and detained four others in connection with stone pelting that took place during an anti-encroachment drive here," a senior police officer told PTI.

They are being questioned at Trikuta Nagar police station, officials said.

Admin Warns

reads a tweet by the Srinagar district administration.

A police official told Kashmir Observer that FIR will be lodged against those who are creating confusion and panic among the people.

Notably, there are several lists of alleged encroachers doing rounds on social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter. Earlier, on Tuesday former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said the government advocates took a stand that the lists in public domain are fake.

"My sister approached the High Court where the government advocates took a stand that the lists in public domain are fake. Then what is the basis of demolitions carried out right now?" he asked.

India Rolls Out

declaration and undertaking to the effect that no first time "Mehram" is available in the family.

The Haj application forms can be obtained from state and Union Territory Haj committees free of cost or can be downloaded from the website of the Haj Committee of India at hajcommittee.gov.in or through the android mobile application "HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA" available on play store.

The application forms are now free for the first time, the ministry said.

Earlier, the form used to cost Rs 300 irrespective of whether one is selected or not. Now, the forms would be free and processing fee would be charged only from those who are selected.

According to the new Haj policy, women above 45 years of age, who wish to go for Haj but do not have a male "Mehram" and their school of thought (Maslak) permits are allowed to travel in groups of four or more.

Subject to the terms of Saudi Arabia, a single women may also apply, and the Haj Committee of India, may form a grouping with women who apply under the category, it stated.

The Consulate General of India in Jeddah will also facilitate separate living arrangements for women traveling alone for the pilgrimage, the policy said.

It said a maximum number of four applicants comprising the family members or near relatives can apply in a single cover.

While allotting seats of each state, priority would be given to the over 70 age category, women and differently-abled.

The distribution of the different states' and union territories' quota will proceed as in the current policy through draw of lots.

As announced earlier, the entire government discretionary quota stands cancelled from Haj-2023 onwards and will be merged into the general pool for the benefit of the common citizens.

The health certificate to be issued to the pilgrims by a medical officer will have information related to mandatory vaccinations and Covid vaccination.

The digital medical health certificate will be issued to the selected Haj pilgrim in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

All selected pilgrims more than two years

of age are required to possess a certificate of inoculation with a single dose of the cerebrospinal meningitis vaccine.

The pilgrims may be allowed to get health verification and a RTPCR test from their district health units. The test shall be preferably done through government Laboratories including facilities available in Government of India Hospitals, Hospitals of Railways, ESIC hospitals etc, according to the policy.

The pilgrims will be given a choice between the embarkation point of the area and the nearest economical embarkation point as per the difference in air travel costs from the previous year.

The embarkation points are Srinagar, Ranchi, Gaya, Guwahati, Indore, Bhopal, Mangalore, Goa, Aurangabad, Varanasi, Jaipur, Nagpur, Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Cochin, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Kannur, Vijayawada, Agartala and Calicut.

Also, this time all states and union territories (UTs) will be allowed to send an officer at the director level in the state or UT service and an officer of state or UT Haj committees, for looking after the pilgrims of their states and UTs.

Powerful Quake

"Because the debris removal efforts are continuing in many buildings in the earthquake zone, we do not know how high the number of dead and injured will rise," Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said. "Hopefully, we will leave these disastrous days behind us in unity and solidarity as a country and a nation."

The quake, which was centred on Turkey's southeastern province of Kahramanmaraş, was felt as far away as Cairo. It sent residents of Damascus rushing into the street, and jolted awake people in their beds in Beirut.

It struck a region that has been shaped on both sides of the border by more than a decade of civil war in Syria. On the Syrian side, the swath affected is divided between government-held territory and the country's last opposition-held enclave, which is surrounded by Russian-backed government forces. Turkey, meanwhile, is home to millions of refugees from that conflict.

The opposition-held regions in Syria are packed with some 4 million people displaced from other parts of the country by the fighting. Many of them live in buildings that are already wrecked from past bombardments.

Hundreds of families remained trapped in rubble, the opposition emergency organisation, called the White Helmets, said in a statement.

Strained health facilities and hospitals were quickly filled with injured, rescue workers said. Others had to be emptied, including a maternity hospital, according to the SAMS medical organisation.

The region sits on top of major fault lines and is frequently shaken by earthquakes. Some 18,000 were killed in a similarly powerful earthquakes that hit northwest Turkey in 1999.

The US Geological Survey measured Monday's quake at 7.8. Hours later, a 7.5 magnitude one struck more than 100 kilometres (60 miles) away. An official from Turkey's disaster management agency said it was a new earthquake, not an aftershock, though its effects were not immediately clear. Hundreds of aftershocks were expected after the two temblors, Orhan Tatar told reporters.

Thousands of buildings were reported collapsed in a wide area extending from Syria's cities of Aleppo and Hama to Turkey's Diyarbakir, more than 330 kilometres (200 miles) to the northeast. A hospital collapsed in the Mediterranean coastal city of Iskenderun, but casualties were not immediately known, Turkey's vice president, Fuat Oktay, said.

Televisions stations in Turkey aired screens split into four or five, showing live coverage from rescue efforts in the worst-hit provinces. In the city of Kahramanmaraş, rescuers pulled two children alive from the rubble, and one could be seen lying on a stretcher on the snowy ground.

Offers of help from search-and-rescue teams to medical supplies and money poured in from dozens of countries, as well as the European Union and NATO.

