

## Srinagar Shocker!

# Domestic Violence Cases Surged During Covid Lockdown: Study

Auqib Javeed

**Srinagar:** The summer capital—Srinagar has witnessed an increase of 6.5% in domestic violence cases when the entire world was grappling with the Coronavirus pandemic and the lockdown that followed, a new study has revealed.

The study has been carried out by the Community Medicine Department of the Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar to assess the increase in domestic violence

experienced by women especially during Covid-19.

A total of 92 women participated in the survey and has been carried out by HOD Community Medicine, Prof. Dr S Mohammad Saleem Khan, Sabira Aalia Dkhar and Ruqia Quansar

The group has chosen 92 participants, out of which 42 were married women.

Around 31 among them were in the age group of 31-40. About 16 women out of 92 narrated that they have experienced domestic violence, the



study which has been published in International Journal of Advanced Research (IJAR) in January 2023 discloses.

**THE IMPACT OF COVID LOCKDOWN** and stay at home has overall increased the misery of those who were already facing the trauma of domestic violence and also increased a certain number of those who never had experienced it before."

According to the report, out of 16, six had experienced abuse during Covid while 10 said it started before the outbreak of the pandemic. All of the 16 women had confided about this to someone. 10 of

them had never sought help, 6 who had sought help had received some kind of assistance.

As the COVID-19 hit the world in the year 2020 and 2021, many countries resorted to 'stay at home' | **More on P6**

## Avalanche Warning Issued In 4 Districts

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Management Authority (JKDMA) Monday issued an avalanche warning for four districts of the Kashmir division in the upcoming 24 hours.

The JKDMA issued a 'Low Level' warning above 2400 to 2800 metres over Ganderbal, Bandipora, Baramulla and Kupwara districts.

People living in the specified areas have been advised to take precautions and avoid venturing into the avalanche-prone areas till further directions.

Sunshine In Valley

Meanwhile chill returned to the Valley with mercury falling at most places, including Srinagar, where minimum temperature was recorded minus 4.0°C, even as a | **More on P6**

## Hunt For New VC SKUAST Jammu Begins Search Committee Invites Applications From Eligible Candidates

Agencies

**Srinagar:** The hunt for the appointment of new Vice Chancellor (VC) for Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science and Technology (SKUAST)-Jammu has begun as the Search Committee has invited applications from the eligible candidates.

The Search Committee, constituted by the Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha, who is also the Chancellor of the J&K Universities, has been entrusted to recommend a panel of suitable aspirants for the post of VC SKUAST-J.

The Search Committee has been constituted in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 25 of the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural | **More on P6**

# Supreme Court Upholds J&K Delimitation

Says Status Of Jammu And Kashmir Completely Different From North-Eastern States

Press Trust Of India

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea challenging the government's decision to constitute the delimitation commission for redrawing the legislative assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

A bench of Justices S K Kaul and A S Oka delivered the verdict on a plea filed by two Kashmir residents.

While pronouncing the verdict, Justice Oka said nothing in this judgement shall be construed as giving an imprimatur to the exercise of power under clauses one and three of Article 370 of the

Constitution.

The bench observed that the issue of validity of the exercise of power relating to Article 370 is subject matter of petitions pending before the apex court.

The top court is seized of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Centre's decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370 on August 5, 2019.

Several petitions have been filed in the apex court challenging the Centre's decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370

and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which split J-K into two Union Territories Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

By abrogating | **More on P6**



A view of snow-clad Zabarwan mountain range captured by KO photojournalist Abid Bhat on a bright sunny day Monday.

## NC, PDP, CPI (M) Disappointed, BJP Happy

The National Conference on Monday said it is not "heartbroken" over the Supreme Court dismissing a petition challenging the delimitation process in Jammu and Kashmir, while the Congress and the CPI (M) | **More on P6**

**IT CLEARLY STATED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EXISTING SEATS** in the Legislative Assemblies of all states, including UTs of the National Capital Region and Pondicherry, as fixed based on the 1971 census shall remain unaltered till the first census to be taken after the year 2026,"

## 1.12 Lakh Daily Wagers, 35,990 Students Committed Suicide In 2019-21

Press Trust of India

**New Delhi:** A total of 1.12 lakh daily wage earners died by suicide in three years -- 2019 to 2021, Union Labour Minister Bhopender Yadav said in Lok Sabha on Monday, quoting reports of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

Mr Yadav said 66,912 housewives, 53,661 self-employed persons, 43,420 salaried persons and 43,385 unemployed

persons also died by suicide during the period.

As many as 35,950 students and 31,839 persons engaged in the farming sector such as cultivators and agricultural labourers also died by suicide in three years -- 2019, 2020 and 2021, he said during the Question Hour.

The minister said that according to the Unorganised Workers Social Security Act, 2008, the government is mandated to provide social security | **More on P6**

## Retail Inflation Breaches RBI Comfort Zone

Rises To 3-Month High Of 6.52 Per Cent In January

Press Trust of India

**Mumbai:** The retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 5.72 per cent in December and 6.01 per cent in January 2022. The previous high was 6.77 per cent in October.

While the prices of vegetable declined in January, most of the other items, including 'fuel and light' became dearer.

The rate of price rise in the food basket was 5.94 per cent in January, up from 4.19 per cent in the preceding month and 5.43 per cent in the year-ago month, as per data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

The inflation in rural areas was higher at 6.85 per cent as compared to 6 per cent in the urban centres.



Last week, the RBI—which has been mandated to ensure inflation remains below 6 per cent—had raised the key short-term rate (repo) by 25 basis points to 6.5 per cent with an aim to check price rise.

The Reserve Bank has

projected the retail inflation at 6.5 per cent in 2022-23, with January-December quarter at 5.7 per cent.

Headline CPI inflation moderated by 105 basis points during November-December 2022 from its level | **More on P6**

## Anti-Encroachment Drive Priyanka Attacks Govt Over Bulldozer Policy

Press Trust Of India

**New Delhi:** Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday attacked the government over the ongoing anti-encroachment drive in Jammu and Kashmir, saying that for peace and trust it is necessary to listen to the common people and not "crush their rights under the bulldozer".

Major political parties such as the Congress, the National Conference, and the PDP have voiced their concerns against the drive and demanded an immediate end to it.

The authorities have so far retrieved more than 10 lakh kanals (one kanal = 605 sq yards) of land across

Jammu and Kashmir after the Commissioner Secretary, Revenue department, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri directed all deputy commissioners to ensure 100 per cent removal of encroachments from the state land on January 7.

In a tweet in Hindi, Gandhi alleged that atrocities are being committed on the people demanding restoration of their constitutional rights in Ladakh.

"In Kashmir, without paying heed to what the common people are saying, their houses are being bulldozed," the Congress general secretary claimed.

"A country is made of people. For peace and trust, it is necessary to listen to the common people and not | **More on P6**

## No Landless, Poor To Be Disturbed: Jammu Admin

Jammu Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar on Monday assured the people that no landless person or a poor family would be affected during the ongoing anti-encroachment drive to retrieve state land in | **More on P6**

## Row Over Relocation KP, Other Employees Stage Sit-In Outside Raj Bhavan

Press Trust Of India

**Jammu:** On protest for over eight months following targeted killings by militants, hundreds of Kashmiri migrant PM package employees and reserved category employees shifted to Jammu in May last year following the killing of their colleagues, Rahul Bhat and Rajini Bala, by militants in the valley.