The damage evident from photos of the affected areas is typically associated with a significant loss of life while bitterly cold temperatures and the difficulty of working in areas beset by civil war will only complicate rescue efforts, said Dr. Steven Godby, an expert in natural hazards at Nottingham Trent University.

In Turkey, people trying to leave the quake-stricken regions caused traffic jams, hampering efforts of emergency teams trying to reach the affected areas. Authorities urged residents not to take to the roads. Mosques around the region were opened to provide shelter for people unable to return to damaged homes amid temperatures that hovered around freezing.

In Diyarbakir, hundreds of rescue workers and civilians formed lines across a mountain of wreckage, passing down broken concrete pieces, household belongings and other debris as they searched for trapped survivors while excavators dug through the rubble below.

In northwest Syria, the quake added new woes to the opposition-held enclave centered on the province of Idlib, which has been under siege for years, with frequent Russian and government airstrikes. The territory depends on a flow of aid from nearby Turkey for everything from food to medical supplies.

The opposition's Syrian Civil Defense described the situation there as "disastrous."

In a hospital in Darkush in Idlib, Osama Abdelhamid said most of his neighbours

died. He said their shared four-story building collapsed just as he, his wife and three children ran toward the exit. A wooden door fell on them and acted as a shield.

"God gave me a new lease on life," he said.

In the small Syrian rebel-held town of Azmarin in the mountains by the Turkish border, the bodies of several dead children, wrapped in blankets, were brought to a hospital.

The Directorate-General of Antiquities and Museums in Syria said the earthquake has caused some damage to the Crusader-built Marqab, or Watchtower Castle, on a hill overlooking the Mediterranean. Part of a tower and parts of some walls collapsed.

In Turkey, meanwhile, the quake damaged a historic castle perched atop a hill in the centre of the provincial capital of Gaziantep, about 33 kilometres (20 miles) from the epicentre. Parts of the fortresses' walls and watch towers were levelled and other parts heavily damaged, images from the city showed.

The USGS said the quake was 18 kilometres (11 miles) deep.

Nearly 1,500 people were killed in 10 Turkish provinces, with some 8,500 injured, according to the president of the country's disaster management agency. The death toll in government-held areas of Syria climbed over 430 people, with some 1,280 injured, according to the Health Ministry.

In the country's rebel-held northwest, groups that operate there said the death toll was at least 380, with many hundreds injured.

Huseyin Yayman, a legislator from Turkey's Hatay province, said several of his family members were stuck under the rubble of their collapsed homes.

"There are so many other people who are also trapped," he told HaberTurk television by telephone. "There are so many buildings that have been damaged. People are on the streets. It's raining, it's winter."

Gulmarg Turns

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of minus 0.2°C against minus 5.4°C on the previous night and it was 6.0°C above normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Kokernag recorded a low of minus 1.1°C against 0.0°C on the previous night and it was 3.1°C above normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 3.6°C against minus 6.4°C on the previous night and it was 3.1°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury recorded a drop and settled at minus 0.3°C against 2.9°C on the previous night and it was 1.7°C above normal for the north Kashmir area.

Jammu recorded a low of 11.9°C against 8.3°C °C on the previous night. It was 2.4°C above normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal, he said, recorded a low of 4.2°C (above normal by 3.2°C), Batote 3.1°C (above normal by 0.9°C), Katra 10.5°C (3.1°C above normal) and Bhardarwah 3.8°C (4.1°C above normal).

Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of minus 9.5°C and minus 14.0°C respectively, the official said.

Meanwhile, a medium danger level warning has been issued in 4 districts in Kashmir.

"Avalanche with "MEDIUM Danger Level" is likely to occur above *2000 to 2400 metres* above sea level over *GANDERBAL, BANDIPORE, BARAMULLA & KUPWARA* districts in next 24 hours". Jammu Kashmir Disaster Management Authority (JKDMA) posted on its official Twitter handle.

The advisory urged people to take precautions and avoid venturing in the avalanche prone areas till further orders.

Bulldozer Should

conference here on Monday, Omar said the administration has already 'conceded' to the High Court that the present list mentioning people having allegedly infringed on the state property was "fabricated." He questioned the administration for running bulldozers despite the list being 'incorrect'.

The former Chief Minister also maintained that using bulldozers to retrieve land from encroachers should only be done as a last resort and not the first option.

"The government is supposed to give respite to the populace and heal their wounds rather than using coercive measures," he said, adding that the people of Jammu and Kashmir, without any political meddling, can also launch a peaceful protest like farmers did in the rest of India a few years ago.

When asked whether his party will move to the Supreme Court against the ongoing demolition drive, Omar said "I think our next step will depend on how the government responds to what I think are very reasonable suggestions. If there is a positive response, so be it, but if there isn't, then yes we will definitely consult some senior lawyers to see what options they suggest"

The NC Vice-President said that his sister approached the High Court with all relevant documents and the court has also pronounced its verdict in this direction.

"There has been chaos everywhere in J&K for the last one or two weeks. People are worried, unaware of reality. A list is issued in newspapers that mention names of several people including me and my party office. Raj Bhawan, IB office, R&EW, UNO, Army Public School, is also there in the list," he said.

"The list then disappears and then comes another leaving everyone surprised and panicked. My sister moved to the High Court as we knew that the house mentioned in the list at Gupkar Road is not illegal as its lease is still intact, which I think will expire after a few years," Omar said, adding, "If this happens to us, others too will be dealt in

the same way. This is the forged list making rounds on social media."

The former Chief Minister asked the government to come up with a genuine list and put the same in the public domain as no due process is followed during the ongoing drive.

"When they went to Nedou's, the media was aware but not the people living there. They broke open the main gate to make entry for the bulldozer and when the officer concerned was asked to check, he refused," he said.

Omar alleged that the officer claimed he was pressurized to "do something".

"Not only in Srinagar but the same reports come from other places as well. No notice was served to anyone, be it Nedou's, or Ali Mohammad Sagar," he said.

He castigated the administration for not following the due course of law by serving a written notice to them or pasting the same on the gate of their houses.

"Have you pasted notices anywhere? Did you follow the law before creating this melodrama? You've threatened one and all, and if anyone asks questions they are bulldozed," he said.

The NC leader also alleged that an extortion racket is being run by the officials, who call people and demand money for removing their names from the list.

Omar called upon the government to immediately stop what he termed as a 'threatening and annoying campaign'. However, he quickly added that none amongst them wants anyone to hold state land illegally.

"Our aim is not that people are allowed to encroach upon the state land. However, there is a procedure to stop people from doing this practice. It doesn't happen by threatening and coercing. Bulldozer shouldn't be your first step in this direction, but as a last resort. So, we appeal to the government to stop using bulldozers," he added.

When asked about the pleas in SC challenging abrogation of Article-370, the NC Vice-President said "Our fight is known to everyone. It is a constitutional, legal and political fight that will continue. I truly believe, that if the government was confident in its defense, it would have pressed the SC for an early hearing"

"If not today than tomorrow, SC will have to hear this case. And we have an assurance from the current CJ that he will make sure that the hearings begin in this matter during his tenure," he added.

Bulldozers Shouldn't

interested in humiliating people than retrieving state land from encroachers, Lone told reporters at his Church Lane residence.

"There is not a single day when videos of poor people being targeted for demolition are not coming in while the L-G is saying the poor will not be touched. Either the L-G Office is telling lies or the videos are fake.

Addressing a news conference at his church lane residence in Srinagar Lone said the objective of the ongoing eviction drive seems humiliation of Kashmiris.

"What is the objective of the government? Do they want to retrieve land or humiliate people? I think humiliation is more important for them," he said.

Lone said that the current administration in J&K is not an elected regime and should leave bigger decisions for an elected government.

"(President's Rule) It is a temporary arrangement. They cannot make decisions on behalf of the people of J&K. They cannot make all decisions. They are not elected by the people," Lone told reporters here.

Calling out it as an act of shamelessness, Lone while lashing out at authorities in the presser said, "This is not any bravery when you have 300 personals including other officials at the door of a poor man and then you start vandalization and click photos to claim you have done a big job, it is a matter of shame."

Lone alleged that all this is done by a cabal of officers, who are against the elected government and also against those who talk about the elections.

"These are all tourists here and after a couple of years not even one of them will be here or they will return after retiring and the damage will leave a societal impact", Lone said.

"We have no objection to the anti-encroachment drive if it is against big land owners. The big landowners will bring their lawyers tomorrow and take back all the encroached land. However, it's only the poor who are being targeted and left to die," Lone said.

Accusing the government, Sajad Lone said that there are big names who have not been touched yet and that he will release their list very soon.

"I also have a list, let them finish after that we will release the list of those big and influential names who so far have not been touched yet", he said.

"Everything has its own procedure. Across India, there is a system of serving notices. None of the poor have been served notices here," Lone said.

Lone, who was flanked by senior PC leaders Peerzada Mansoor Hussain and Muhammad Ashraf Mir, said that the J & K administration is inventing homelessness by razing down the homes of poor people. "They are not giving any notice. The law of the land cannot be violated," he said, adding that only the poor are suffering due to the ongoing eviction drive in J&K.

Lone, once seen as close to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, also questioned the BJP-led Centre's claims of inclusiveness.

"I thought the PM is for everyone. But (it seems) 95 per cent encroachers are Muslims Kashmir has gone through a prolonged period of turmoil and the government should not disrupt people's lives, Lone said.

"I do not know how they can win the

hearts of people by demolishing their houses," he said.

"I have never felt so helpless here. I want to ask my Prime Minister, who is my Prime Minister, who is the PM of the poor? Where will poor people go?" he asked

Lone, however, said he would not meet the Prime Minister on the issue.

Asked about the next course of action if the demolition drive continued, Lone said he would sit on a hunger strike in Delhi.

No State

one language, one religion', "where there is no Constitution".

Addressing a press conference here, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief appealed to Opposition leaders in the country not to be a mute spectator to the "atrocities being committed by the BJP".

"Parties including the Congress, Left, DMK, TMC, Samajwadi Party and others should raise their voices and not remain silent to the atrocities on common people in Jammu and Kashmir," she said.

When asked about the assurance of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha that houses of poor will not be touched during the drive, Mehbooba said it is an attempt to create a discord between the rich and poor.

The fact is that small houses with tin sheds are also being demolished which makes it clear that his message is not being heard on the ground, she claimed.

PDP Chief alleged the BJP is using its brute majority to weaponize everything and "bulldoze" the Constitution.

"Palestine is still better. At least people talk. Kashmir is becoming worse than Afghanistan the way bulldozers are being used to demolish homes of people. What is the purpose of demolishing small houses of people? Is there a bulldozer policy," she said.

"The brunt is borne by the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Whatever is happening since 2019 is an onslaught on our identity, on our economy, on our jobs, on our lands," Mehbooba said.