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'Maha Shivratri' festival, being observed later this week.

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### SHORT TAKES

#### Suspect Held With Arms In Pulwama

Police on Monday claimed to have thwarted an attempt of militants to target police & security forces by recovering a huge cache of arms & ammunition and arresting a suspect from South Kashmir's Pulwama district. Acting on specific information regarding delivery of consignment of weapons in Pulwama, a special team of Police and Army (55RR) was formed and deployed in covert at different suspicious locations, a police spokesperson said Monday. At Naina Bhatpora near the petrol pump, he said, a | **More on P6**

#### Drone Seized From Jammu Outskirts

Police have seized a drone flying on the city's outskirts, triggering panic among local residents, officials said on Monday. The drone was observed flying on the outskirts of Bandrali village in Bishnah area late on Sunday night, they said. The villagers immediately informed the police when they saw the quadcopter flying over the hamlet. The drone was seized. Investigations revealed that it was being used to film a wedding ceremony. Further investigation is underway, Bishnah police station SHO Vikram Sharma told PTI. Over the past few | **More on P6**

#### Baker Charred To Death

A man was charred to death on Monday after his vehicle caught fire in Kokernag area in South Kashmir's Anantnag district, officials said here. Shabir Ahmad Rather was burnt alive after the vehicle he was driving caught fire in Panzgam village of Kokernag on Monday morning, they said. Rather was a baker by profession. | **More on P6**

#### Man Loses Both Limbs In 'Suicide Bid'

A man lost both of his limbs after 'attempting suicide' on coming on tracks of a moving train in Sadura area in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, officials said. They said that a man 'jumped in front' of a moving train, on the way from Banihal to Baramulla, near Sadura, resulting in him losing both his limbs. The official identified the person as Mohammad Ashraf Itoo a resident of Gopal Pora Mattan. The police have taken cognizance of the incident for necessary investigations. (GNS)

#### 2 Drivers Injured After Bridge Collapses

Two truck drivers were injured when a vital bridge over a rivulet collapsed in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, officials said on Monday. The bridge over the Badora rivulet, linking Mahore and Chassana, ostensibly collapsed under the weight of loaded trucks on their way to nearby Rajouri district on Sunday, they said. Both the trucks fell into the stream, resulting in injuries to their drivers - Amjid Khan and Shoukat Ali of Rajouri. They have been admitted to a hospital, the officials said, adding that a case was registered. | **More on P6**

# Genetic Mechanism Behind Some Children Falling Suddenly, Extremely Ill Found

Press Trust Of India

Scientists have discovered details about the genetic predispositions of children who tended to fall ill suddenly and dramatically during the Covid pandemic.

"The patients are sick not because of the virus," said Jean-Laurent Casanova, a geneticist at Rockefeller University, US. "They're sick because they excessively respond to the virus."

Rockefeller scientists and affiliates of the COVID Human Genetic Effort (CHGE) described how a trio of faulty genes fail to put the brakes on the immune system's all-out assault on SARS-CoV-2, leading to the inflammatory overload characteristic of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children, or MIS-C.

Children with MIS-C, who end up in the hospital, are characterised by inflamed hearts, lungs, kidneys, and brains, spiked temperatures, skin rashes, and abdominal pain.

The CHGE is an international consortium of researchers seeking the human genetic and immunological bases of all the different ways a SARS-CoV-2 infection can manifest.

The study said that the findings constituted the first mechanistic explanation of any Kawasaki disease and that they were reported in a paper published in the journal Science.

According to the study, in February 2020, Casanova and his collaborators in the CHGE began searching for inborn errors, or genetic mutations, of immunity among healthy people who had severe forms of COVID.

Casanova and his team assembled an ever-growing database of hundreds of fully sequenced genomes of COVID victims from hospitals across North America, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Oceania, and the Middle East, the study said.

They have since made several discoveries about the genetic predispositions of individuals who develop severe COVID, the study said.

For the current study, the researchers hypothesized that in some children, MIS-C could be caused by a gene defect that rendered them vul-



nerable to an inflammatory condition provoked by a SARS-CoV-2 infection, said Casanova.

To find out, they analyzed the genomes of 558 children who had had MIS-C, the study said.

Five unrelated kids from four countries - Turkey, Spain, the Philippines, and Canada - shared mutations in three closely related genes controlling the OAS RNase L pathway, which is involved in viral response, the study said.

Normally, this pathway is induced by type 1 interferons and activated by viral infection, which induce OAS1, OAS2 and OAS3 molecules.

These in turn activate RNase L, an antiviral enzyme that chops up single-strand viral and cellular RNA, shutting down the cell.

When a cell goes dark, the virus cannot hijack its replication machinery to spread disease.

But in the five children with these mutations, the pathway failed to activate in response to the presence of SARS-CoV-2, the study said.

According to the study, the cell instead sensed the viral RNA using another pathway known as MAVS, which provokes an army of dendritic cells, phagocytes, monocytes, and macrophages to attack the viral invaders en masse.

The MAVS pathway acts as a sort of accelerator of the immunological

response. The OAS-RNase L pathway, on the other hand, is supposed to act as the brake.

But in MIS-C, the brake fails, and the response careens out of control.

"Phagocytes produce excessive levels of inflammatory cytokines and chemokines and growth factors and interferons - you name it," said Casanova.

Massive inflammation ensues.

Because MIS-C is clinically and immunologically so aligned with other examples of Kawasaki disease, the researchers believe that MIS-C is a variety of the disease driven by a SARS-CoV-2 infection - the first such provocation of Kawasaki to be pinpointed.

One of the most terrifying aspects of the COVID pandemic has been its unpredictably severe impact on some children.

While most infected kids have few or no symptoms, one in 10,000 fall suddenly and dramatically ill about a month after a mild infection and land in the hospital with what researchers call MIS-C.

Why this reaction only takes place about a month after infection remains unknown, the study said.

"We now understand the molecular and cellular basis of the disease, but we don't understand the timing," said Casanova.

## From The Principal District Judge, Srinagar

Present: Mr. Jawad Ahmad

1. Saliya Jan W/O Late Imtiaz Ahmad Mir
2. Noorain (Minor) Through Her Mother Saliya Jan
3. Aijaz Ahmed Mir S/O Mohd Ismail Mir
4. Naseer Ahmed Mir S/O Late Mohammad Ismail Mir

All Residents Of Gupkar Mohalla Nishat Srinagar

Application for issuance of succession certificate in favour of the petitioner(s)

### Notice to Publication at Large

Whereas, the petitioner(s) filed above titled petition before this court of issuance of succession certificate in favour of petitioner(s) in respect of Rs 1200000 as debts and securities in name of deceased namely Late Imtiaz Ah Mir S/O Late Mohammad Ismail Mir R/o Gupkar Mohalla Nishat Sgr who died on 07-12-2021 the petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed on 26-02-2023

Public notice is hereby issued, informing all and sundry through the form of this proclamation that at any anyone has any objection for issuance of succession certificate, he/she /they shall appear before this court either personally or through counsel or any authorized agent and file objections on or before -26-02-2023 /failing which the petition will be taken up and appropriate orders will be passed in the same. In case, the date fixed is declared as holiday, the matter shall be taken on the next working day.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on 13-02-23

Jawad Ahmad  
Principal District Judge, Srinagar

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## IN THE COURT OF JMJC, JUDGE SMALL CAUSES, SRINAGAR

Present:- Ms Tabasum

Mehmooda Applicant  
v/s Registrar Births & Deaths SMC, Srinagar. (Non-Applicant)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas an application has been received from the applicant for registration of Death of Ferooq Ahmad Wani 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:- Ferooq Ahmad Wani  
Sex:-Male  
Father's Name:-Abdul Ahad Wani  
Mother's name: Mugli  
DOD: 26-03-2021  
R/o: Qalam Dan Pora Feteah Kadal Srinagar  
Place Of Death:-at home

Sd/-  
Judge Small Causes, Srinagar

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my 9th pass certificate issued by Govt Girls High Secondary School Magam. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the above mentioned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Shaziya Abdullah  
D/o Mohd Abdullah Lone  
R/o Hanj Bagh DOB 05-03-1985

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## Before the Honble court of Principal District Judge at Srinagar

In the case of; M/S Modern Book Depot  
Having its Principal office  
Bhori kadal Chowk Srinagar  
Through its Managing Partner  
Mohammad Iqbal langoo  
S/O Ghulam Mohammad langoo  
R/O Reshanhar Nawakadal Srinagar

(Caveator)

Versus

Public at large

(Non- Caveator)

In the matter of; Caveat Petition under section 148 A CPC  
May it please your Honour,  
The Caveator most humbly submits as under.

1. That the applicant / Caveator is resident of Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
  2. That the caveator has apprehension that the non caveator may file suit or proceeding before the Honble court against the caveator and may get ex party order behind the back of the petitioner.
  3. That the caveator shall suffer irreparable lose if the non caveator succeeds in getting the ex party order.
  4. That the caveator may be informed in case non caveator files the suit or any proceeding against the caveator, before passing any interim order and the caveator be heard .
  5. That the caveator has already send a notice to the general public through local news paper copy of the news paper publication is annexed here with
  6. That the petition is supported by an affidavit.
- In the premises its therefore prayed that the petition be allowed and in case non caveator file any suit or proceeding before the Honble court in that eventuality caveator be summoned and till then no ex party order be passed against the caveator unless and until caveator be heard same would be in the interest of justices.

Applicant Through counsel

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## Before the Honble court of Principal District Judge at Srinagar

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(Caveator)

Versus

Public at large

In the matter of ; Affidavit in support of application I Mohammad Iqbal langoo S/O Ghulam Mohammad langoo R/O Reshanhar Nawakadal Srinagar do here by declare on oath as under.

That the averments made in the application are true and correct to the best of my Knowledge and belief

Deponent

Verification  
Verified that the contents made in the affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed therein

Deponent

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## The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th session Bi-Annual 2005 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

Muhammad Saleem Mir  
Parentage Muhammad Sarwar  
Mir Roll No; 355510  
Year/Session: 2005- Bi-Annual



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

Sd/

Assistant Secretary  
Board Of School Education  
Sub Office Bandipora

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## BEFORE THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF J&K AT SRINAGAR FROM THE OFFICE OF M/S Faizan Majid (Advocate)

IN THE MATTER OF:-  
Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather Aged 57 Years S/O Haji Sona Ullah Rather  
R/o Mattan, Machbawan, District Anantnag. ..Caveator....  
V/s Public At Large ...Non-caveator.

IN THE MATTER OF: Caveat application May it please your lordships:-  
The Caveator most respectfully submits as under:  
That the Caveator has reason to believe that anyone among non-caveator may likely approach the Hon'ble High Court with unclean hands and may choose to file any writ, application or any other legal proceedings against the caveator by challenging permission order passed by the Divisional Commissioner vide order no 08 DIV OF 2023 dated 10.02.2023 before hearing the caveators herein and may secure interim order(s) by misrepresenting the facts and legal position which will be injurious to the rights of the Caveator.

Hence caveat petition is being filed before the Hon'ble High Court of J&K. PETITIONER THROUGH COUNSEL Faizan Majid (Advocate)

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## The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

BRANCH OFFICE SOPORE

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th & 12th under Below mentioned particulars  
Name : Umaima Kirmani  
Father's Name : Late Sadiq Hussain Kirmani  
Mother's Name : -Sanjeedha Hashmie



Roll No(s)	355205 (CLASS -10th)	3153281 (Class 12th)
Session	Annual Regular 2013	Annual Regular 2015

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

Sd/ Assistant Secretary  
Sub Office Sopore

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## The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education New Campus Bemina Srinagar

Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued as per below mentioned details:-

Roll No: 355205  
Class 10th  
Year & Session :- 2013 Annual Regular  
Registration: N12441800006  
Name : Umaima Kirmani  
Father's Name : Late Sadiq Hussain Kirmani  
Mother's Name : -Sanjeedha Hashmie  
Date of Birth:- 23-11-1998  
Resident:- Sopore



According to the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice.

(Besides the above referred "Qualification Certificate/s" bearing No: 13ARKAM-1012571 be treated as "CANCELLED")

No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)B/KD/23  
Dated 13-02-2023

Assistant Secretary  
Certificates, KD.

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## The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education New Campus Bemina Srinagar

Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued as per below mentioned details:-

Roll No: 3153281  
Class 12th  
Year & Session :- 2013 Annual Regular  
Registration: N12441800006  
Name : Umaima Kirmani  
Father's Name : Late Sadiq Hussain Kirmani  
Mother's Name : -Sanjeedha Hashmie  
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No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)B/KD/23  
Dated 13-02-2023

Assistant Secretary  
Certificates, KD.

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از نیابت ہر دو شہورہ اجلاس ارشاد احمد ملک  
مضمون درخواست منجانب :- زائر محمد ولد عبد الجبار صاحب  
بعض حصول RBA سرٹیفکیٹ تحت ایس آر آ 126  
اشتہار برادر گاہی برضام وعام۔  
معاہدہ مندرجہ عنوان صدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بعض حصول  
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گیا جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا کئی دنہ ہذا میں گذشتہ پندرہ سالوں سے رہائش پزیر  
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01	غلام رسول خان ولد عبدالرزاق خان	57 سال	ملازم	
02	سروہنگم زویہ غلام رسول	57 سال	گھریلو کام	
03	زائر محمد ولد عبد الجبار	27 سال	زیر تعلیم	
04	عاقب رسول پسر غلام رسول	25	زیر تعلیم	

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مضمون درخواست منجانب :- زائر محمد ولد عبد الجبار صاحب  
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01	عبدالحمید خان	52 سال	مزدوری	
02	فاطمہ بیگم زویہ عبد الحمید	50 سال	گھریلو کام	
03	زائر محمد خان	25 سال	زیر تعلیم	
04	بربان حمید خان	22 سال	زیر تعلیم	

اس کے علاوہ اور کوئی افراد کتبہ نہیں بتلایا گیا ہے۔ لہذا زیر بحث سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے  
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# People Living Along Doodh Ganga 'Stream' Stage Protest

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: People living along Doodh Ganga Nallah stretch at Chattabal, Monday staged a protest to press for their rehabilitation before being evicted. The protestors claimed that they have been living there since 1971 and the government must refrain from taking any harsh measure in 'haste'.