The former chief minister said the BJP is bulldozing everything including the Constitution. She said it scrapped Article 370 saying it will integrate Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the country.

"I don't know about the integration but the destruction is massive. All the institutions including the media have been weaponized. They also want to subjugate the judiciary," she said.

Mehbooba added she would not say much to the judiciary to avoid a contempt case.

Ruling party members and ministers are free to say anything e.g. Kiren Rijiju who keep speaking against the judiciary and gets away with it, she said

"The laws brought in after Article 370 removal have been weaponized to an extent that when you visit Jammu and Kashmir, it will resemble Afghanistan because the bulldozer is there. After 370 they destroyed our identity, outsourced our jobs, our land, our minerals, our resources. When I say outsourced it means given to outsiders," she said.

She said all that was left with us is a roof on our heads because Jammu and Kashmir was the only state where people did not sleep on roads.

"The BJP thought that since they cannot bring the entire country to the standards of Jammu and Kashmir so they will bring Jammu and Kashmir to the level of the rest of the country..." she said.

People taken out of poverty again slipped down the Below Poverty Line after the BJP came to power, and the party wants to replicate it in Jammu and Kashmir, Mehbooba said.

Mehbooba said that according to the government even the centuries-old Shankaracharya Temple and cantonment built by the erstwhile Maharaja are also on encroached land.

"The latest onslaught is our homes, our lives, our livelihood because houses and shops are being demolished in the name of so-called anti-encroachment drive. This too has been weaponized now.

Till now, the Enforcement Directorate and National Investigation Agency were used against journalists, human rights activists, politicians in the country, but Jammu and Kashmir has a special status where officers have their own units and have competition who can catch and harass more people, she alleged.

"What is happening in Jammu and Kashmir is extreme. Afghanistan which was not the USA's own territory they bombed in one go but in our state destruction takes place everyday. I don't think any state would have seen so many bulldozers which are now being moved in Jammu and Kashmir... Irony is crooks, fraudsters, scamsters, con-men have been given 45,000 square meter while land of common people are being snatched," she said.

Voice of anyone speaking about the Constitution is being crushed, she said. "Was removal of Article 370 in accordance with the Constitutional provisions?" she asked.

Leopard Cub

it was captured and was subsequently released in Dachigam zoo.

2 Drug Peddlers

of Meej Pampore", the statement reads.

"It is pertinent to mention that the duo was involved in many NDPS cases. Despite their involvement in many FIRs, the accused were promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth in Pampore and its adjoining areas. Subsequently, the cases were duly processed and after obtaining sanctions from the competent authority, the arrested drug peddlers were detained under PIT NDPS act", the statement reads.

Chief Secretary Calls For Waging War On Drug Menace

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday directed officials to "wage a war" against drug menace in Jammu and Kashmir as well as ensure proper rehabilitation of victims of drug abuse.

Chairing a meeting here, Mehta also directed officials to engage all stakeholders to generate awareness and tackle the menace at all levels. "Wage a war on drugs and focus on rehabilitation of victims," he told them.

He stressed on increasing the rate of converting FIRs into convictions and involving all stakeholders in the "war against drugs".

While reviewing the measures taken by law enforcement agencies to combat the menace, Mehta exhorted upon officials to analyse data of districts regarding conviction rates under the NDPS Act.

He also said that action should be taken on non-performing officers.

Mehta said victims of drug abuse deserve hand-holding

and every possible assistance to live a normal life.

He impressed upon officials that without showing any laxity on the ongoing "war on drugs", focus should also be laid on rehabilitation of its victims.

The chief secretary directed deputy commissioners and senior superintendents of police to maintain vigilance to tackle the menace.

He asked them to monitor pharmacies and take action against those found involved in misuse of drugs which can be used as psychotropic substances.

Mehta also stressed on making special efforts to check online pharmacies and courier services.

The chief secretary also directed officials to involve panchayati raj institutions as well as anganwadi centres and schools for rehabilitation of drug abuse victims and for generating awareness.

He impressed upon the secretary of the health department to upscale the activities under "Tele Manas" helpline for counselling and proper rehabilitation of victims.



Medical Camp Organized On Birth Anniversary of Imam Ali

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A free medical camp was organized by Islamic Library Imam Khamenei at Yakhmanpora Singhpora on Sunday. The camp was held on the eve of Birth anniversary of Molud-e-Kaba Hazrat Imam Ali (a.s).

The camp was inaugurated by Chairman of Idara Islamic Library Imam Khamenei. In this camp 372 patients were offered free consultation by doctors.

Medicines were also dis-

tributed free among pregnant women, adolescent girls and the elderly.

Dr Syed Zameer Hussain, Dr. Altaf Hussain Mir, Dr Showkat Rasool, Dr Syed Muzaffer, Dr Syeda Saima and Dr Imran Hussain offered free consultation to patients. People from four adjacent villages took part in this camp.

A rally was also organised in the memory of Imam Ali (A.S.) and against the growing drug abuse in the society on the occasion.

Secretary Health Reviews DNB Programme In J&K

Observer News Service

FEBRUARY: Secretary Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar on Monday chaired a review meeting of Diplomate of National Board (DNB) courses in J&K under National Board of Examinations (NBE) here at Civil Secretariat.