Chanting slogans "we want justice, don't force us to live under open sky and wake up LG administration", dozens of the residents, mostly women, living on or along Doodh Ganga this afternoon staged a protest to press for their rehabilitation. They also alleged that the administration served eviction notices to them via mobile phones.

Pertinently, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) last week served eviction notices to all encroachers, asking them to remove illegal structures on their own within seven days, failing which necessary actions shall be initiated against them.

They appealed to the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha to adopt its assurances with poor

masses on the ground and impress upon the authorities to refrain from harassing those having built their residential structures on small patches of state land.

The protesting residents also appealed to the government to ensure their rehabilitation before removing them.

"We received eviction notices last week via mobile asking us to remove all residential structures within a week's time. We will surely vacate, but at least provide us an alternative, so that our families are not forced to live under open sky," Hajra, a protester, told the media.

She said the residents have been asked to remove their structures. The locality comprises of poor people. We appeal to the administration to rehabilitate us.

The protestors also urged the administration to give them some time so that they could relocate their belongings to some other place. "When 2014 floods hit the valley, the government did not ask us to vacate but extended relief. Now how far is this genuine to render us homeless" they questioned the administration.



KO Photo Abid Bha

# Relief Efforts For Quake Victims In Türkiye, Syria Kickoff In City

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: In a bid to help the people of Türkiye and Syria displaced by the recent earthquakes, people from different areas of the Kashmir valley have started collecting blankets and woollens. A Kashmir-based local NGO 'We the Helping Hands foundation' has also extended help to support earthquake victims with humanitarian assistance.

Umer Wani, who heads the foundation said that after watching the horrific and heart-wrenching videos and images of the earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria, he at his NGO decided to conduct a humanitarian assistance camp.

"We saw the videos where children were orphaned, families were shattered and we decided to extend our humanitarian support to them. We first spoke to the Türkiye embassy officials in New Delhi and

they shared a list of essentials with us. We held an open camp where people generously extended their support", he said.

According to him, he said they had to wrap up the camp within 24 hours of the start of the initiative, stating that the embassy informed them that their warehouse in New Delhi was full of aid and they were running out of space.

"We were anticipating that it would take us at least 10 days to collect the relief material. But such was the response that we had to call off the drive as people from every nook and corner came with donations. We were able to collect warm clothes, blankets, diapers, water bottles, sleeping bags and so far we have dispatched one shipment in a truck and four more are to be dispatched," Wani added.

While volunteers from the NGO were collecting donations, locals were also seen extending their support to the NGO in col-

lecting the contributions in the shape of blankets and other items against a receipt.

Wani added that they are not accepting any monetary donations from anyone for the earthquake-hit countries and that they are extending their support as per the requirements shared by the officials at the Türkiye embassy.

"We have witnessed tragedies, be it floods, Covid or Earthquake and Kashmiris understand the suffering. People of Kashmir have time and now demonstrated how compassionate we are. We should constantly step out to help people, regardless of caste, creed, or religion," Wani remarked.

A similar drive was held in the city by a Kashmir-based logistic company 'Fastbeetle' where they collected blankets, baby food, warm clothing, and medicines for the earthquake that hit Türkiye and Syria. (With KNO inputs)

# C20 Working Group Meeting On 'Gender Equality' Begins At KU

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A two-day C-20 Working Group Meeting on 'Gender Equality and Disability' being held under the aegis of India's G20 Presidency started at the University of Kashmir on Monday.

Vice-Chancellor KU Prof Nilofer Khan presided over the opening session of the significant event that brings a diverse set of stakeholders, including national and international coordinators of C20 Working Group on GED, on a common platform to formulate actionable policies on gender equality for consideration by the G20 leaders during their summit in September this year.

In her presidential address, Prof Nilofer said

hosting such important events is a testimony to relentless efforts put in by the University to make a strong imprint on the country's academic landscape.

"It has been rightly conceived by the country's leadership to engage universities to help attain 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) identified by G20 Countries, because universities are powerful institutions having a great capacity to drive a positive social change," she said, adding that apart from promoting research on emerging challenges that impede the cause of gender equality, the universities can utilise the student community as a strong means to engage with the community to promote awareness on gender equality.

# Craft Safari For Faculty & Students Of SoFT Pune Concludes

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A team of more than 50 students and Faculty members of School of Fashion Technology (SoFT), Pune visited Kashmir this week to understand the making of Kashmir Art and Craft and undertook the Craft Safari scheduled for them by the Department of Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir, in three separate batches, as part of their study tour.

During their 5 day Craft safari, the participants visited different Artisans Karkhanas/ Units located in the areas of Kathidarwaza, Khanqah, Zadibal and Nawakadal areas of Srinagar city. The units of Arishtaple, Pashmina spinning, Pashmina weaving, Pashmina rafugari and Moiaksi were visited in the Kathidarwaza area which proudly opens its panes to scores of golden handicrafts' hands of this region.

The workplaces of Mir Abdul Majeed master artisan in Aari Em-

broidery craft, Mohammad Aslam Khan of Sozni Craft, Pashmina Rafugari unit of Mushtaq Ahmad Jan, Pashmina Spinning unit of Khadija and Fahmida, Unique Handloom Cottage Industry of Pashmina Weaving and the Moikashni unit of Basharat Ahmad were covered.

In the neighbourhood of Khanqah Shah-e-Hamdani, the team visited the work place of Mohammad Shafi Mir, a 100-year-old business of dyes and threads presently owned by Bashir Ahmad.

# HC Issues Show Cause Notice To Revenue Officers For Violation Of Order

Agencies

Srinagar: J&K High Court has Issued Show Cause Notice to two Revenue officers for Demolishing a Structure despite Court Orders.

In a contempt petition filed by Madhu Dhar and others Court has been pleased to observe that despite the status quo order passed by J&K High Court vide order dated 18th December, 2015 and which is still in force, the respondents have demolished the structure which is flagrant violation of the orders passed by this Court.

**Sad Demise**

With profound grief, we inform the sad demise of **Ms. Mehmoda Bano**, wife of **Haji Mehraj-ud-din Zargar of New Colony, Sopore**. She left for heavenly abode on **12<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. She was a pious, loving, and religious lady.

Her Chaharum will be held on **Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023** at our residence **New Colony, Sopore**, opposite Masjid-e-Ibrahim.

**Grief stricken family**

Mehraj-ud Din Zargar, Abdul Rashid Zargar, Farooq Ahmad Zargar, Hilal Ahmad Zargar, Abdul Rauf Zargar. (Brothers)  
Manzoor Ahmad Zargar (Son).  
Javid Ahmad Want & Tahseen Ahmad Bhat (Son-in-laws).

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

Whereas Mr. Shameem Ahmad, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued SARFAESI Notice dated **20.07.2022** thereby calling upon the Borrower namely **Mr. Tariq Ahmad Dijoos S/O Late Gulam Rasool Dijoos R/O Ellahi Bagh Buchpora, Srinagar** to repay an amount of **Rs. 09,70,84,692.47/- (Rupees Nine Crores Seventy Lacs Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Two and Paise Forty Seven Only)** being the balance outstanding as on **19.07.2022** in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd has taken Symbolic Possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **9<sup>th</sup> day of February of the year 2023**.

The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount in aggregating to **Rs. 08,65,12,904.68 ( Rupees Eight Crores Sixty Five Lacs Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Four and Paise Sixty Eight Only)** as on **31.01.2023** together with future interest thereon from **01.02.2023** and other charges incurred or to be incurred. **The borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

**Description of the Immovable Property**  
(As per the schedule provided in mortgage deed/latest particulars including any accreditations)  
Registered Mortgage of residential house on a piece of land measuring **04 Kanals at Ellahi Bagh, Near Masjid Muzamil, Buchpora, Srinagar 190011** standing in the name of the Borrower **Mr. Tariq Ahmad Dijo S/O Gh. Rasool Dijo**. The description of the property is as under:

Khasra No.	Khata No.	Khwat No.	Location
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1318 min	1226	94	
1341 min	1207	94	
1342 min	1224	94	
1317 min	1224	94	

JKB/POLOWW/2023-419  
Date: 09-02-2023  
Place : Srinagar

Shah Hussain  
Authorized Officer

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DIPK-NB-6420/22 dated: 13-02-2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I have lost my Discharge Certificate of class 8th issued by Boys High School Pethmakhama under Admission No: 1115 Dated: 11-12-2003. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the above mentioned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.  
Nisseema Banoo  
R/o Pethmakhama Magram  
bmg

**The Jammu And Kashmir Board Of School Education**  
New Campus Bemina Srinagar

I have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class-10th) under Roll No. 824248 Session: Annual Regular Year 2006 through the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. Due to the error committed by the concerned School at Principal Level, my Name has been recorded with the Board as **Nadeem Nabi** while the actual name is **Nadeem Nabi Bandy**.  
Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education, New Campus Bemina, Srinagar, if any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period no objection will be entertained.  
Name: **Nadeem Nabi Bandy**  
F/N: **Ghulam Nabi Bandy**  
M/N **Nighat** **DOB 18-12-1990**  
Residence: **Bandy Lane Hazratbal Srinagar**  
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- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

**HIGHWAY STATUS**

- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
- Mughal Road - (Closed)
- Srinagar-Leh - (Closed)

**PRAYERS**

FAJR 5:53  
ZUHR 12:45  
ASR 4:34  
Magrib 6:16  
ISHA 7:38

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**This Day In History**

- 1900 - Russia responds to international pressure to free Finland by tightening imperial control over the country.
- 1914 - High Council of Labor forms in Hague Netherlands.
- 1918 - USSR adopts New Style (Gregorian) calendar (originally Feb 1).
- 1919 - The Polish-Soviet War begins.
- 1925 - State of emergency crisis in Bavaria ends, NSDAP re-allowed.
- 1941 - German Afrika Korps lands in Tripoli, Libya.
- 1942 - WWII: Battle of Pasir Panjang contributes to the fall of Singapore.
- 1943 - German offensive through de Faid-pass Tunisia
- 1943 - Soviets recapture Rostov
- 1943 - World War II: Rostov-on-Don, Russia is liberated.
- 1944 - Anti-Japanese revolt on Java.
- 1945 - Second day of the bombing of Dresden by Allies air forces.
- 1945 - Peru, Paraguay, Chile & Ecuador joins UN.
- 1945 - World War II: Prague is bombed probably due to a mistake in the orientation of the pilots bombing Dresden.
- 1945 - World War II: Mostar is liberated by Yugoslav partisans.
- 1950 - USSR & China sign peace treaty.
- 1950 - Indonesia withdraws from Neth Indonesian Union.
- 1958 - Arab Federation of Iraq & Jordan forms.
- 1960 - Marshal Ayub Khan elected president of Pakistan.
- 1963 - US launches communications satellite Syncom 1.
- 1966 - Australian currency is decimalised, and decimal currency postage stamps introduced.
- 1971 - Richard Nixon installs secret taping system in White House.
- 1971 - Tehran agreement signed; oil companies accept 55 percent tax rate, immediate increase in posted prices, and further successive increases.
- 1972 - Luna 20 (Russia) launched to orbit & soft landing on Moon.
- 1979 - In Kabul, Muslims kidnap the American ambassador to Afghanistan, Adolph Dubs who is later killed during a gunfight between his kidnappers and police.
- 1980 - US launches Solar Maximum Mission Observatory to study solar flares.
- 1989 - Ayatollah Khomeini orders Muslims to murder "Satanic Verses" novelist Rushdie.
- 1989 - World's 1st satellite Skyphone opens.
- 1989 The first of 24 satellites of the Global Positioning System are placed into orbit.
- 1990 - Space probe Voyager 1 takes photograph of entire solar system.
- 2000 - The spacecraft NEAR Shoemaker enters orbit around asteroid 433 Eros, the first spacecraft to orbit an asteroid.
- 2004 - In a suburb of Moscow, Russia, the roof of the Transvaal water park collapses, killing more than 25 people, and wounding more than 100 others.

*From KO Archives*

**Farooq, Kukka Parray Join Hands Against Militancy**

Observer News Service

**S**SRINAGAR- Chief Minister Dr Farooq Abdullah today said the peace process initiated by the prime minister would be earned forward with full commitment in view of the people's yearning

Addressing a 15,000 strong rally organised by pro-India gunmen turned legislator Kuka Parray at his home town, in Hajjin, Abdullah described reports about his opposition to the cease-fire as misleading and clarified that he was never against it.

He said he had been consistent in his views that silence at the borders was meaningless when guns were booming in the "hinterland".

Referring to the recent attack on the police control room here, Abdullah said, "Pakistan and her mercenaries were mistaken if they thought they could terrorize us and succeed in their designs". He asserted, "Hum mar jayengey lekin ek inch zameen bhi nahin chordegey".

India, he said, had the might to teach a lesson to Pakistan that could be used at the appropriate time and recalled the befitting reply given to her in Kargil recently.

Making a fervent appeal to militants to drop the gun, Abdullah called upon them to join the mainstream and channelize their energies for the betterment of the people rather than soaking their hands with the blood every day. He also asked the foreign militants to go back to their respective coun-tries and let the people of the state live in peace. He said the people want to get rid of the gun culture which was alien to them.

Earlier, the Awami League leader and MLA Kukka Parray assured the chief minister of his full support in his fight against militancy. He described the rally as coming together of anti-militancy forces and hoped this would auger well for return of peace in the state. He said the rally represented the people's yearning for peace and appealed all political parties to unite and face the militant challenge.