Secretary appreciated the officers associated with the DNB programme which has brought laurels to the UT of Jammu & Kashmir for bagging 250 DNB seats during the session 2022. He also lauded the efforts of Principal of Government Medical Colleges, Director Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir and Chief Medical Officers for their efforts in securing a good number of DNB seats in District Hospitals and GMCs. He also asked them to explore seat enhancement for the next academic session.

Dr. Jitender Mehta, UT Nodal Officer, DNB Programme, J&K presented a detailed institution wise presentation and action plan for further increasing the DNB seats in the UT.

It was informed that during the session 2020, 21 seats were approved for J&K, which were further increased in 2021 with 145 more seats including 107 Broad-specialty and 38 Super-specialties. Of the approved seats, 11 students in 2020

session and 77 students in 2021 session were admitted in various institutions across J&K.

Besides, J&K has secured approval for 250 DNB seats comprising 205 Broad specialty and 45 Super specialty seats, out of which, 152 candidates have joined till date. Likewise, counseling for All India quota seats for Super specialty is still going on. Around 200 candidates from all over India have joined in the institutions of J&K since the launch of DNB courses in the UT.

Secretary issued Instructions for increased public health delivery standards through quality certification programmes such as Kayakalp. He emphasized that the results of implementation of DNB programme shall be visible over the years as it will address the key concerns of shortage of specialists and providing quality care in the peripheries.

Among others the meeting was attend by Director SKIMS Soura, Principals of Government Medical Colleges, Mission Director, National Health Mission, Director Finance HME, Principal SKIMS Bemina, Director Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir, Deputy Director Planning, all Chief Medical Officers, Medical Superintendents and DNB Nodal Officers.

Narrow Escape For NT, Two JEs After Snow Avalanche In Gurez



Agencies

SRINAGAR: A Naib Tehsildar and two Junior Engineers (JEs) had a narrow escape after their vehicle came under a snow avalanche in Gurez Tehsil of Bandipora district on Monday evening, officials said.

Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that the

trio escaped unhurt after a snow avalanche hit the vehicle they were travelling in at the Check Nallah on Dawar-Gurez Road.

In the incident, the official said the vehicle was damaged and got buried under the snow at the spot following which the traffic movement on the road was suspended.

ADGP Kashmir Asks Officers To Keep Strict Vigil On Anti-Nationals

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Additional Director General Police (ADGP) Kashmir Zone, Vijay Kumar on Monday directed his men to keep strict vigil on the anti-national elements especially terrorist associates, besides handling drug menace and taking strict action against drug peddlers.

Kumar passed these directions while chairing a detailed review meeting at Baramulla on Monday, a police spokesperson said. During the meeting, prevailing security scenario, anti-terrorist operations, additional measures for counter-infiltration grid like establishing more BOPs for enhancing intelligence gathering, effective investigation, law & order and anti-drug drive were discussed at threadbare.

On the occasion, the meeting was attended by DIG North Kashmir Range Vivek Gupta, SSP Baramulla, SSP Kupwara, SSP Bandipora, SSP Handwara and SSP Sopore.

During the meeting, ADGP Kashmir was briefed by DIG North Kashmir about the overall prevailing security situation, & counter-infiltration grids and



counter-terrorist operations in the North Kashmir Range.

While appreciating the efforts of Police for maintaining law & order, he emphasised upon the officers to adopt professional approach while dealing with counter terrorist operations. He also urged upon officers to strengthen the general security grid and ensure great synergy and coordination among all the agencies working on ground. He also emphasized upon the officers to keep strict vigil on the anti-national elements especially terrorist associates who are hell bent to disturb the peace and tranquillity of the valley. Special focus was given on handling drug menace and strict action against drug peddlers.

With regard to area domi-

nation in hinterland, ADGP Kashmir directed the officers to revisit the existing plan in consultation with other forces and ensure proper area domination including night domination. He also directed the officers to ensure strict naka checking so as to restrict the movement of anti-national elements. While discussing investigation of cases, he stressed upon officers to complete investigation of pending cases on priority basis.

While highlighting the role of police-public relations, ADGP Kashmir stressed on the officers to take public-centric approach in policing and ensure service-oriented policing which will help in gaining the confidence and bridge the gap between police and general public.

J&K Congress Holds Protests Against BJP, Adani Group

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Congress on Monday protested in support of the party's demand for a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) probe into the allegations of irregularities against the Adani group, and clashed with police at some places.

They also slammed the administration over the ongoing "arbitrary eviction" drive in the Union territory, saying it was great injustice with "landless tillers, small, marginal farmers and the common people".

In Jammu, hundreds of Congress workers, led by senior party leaders Vikar Rasool and working president Raman Bhalla, took out a rally from Shaheedi Chowk to City Chowk near the Life Insurance Corporation and SBI offices.

Raising slogans against the government, BJP, and Adnai group, they clashed with the police, with some of them trying to break the barricade to march forward.

"Today, we protested from Sansad to Sadakh (inside Parliament and outside it)

over the Adani issue. We demand that a JPC be set up to probe it. We also demand a probe by a retired chief justice into it," Bhalla told reporters at the protest.

Taking a dig at the BJP government for "investing" LIC and SBI money into the Adnai Group, he said, "How pub-



lic money has been invested in the group. It is matter of probe."

In Srinagar, led by senior party leader Mohammad Anwar Bhat, Congress workers raised slogans in favour of the JPC probe into the allegations of fraud against the Adani Group levelled in a report by US-based short-seller Hindenburg research.