(Kashmir Observer, 14 February, 2001)

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Snow-Scarce  
Winter

The winter this year has so far passed without much snow and rain. Though high altitude areas have received some intermittent snowfall, plains haven't seen much. This has once again triggered concerns about the impact of the climate change in Kashmir. Deepening this concern is the fact that the scarce snow in the winter has a pronounced economic dimension. Though it is after several years that the winter has passed without sufficient precipitation, the Valley has a cause to be worried about the turn that the weather is taking. According to reports and some surveys, several natural streams in various parts of the Valley have reduced to a trickle in recent years. And the reason for this is the steady depletion of the glaciers. This has not only reduced the discharge in the rivers and streams but also made many water bodies extinct, affecting, in turn, the irrigation in the Valley.

The fast melting glaciers which are decreasing the discharge in the state's rivers limit their capacity to irrigate land. Triggering alarm bells is the slowly shrinking Kolahai glacier, the biggest in Valley, which is the source of Lidder and Sindh, two major streams of river Jehlum. Glacier, according to a study, has lost almost 23 percent of its area since 1962 and has fragmented into smaller parts which translates into a loss of the area of 13.87 square kilometres. It is also losing mass at the rate of about 1.0 m water equivalent annually, which is significantly higher than the glaciers in the rest of the Himalayas.

The situation is no different with other glaciers. Over a decade ago, a report by Action Aid revealed an overall 21 percent reduction in the glacier surface area in the Chenab basin. The mean area of glacial extent in the state has also declined from 1 sq km to 0.32 sq km from 1962 to 2004, the report said. Many of the areas, the report added, have witnessed a complete disappearance of small glaciers in parts of eastern Srinagar and Pirpanjal mountain range in district Pulwama. In other areas, like Budgam, the height of the small glaciers has reduced to over one-fourth of the original height.

Similarly, the upper reaches of the Sindh Valley in Ganderbal district, the Najwan Akal which was said to be a major glacier, has completely disappeared today. Thajwas, Zojila and Naranag glaciers which once used to last up to October through November till a few decades back too have considerably reduced. The report said the length of the Han-gipora glacier in Anantnag has reduced from 35ft to 12ft and the Naaginad glacier has reduced from 30ft to 10ft.

Like Kolahai, the glacialised area of Suru, which was about 72 sq kms 40 years ago, has shrunk by 16.43 percent and dozens of its around 300 glaciers have already vanished. If the recession of the Himalayan glaciers goes on at this rate, the discharge in state's rivers would substantially go down, leading to a catastrophic situation.

Ever since, more damage has been done. Though we can do nothing about the larger, global scale changes in the climate, we certainly need to address the local man made causes that reinforce their impact on us. To start with, we need to undertake an honest study through a professional consultancy on how the climate change is going to affect us in the long term. And what actions we should take to cushion its impact. This will go a long way to goad the government to institute necessary policy changes and a plan of action that takes a better care of our environment.

OTHER OPINION

What Doval's meeting with  
President Putin means for India

There are just too many regional forums on Afghanistan, but none of Kabul's neighbours have the clout to alter the geopolitical churn there. Putin's decision to break the protocol and meet a top Indian official is arguably a more interesting outcome from Doval's Moscow visit. The Russian president rarely meets foreign cabinet ministers let alone security officials. That Doval's audience with Putin came after the Indian national security adviser's recent visits to Washington and London — which are leading the Western coalition to support Ukraine in its efforts to vacate the Russian aggression that began a year ago this month — has also lent a special context to Doval's talks in Moscow. Although Delhi and Moscow have been tightlipped about the details of Putin's message to Doval, the new dynamic surrounding India's engagement with Moscow is hard to miss.

The war in Ukraine is set for a massive escalation in spring as both Moscow and Kyiv prepare to launch major military offensives. The massive costs of the war are also boosting voices demanding early diplomatic negotiations to end the war. Delhi, which has consistently called for cessation of violence and dialogue in Ukraine, is preparing to host the G-20 and SCO summits this year, and will be expected to play a constructive role in facilitating the dialogue between Russia, Ukraine and the West. Keeping channels open to Russia while sustaining the engagement with the West are critical preconditions for any effective Indian diplomacy on Ukraine.

Beyond India's long-shot potential role for peacemaking in Ukraine, the confrontation between Russia and the West has severely constrained India's great power relations. Adding complexity to the challenge has been the sharpening territorial conflict between India and China since 2020 and the "new alliance without limits" that Beijing and Moscow unveiled last year. On its part, India has stepped up its engagement with the US to cope with the Chinese threat, but has avoided a rupture in the relations with Russia. To be sure, Moscow is none too happy with Delhi's embrace of the Indo-Pacific construct and the Quad. Nor can it be pleased with the new initiatives to deepen defence and technology partnerships between India and the US that promise to reduce the salience of Delhi's Moscow connection over the longer term. Yet Moscow has no reason to alienate Delhi amidst Russia's growing international isolation. Delhi's tightrope walk between Russia and the West has been impressive so far; but it is likely to get a lot trickier as the war in Ukraine enters a new and bloodier phase.

The Indian Express

RTI's Failed Digital  
Dream in J&K

In December 2022, the J&K Government directed all Public Authorities to ensure strict adherence to the provisions of the Right to Information Act 2005 (RTI Act) and facilitate speedy dissemination of information to information seekers. The Secretary General Administration Department (GAD) had instructed all Administrative Secretaries, Heads of Departments and Managing Directors to conduct fortnightly reviews to ascertain the status of disposal of RTI applications received in their offices. In addition, they were also directed to furnish the compliance report on RTI implementation to the GAD.

"The objective of the Right to Information Act, 2005 is to empower citizens by way of promoting transparency and accountability in the working of the government and eradicating corruption to make democracy work for the people in real sense. An informed citizen is well equipped to keep necessary vigil on the instruments of governance and make the government more accountable towards the citizens," reads the circular issued by Secretary on December 16th 2022

In addition, Chief Secretary Dr A K Mehta in January had impressed upon all the Govt offices to make all services digital. As per the Govt statement which was also issued on December 16th 2022 while Chief Secretary was reviewing the performance of the Information Technology (IT) Department in a meeting in Srinagar, A K Mehta directed the officers to prepare a list of all the services provided by the departments. The Chief Secretary directed the officers to separate the services still offered through offline mode and prepare a roadmap for offering the same through an online platform with end-to-end digitisation by January 15 2023. Chief Secretary Dr A K Mehta during the meeting asked the officers of the IT department to issue advisories to different Govt departments for conducting security audits of their official websites as well without any delay. By January 15th 2023, all the offline services had to be made online. It's well past the deadline now and we continue to seek information under Right to Information Act 2005 (RTI Act) through an offline mode.

No training on RTI & other central Laws

After abrogation of article 370, more than 800 central laws have been extended to J&K. There are dozens of pro-people legislations that would benefit the people directly but unfortunately neither the people nor the law enforcing agencies in Govt have been trained to implement the laws like RTI Act 2005, Right to Education Act, Forest Rights Act 2006, Consumer Protection Act 2019, Right to Fair Compensation Act 2013 and J&K Public Services Guarantee Act -PSGA2011. A law student from National Law Institute University Bhopal Lavya Bhasin in January this year sought information from the General Administration Department -GAD about the number of training programmes held at district level for designated officers on RTI, PSGA and Right to Fair Compensation Act. The GAD being the nodal agency to implement RTI & PSGA should have provided this information to the RTI applicant but the Public Information Officer in GAD Mr Mohit Raina in order to play safe transferred the RTI application to all the administrative de-

partments vide his letter number: GAD-ADMORTI/05/2023-09-GAD Dated:15.01.2023.