"We are protesting against the current situation of the country where the Adani-Amnani have looted the country. The LIC has invested thousands of crores in the Adani group while Jammu and Kashmir Bank also lost Rs 250 crore in it," Bhat told mediapersons inside the PCC headquarters in Srinagar.

He also alleged the eviction drive has been launched by the LG administration in Jammu and Kashmir so that the BJP-ruled Centre can give land to the Adani Group to "compensate" for its losses following

the release of the Hindenburg report last month.

"We will not allow this to happen."

Congress chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said in Jammu the issue of "investment" of public money through the LIC and SBI into the Adani Group is a matter of serious concern and the Modi government has been "evading" questions in Parliament. "So a nationwide protest is being held near SBI and LIC offices by the party."

According to the Opposition, the meltdown in Adani Group shares is a "scam that involves common people's money as public sector (units) LIC and SBI have invested in them".

The Adani Group has maintained it complies with all laws and disclosure requirements.

Congress leaders also said the anti-encroachment drive was "great injustice with landless tillers, small, marginal farmers and the common people".



Div Com Kashmir Reviews Mehraj Preparations

Also Reviews Arrangements For Celebration Of Maha Shivratri

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole on Monday convened a meeting to review the arrangements regarding the celebration of forthcoming religious occasions including Shab-e-Mehraj, following Friday and Maha Shivratri.

Speaking on the occasion, he directed concerned officers to ensure availability of civic amenities including drinking water, power, health besides sanitation facilities at Shrines, Mosques at Aasar-i-Sharief Hazratbal, Aasar-i-Sharief Kalashpora, Jenab Sahab Soura, Ziyarat Sharief Kabamarg, Ziyarat Sharief Khiram, Anantnag, Ziyarat Sharief Makhama, Ziyarat Aham -i- Sharief Bandipora where devotees throng in huge numbers to offer prayers on the night of Shab-e-Mehraj.

The meeting was attended by DCs, Director FCS&CA, Dir Health Services, Dir Floriculture, officers of PDD, PHE, R&B, SMC, Sanitation, Horticulture Department, Fisheries Departments, SRTC, Traffic Department and police.

On the occasion, Div Com directed PDD to ensure uninterrupted power supply on the eve of Shab-e-Mehraj to facilitate the people besides ensure functioning of street lights in collaboration with SMC.

The PHE was asked to ensure uninterrupted supply of drinking water at all the religious places besides to keep water tankers available at Hazratbal Shrine where a maximum number of people are expected to visit.

Director, FCS&CA was asked to ensure availability of essential items in the market so people don't face any inconvenience.

Similarly, SRTC was asked to notify the location of availability of buses so devotees remain informed regarding the transport facility to reach to the Hazratbal Shrine for prayers.

Div Com also exhorted on concerned officers for identification of parking places at Naseem Bagh and Kashmir University besides he directed the Fire & Emergency department for stationing fire tenders near the shrines were night prayers are to be held.

Concerned officers of SMC was directed to conduct sanitation drive at Shrines, mosques and temples besides a task team for dog catching at Hazratbal Shrine.

Regarding celebration of Maha Shivratri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir instructed Director Floriculture to ensure availability of fresh flowers at Shankar Acharya Temple and Kheer Bhawani.

Likewise, he asked officers of the Horticulture Department to ensure availability of walnuts and Nadru at Shankar Acharya, Kheer Bhawani and other Temples. Similarly, concerned officer of Fisheries departments was directed to ensure availability of fish for celebration of Maha Shivratri.

Besides, all the Deputy Commissioners were asked to take stock of arrangements in view of Shab-e-Mehraj and Maha Shivratri in their respective districts particularly at prime religious locations and ensure availability of all civic amenities to facilitate the people. Besides, he stressed on operation of control rooms under the supervision of Deputy Commissioners.

Similarly, Police officers were directed to make security arrangements while traffic police were asked to chalk a proper plan for smooth traffic movement on identified routes leading to Shrines.

Anti-Encroachment Drive

Stop Creating Fear Among People: Tarigami

Observer News Service

JAMMU: CPI(M) leader Mohamad Yousuf Tarigami on Monday alleged that the ongoing anti-land encroachment drive and eviction has on ground generated fear among the common masses.

In a statement issued here, the CPI(M) leader said that while big land grabbers have to be identified and action be taken strictly under law, the manner and the method used to evict the alleged land encroachers, especially the peasants, marginal farmers, small shopkeepers and those living in small houses constructed years back, sends a message that the administration is insensitive to the interests and sentiments of the general public and that of the individuals and organisations which express resentment against the reckless drive and coercive manner of the evictions.

He said that the present 'drive' gives the impression as if the administration has waged a 'war' against the public. He further



said that the selection of areas and individuals for bulldozing, creates doubts regarding the real intentions of the administration and that the eviction campaign seems "selective and discriminatory".

Referring to the Chief Secretary's latest directions to the officers regarding action against those who dare to criticize the handling of the eviction drive, Tarigami said it speaks of a highhanded approach of the dispensation.

"Those at the helm should keep in mind that it has to function under the Constitution and it should not give the impression that there is an undeclared emergency in J&K. This will in no way serve the cause of peace, law and order and the larger interests of the country," he added

CS Chairs Maiden Governing Council Meet Of CSOI

Bats For Making The Institute Hub Of Cultural, Intellectual And Sports Activities

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday chaired the first Governing Council meeting of the recently established Civil Services Officers Institute (CSOI) here.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, H&UDD; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Commissioner Secretary, Forests; PCCF; Commissioner Secretary, FCS&CA; Secretary Tourism; Secretary, GAD and many other officers.

Mehta remarked that the Institute should be made a hub of intellectual, cultural and sports activities. He emphasised on conducting activities catering to ladies and gentlemen both and give due weightage to women members and retired officers.

The Chief Secretary further asked them to fix a reasonable annual and admission fee for



membership for both eligible in service and retired officers. He made out that the own resource base would aid this Institute to grow with time. He also advised them to study the models adopted elsewhere especially CSOI Delhi.

The Chief Secretary observed that different kinds of facilities like Panchkarma, Ayush, Gym, Library, Cafeteria, movies and others would make these institutes an attraction for the members. He asked them to look into holding different competitions of

paintings, poetry, singing, quiz or games among members or with other officers institutes of States/UTs to make these vibrant places for the members.

Mehta also assured the officers that government would facilitate them out of way in creating the necessary infrastructure and facilities in both the campuses at Jammu and Srinagar. He maintained that the Institute should become one of the best in the country so that the members can have positive experiences to cherish for their lifetime.

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J&K Carrom Association To Hold Selection Trials

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K Carrom Association on Monday said that it is going to conduct selection trials for the upcoming 27th All India Federation Cup Carrom Tournament 2022-23. The tournament will be played from 26th March to 29th March 2023 at Jeevan Deep Educational Institute, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

"All the interested player, schools, institutions, clubs and district units of J&K Carrom Association are advised to report to the association and register their

players before February 28, on email jkcarrom@gmail.com for the said trials in the below format: Name, Parentage, DOB, Address, District, College/Institute and for further information Contact Adil Shah on 9070-000-093 or Arif Sultan on 9906-767-529," the association said in a statement.

The Championship is being organised by the All India Carrom Federation and hosted by Uttar Pradesh Carrom Association.

"Entries shall be accepted with valid legal Identity Card and Covid vaccination certificate only," the statement concluded.

WPL To Be Held In Mumbai From March 4-26



Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: The much-awaited inaugural season of the Women's Premier League (WPL) will be played from March 4 to 26 in Mumbai.

The Brabourne Stadium and the DY Patil Stadium will host all the matches with the tournament opener expected to be played between Gujarat Giants and Mumbai Indians-owned franchise.

"The Women's Premier League will be played from March 4 to 26 in Mumbai," IPL chairman Arun Dhimal told PTI on Monday.

Dhimal also confirmed that the auction will take place on

February 13 in Mumbai, a day after India's T20 World Cup match against Pakistan.

With the five teams fetching Rs 4669.99 crore and the BCCI selling the media rights for Rs 951 crore, the WPL is the second biggest T20 League in the world behind the Indian Premier League.

Apart from three IPL team owners — Mumbai Indians, Royal Challengers Bangalore and Delhi Capitals — Capri Global Holdings (Lucknow) and the Adani Sportsline have bought the five franchises.

Around 1500 players have registered for the league and the final list is expected to be released later this week.

Man City Broke More Than 100 Financial Rules: PL



Agencies

LONDON: The Premier League has referred Manchester City to an independent commission over more than 100 alleged breaches of finance rules since the club were acquired by the Abu Dhabi-based City Football Group.

League rules state that charges such as those faced by City could, if proved, result in a club being expelled from the Premier League in the worst-case scenario.

Offending clubs may alternately be deducted points, fined, or reprimanded.

City's alleged breaches stretch from the 2009-10 season to the 2017-18 campaign, the league said on Monday.

The club, who were acquired by City Football Group in 2008, are also charged with failing to cooperate with and assist the Premier League in its investigation, which was launched in December 2018.

City are alleged to have breached rules relating to the provision of accurate financial information, "in particular with respect to its revenue (including sponsorship revenue), its related parties and its operating costs," the league said.

The club, who have won the Premier League title six times since the Abu Dhabi takeover, said they were surprised by the league's "issuing of these alleged breaches".

"The club welcomes the review of this matter by an in-

dependent commission, to impartially consider the comprehensive body of irrefutable evidence that exists in support of its position," City added.

The charges stem from a Premier League investigation into City's financial dealings launched four years ago, after the release of a tranche of "Football Leaks" documents obtained by the German publication Der Spiegel and reviewed by Reuters.

SUBSEQUENT BAN

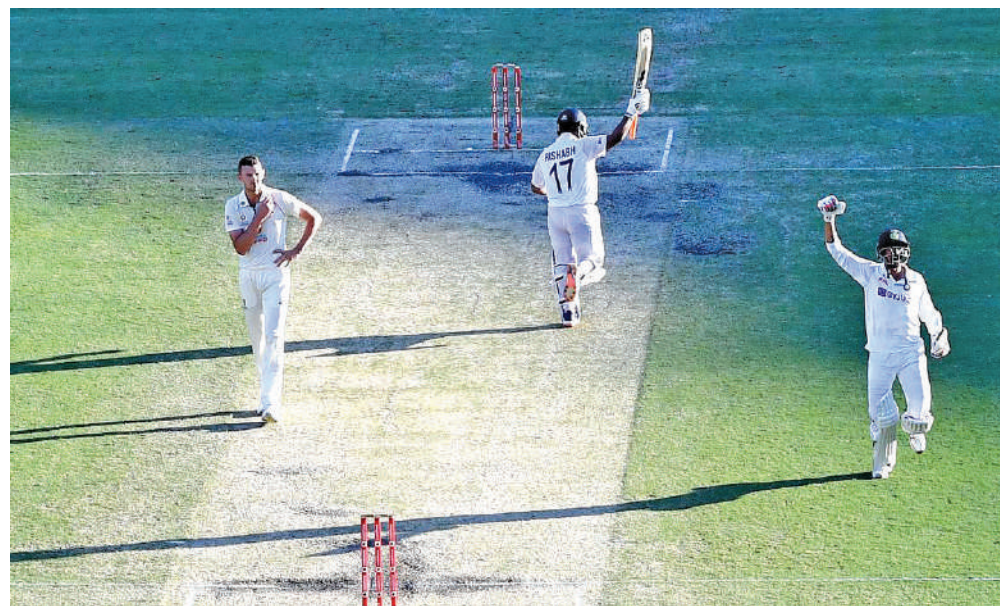
City were subsequently banned from the Champions League by European governing body UEFA for two years, but successfully appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), which overturned the ban in 2020.