I want to ask the officer why he did that?

Isn't he aware how many workshops GAD had conducted for designated officers in J&K especially when it came to RTI and PSGA? How can other departments respond in this regard? The adminis-

travel all the way from his village to Kupwara town or Sopore to get the Indian postal order. This has happened to me personally and I always buy IPOs from General Post Office (GPO) Srinagar. How can we call this citizen-friendly? Had online RTI service been available in J&K like central Govt offices, people living in remote areas like Marwah in Kishtwar or Mandi in Poonch



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trative departments further transferred the RTI application to their directorates and other subordinate organisations who have again transferred the applications to district offices and the response is nil.

The PIO in the office of DG Audit & Inspections has in-fact told RTI applicant Lavya Bhasin that RTI & PSGA training was in the domain of GAD but the poor Public Information Officer (PIO) who knows his department had done nothing vis a vis training of PIOs or other officers just simply transferred the RTI application by wrongly invoking section 6 (3) of RTI Act 2005. The Revenue Department has also not provided any information to Lavya Bhasin with regard to training workshops conducted for Land Acquisition Collectors vis a vis Right to Fair Compensation Act 2013. This central law has also been made applicable in J&K with effect from Oct 31st 2019 but the designated collectors are wrongly applying the legal provisions of this law which this author has explained several times in past in my write-up and J&K High Court has also castigated the Govt for the same.

No Digital Platform available

As there is no digital platform available in J&K to file an application under the Right to Information Act (RTI) in spite of Govt's assurances, the information seekers have to face lots of challenges to deposit RTI application fees in the shape of Indian Postal Order (IPO) or to send the RTI application. To buy an Indian Postal Order (PIO) is an arduous task in J&K. I have not come across a single post office in any urban or rural area of J&K where Rs 10 Indian Postal Orders (IPOs) are freely available. In some urban areas, one can still manage to get hold of one or two IPOs from a post office, this is impossible in a rural area of a town. If a person from a remote village of Kupwara wants to file an RTI application, he or she will have to

could also access information from Civil Secretariat, Raj Bhavan or any other office located in Jammu, Srinagar or District headquarter. To seek information through an offline mode, an RTI applicant has to travel to Govt offices, pay bus fare and then spend the whole day in the town. If he or she has to get a postal order (in case of non BPL applicants) then more money is needed to travel to district headquarters.

Conclusion

The Govt has not fulfilled its promise to make all the offline services digital by Jan 15th 2023. In addition, the circular issued by GAD in December 2022 on RTI implementation directing all public authorities to sensitize their Public Information Officers (PIOs) on the important provisions of the RTI law is restricted only to the papers as the Govt has failed to take any action on ground. The PIOs in Administrative Departments, Directorates or district offices are not being trained to implement the central laws extended to J&K especially the RTI. Same is the case with PSGA which is the erstwhile state law that has not been repealed post article 370 abrogation. Even the officers who have to enforce and implement laws like Forest Rights Act (FRA), Consumer Protection Act, RTE, SC ST Atrocities Act 1989 are also not implemented. The was PIO in GAD has tried to play safe vis a vis RTI & PSGA has exposed the fact that Govt isn't sincere to make sure central laws are implemented on ground and its benefits are given to people

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Women-Led Self-Help Groups

The Economic Survey 2022-23, presented in the Parliament last month end, has a special mention about India's little known, but high-impact banking operation — the women-led Self-help groups (SHG). Some sectors proved resilient even in the challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic. Per-

haps, the robust among these sectors is the self-help group (SHG) movement in India, which is one of the most powerful incubators of female resilience and entrepreneurship in rural areas. SHG is a powerful channel for altering the social construct of gender in the villages of India. With the emergence of SHGs, women in

rural areas have become self-dependent and are able to create independent sources of income. Gone are the days when these naive women would be held down by cultural mores and conned by scamps. They have shown that rural women are capable enough to produce amazing talents with their creative works. There is little

doubt that these women are breaking through the shackles of poverty, experiencing the dignity of self-reliance, and making a positive impact in their communities.

Ranganathan Sivakumar

# CRITERION OF SUCCESS

Dr Ashraf Amin

Man is born creative, ambitious, and progressive. He is dynamic and always aims at excelling. However at times he fails to grasp up with the true spirit of success and excellence. He is sometimes carried away by the opinions of others. His success is steered by the views of others. In short he is lost in mass consciousness. This stays true with our generation. Our youth have a great difficulty in defining success. They perceive money and prestige as the ultimate parameters of success. In fact the general psychology of society prompts them to see things through the lens of money, power and prestige. They would hardly think of contribution to social welfare as the primary goal of their career. As soon as they set out to achieve the goal of securing a lucrative job or making an enterprise of material fortunes, they would already surrender their creativity, wit and wisdom. Their efforts and aims are not self-driven but society driven. They have been made subservient to someone else's aspirations.

The contemporary mind-set that pervades our society defines and measures success in terms of monetary-gains. We would be often seen lauding an IAS officer or Doctor for that matter, but we would be miserly in acknowledging the contribution of an innovator or scientist or a social activist. Our general psychology does not allow us to produce social scientists, thinkers, reformers and philosophers. Money and matter seem the pivotal elements in taking up our career. And when success is measured in terms of money and prestige belittling other career options, society as a whole loses real assets of scholars, thinkers, innovators and social

workers.

God has favored every single being with a unique trait that makes him distinct from the rest of his fellow beings. That characteristic trait is manifested in the profession one takes up, when one listens to his heart and soul. The society flourishes only when there is a wholesome development in its all domains. The teachers, parents imposing career choices on their students and wards beyond their capacities or tastes is not only unethical but equally barbaric. They not only distort the personality of a student but also rob society off from his/her genuine contribution. The harms induced by wrong choices in careers under the impression of general thinking are not only reflected in the split personality one attains as result but also in the form of suicides or drug addictions. A young man must ascertain that success is self-defined. Success is not measured through luxurious homes and large cars, huge office rooms and rocking chairs. Success is measured by the contribution one makes to the cause of humanity, to the cause of virtue and righteousness. The worst feeling that one gets even after getting a deluxe job is when he feels a misfit at his working place. He constantly curses his choice. He realizes that he was made for something else. Success is not pleasing the general psychology of the society. Success is reforming the thinking of society. Success is reminding the society what priorities to take up, what matters to solve first. Success is feeling good, proud at one's own place, in one's own profession. Success is satisfying one's own intellectual conscience.

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## Did China's Balloon Violate International Law?

Donald Rothwell

Was the balloon that suddenly appeared over the US last week undertaking surveillance? Or was it engaging in research, as China has claimed?

While the answers to these questions may not be immediately known, one thing is clear: the incursion of the Chinese balloon tested the bounds of international law.

This incident has also added another layer of complexity to the already strained relations between the US and China. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken's planned visit to Beijing has been postponed. And China has reacted to the shooting down of the balloon with diplomatic fury.

Both sides have long disagreed over the presence of US warships in the South China Sea and Taiwan Strait, which China claims as its own waters and the US considers international waters. Will the air be the next realm to be contested by the two superpowers?