The club were fined 30 million euros (\$32.28 million) by UEFA, which CAS reduced to 10 million euros.

In addition to the charges relating to the club's revenue and operating costs, City are also alleged to have not fully disclosed managerial remuneration from the 2009-10 to 2012-13 seasons, when Roberto Mancini was manager.

The club are also charged with failing to comply with Premier League's rules requiring clubs to follow UEFA's financial fair play (FFP) regulations from the 2013-14 to 2017-18 seasons and failing to follow the Premier League's rules on profit and sustainability from the 2015-16 to 2017-18 seasons.

'A Series Victory In India Is Bigger Than Ashes Win': Aussies



Press Trust of India

NAGPUR: A series victory in India is bigger than winning the Ashes, say Australian star players, including Steve Smith and David Warner, who are gearing up for their "toughest challenge in Test cricket".

India and Australia are up against each other in a high-profile four-match Test series for the Border Gavaskar Trophy, starting in Nagpur on Thursday.

In a video uploaded by cricket.com.au on Monday, the Australian team spoke about the challenges of playing in India.

"It's a difficult place to win a Test match let alone a series. So, if we are able to do that, it would be huge. I think if you win in India it is bigger than an Ashes series," Smith said.

Star opener Warner said he is looking forward to playing against the best spinners in

the world.

"Being a part of the last Ashes was fantastic but to go to India and beat India in India is the toughest challenge in Test cricket for us."

"I'm looking forward to the tour, it's always a hard graft. One thing that I'm looking forward to is applying myself against the best spinners in the world," Warner added.

Pacer Josh Hazlewood said: "Probably been long since Australia won there or less frequently they have won. In world cricket that's everyone's goal- to try and win in India."

Pace ace Mitchell Starc, who will miss the first Test due to a finger injury, said a series win in India "has always been a crown jewel for Australian touring teams."

"Winning a series in India will be really special for our group. I think it has always

been a crown jewel for Australian touring teams. It's one of, if not the hardest place to play away.... such foreign conditions and how strong the Indian team are as well."

"On one side you get all this history of the Ashes and on then you have this tour of India which has been for many Australian teams out of reach."

Starc and his captain and fellow quick Pat Cummins are looking forward for the opportunity to win the series in India and the Ashes in England later this year.

"If we could win an away India tour and an away Ashes that would be a unique opportunity to do this year," Starc said.

"Winning a series in India is like an Ashes away series but even more rare. It will be a career highlight, era defining series if we win out there," Cummins added.

Turkey Earthquake: Footballer Christian Atsu Reportedly 'Under Rubble'

Agencies

Former Premier League footballer Christian Atsu is reportedly among the thousands of people trapped under rubble in Turkey after three massive earthquakes hit the country on Monday.

Christian Atsu joined Turkish Super Lig club Hataysport in 2021 after playing for English football giants like Chelsea, Newcastle United and Everton.

Media reports coming in from Turkey say that two players and members of Hataysport's support staff have been "pulled out of the rubble" but Atsu and the club's sporting director Taner Savut are still missing.

The team's goalkeeper Ahmet Eyup is also trapped under the rubble, according to reports.

More than 1,300 people died in the first earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale early Monday morning. Hours later two more major quakes struck

Twitter account said: "Praying for some positive news, @ChristianAtsu20."

Atsu was part of the Magpies team which won promotion back to the Premier League in 2017 after joining on loan for the season from Chelsea, and later completed a permanent move.

Meanwhile, European football's governing body UEFA, EuroLeague Basketball and Real Madrid shared condolence messages with Türkiye on Twitter.

"The thoughts of UEFA and the European football community are with the people of Türkiye and Syria, and all those affected by this morning's devastating earthquake," UEFA tweeted.

EuroLeague offered its condolences over the loss of lives in the quake, saying: "Our thoughts are with everyone affected by the recent earthquake in Türkiye."

Real Madrid also condoled with the families of those killed in the earthquake.



the country with a magnitude of 7.5 and 6. The death toll is expected to rise.


Tremors from aftershocks continued throughout the day and were felt as far as Beirut in Lebanon and in Iraq's Duhok and Erbil.

Newcastle United took to Twitter to say that the club are anxiously awaiting news of their former midfielder's well-being.

A post on the club's official

"Real Madrid C. F., the club's president and its Board of Directors would like to share their deepest sympathy and solidarity for the earthquake that has struck Turkey and Syria in the last few hours," Real Madrid said.

Youth and Sports Minister Mehmet Kasapoglu said all national sports organizations in Türkiye have been suspended until further notice.



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