### A LONG MILITARY HISTORY

Hot air balloons have a somewhat benign public image. But they also have a long military history that extends back to the Napoleonic era in Europe during the late 18th century and early 19th century when they were used for surveillance and bombing missions. The early laws of war even included some specific measures designed to address the military use of balloons during armed conflict.

The modern military significance of balloons now appears to be understated, especially in an era of uncrewed aerial vehicles or drones, which have proven effective during the current Ukraine war.

However, while balloons may no longer be valued for their war-fighting ability, they retain a unique capacity to undertake surveillance because they fly at higher altitudes than aircraft, can remain stationary over sensitive sites, are harder to detect on radar, and can be camouflaged as civilian weather craft.

### WHO HAS SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE AIR?

The international law is clear with respect to the use of these balloons over other countries' airspace.

Every country has complete sovereignty and control over its waters extending 12 nautical miles (about 22 kilometres) from its land territory. Every country likewise has "complete and exclusive sovereignty over the airspace above its territory" under international conventions. This means each country controls all access to its airspace, which includes both commercial and government aircraft.

But the upper limit of sovereign airspace



**WHAT IS REMARKABLE ABOUT THE BALLOON INCIDENT IS CHINA HAS ASSERTED ITS PHYSICAL PRESENCE WELL WITHIN AMERICA'S SOVEREIGN BORDERS.** How both sides respond in the aftermath will determine whether China-US tensions worsen further and if we can expect potential future provocations between the two sides in the air, as well as at sea

is unsettled in international law. In practice, it generally extends to the maximum height at which commercial and military aircraft operate, which is around 45,000 feet (about 13.7km). The supersonic Concorde jet, however, operated at 60,000 feet (over 18km). The Chinese balloon was also reported to be

operating at a distance of 60,000 feet.

International law does not extend to the distance at which satellites operate, which is traditionally seen as falling within the realm of space law.

There are international legal frameworks in place that allow for permission to be sought

to enter a country's airspace, such as the 1944 Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation. The International Civil Aviation Organization has set an additional layer of rules on airspace access, including for hot air balloons, but it does not regulate military activities.

The US also has its own "air defence identification zone", a legacy of the Cold War. It requires all aircraft entering US airspace to identify themselves. Canada has its own complementary zone. During the height of Cold War tensions, the US would routinely scramble fighter jets in response to unauthorised Soviet incursions into US airspace, especially in the Arctic.

Many other countries and regions have similar air defence identification zones, including China, Japan and Taiwan. Taiwan, for instance, routinely scrambles fighter jets in response to unauthorised incursions of its airspace by Chinese aircraft.

### TESTING THE WATERS – AND AIR

So, given these clear international rules, the US was on very firm legal footing in its response to the Chinese balloon. Overflight could only have been undertaken with US permission, which was clearly not sought.

China initially attempted to suggest the balloon malfunctioned and drifted into US airspace, claiming force majeure. If the balloon was autonomous, it would have been entirely dependent on wind patterns. However, a report in Scientific American said the balloon appeared to have a high level of manoeuvrability, especially when it appeared to linger over sensitive US defence facilities in Montana.

Washington displayed a lot of patience in dealing with the incursion. President Joe Biden authorised military jets to shoot down the balloon, but it took some days before that could be done safely without endangering lives on the ground.

The balloon incident has clearly tested the Biden administration and the US response to China's growing military assertiveness.

Similar events occur on a regular basis in the South China Sea, where the US Navy conducts freedom of navigation operations through Chinese claimed waters. The US presence is vigorously challenged by the Chinese Navy.

China has also responded aggressively to the presence of US reconnaissance planes over the South China Sea, raising the risks of an accident that could spark a wider conflict.

What is remarkable about the balloon incident is China has asserted its physical presence well within America's sovereign borders. How both sides respond in the aftermath will determine whether China-US tensions worsen further and if we can expect potential future provocations between the two sides in the air, as well as at sea.

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## District Admin Srinagar Bids Warm Farewell To Pandurang K Pole Accords Warm Welcome To Vijay Kumar Bidhuri As Divisional Commissioner Kashmir

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** District Administration Srinagar Monday organized an impressive function here at Royal Spring Golf Course to bid warm farewell in the honour of former Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole who has been recently posted as Chief Election Officer (CEO), J&K. Vijay Kumar Bidhuri who has assumed the charge of Divisional Commissioner Kashmir was also accorded a warm welcome on the occasion. The Deputy Commissioners

of the various Districts of the Kashmir Division, Additional Commissioner Kashmir, Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, besides other senior Officers of District Administration Srinagar were present in the farewell function. While expressing their views on the occasion, all the Deputy Commissioners highlighted the contribution of Pandurang K Pole as Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and unanimously lauded his efforts in shaping Developmental initiatives taken in Kashmir valley and measures to ensure a prompt and efficient

public delivery system. They also underscored his tireless efforts and measures taken in mitigation of Covid-19 pandemic and handling the situation across Kashmir and in conduct of smooth Shri Amarnathji Yatra. They also thanked Pandurang K Pole for bringing vibrancy in the Administration by showing keen interest in solving the public issues and guiding the District Administrations of the valley. During the event, the Deputy Commissioners also accorded warm welcome to Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on being posted as Divisional Commissioner Kashmir. On the

occasion, P K Pole in his address spoke at length about the team spirit and the improved work culture in the Administration at all levels. He advised all the Officers to work with a missionary zeal, sincerity and dedication for the larger interest of the public. P K Pole also appreciated the efforts of the Deputy Commissioners for their support and cooperation during his three years stay as Divisional Commissioner to make all developmental initiatives a success. While addressing the occasion, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri said he expects complete dedication to

public welfare and commitment to work from all Officers and assured them of his full support to honest work endeavours aimed at prompt work disposal and overall development in all the districts of Kashmir Division. Earlier, the host of the event, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad in his speech highlighted the services of P K Pole as Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir and enumerated the achievements under his vibrant and dynamic guidance. He also praised the devotion, dedication and professionalism shown by the Officer in his working.

## HDFC Bank Launches Pilot For Offline Digital Payments

**Srinagar:** HDFC Bank launched a pilot in partnership with Crunchfish, to test offline digital payments for merchants and customers under the RBI's Regulatory Sandbox Program, known as 'OfflinePay'. HDFC Bank's 'OfflinePay' will enable customers and merchants to make and receive payments even when there is no mobile network. HDFC Bank is the first bank in the industry to launch a digital payment solution in a completely offline mode. Even in urban centres, it can enable cashless payments

during large public events, fairs & exhibitions despite network congestion; underground metro stations, parking lots, & retail stores with network blind spots; and even in airplanes, sea-ferries, and trains with no network. HDFC Bank has been working with the regulator to pilot offline digital payments under the Payments cohort of RBI's Regulatory Sandbox program. In September 2022, RBI approved HDFC Bank's application, in partnership with Crunchfish, to access the Regulatory Sandbox.

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#### Domestic Violence

orders and imposed lockdowns which was essential to contain the global pandemic but has brought along some unintended negative consequences.

The report argues that the couples were now more accessible and available hence more abuse was seen. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, emerging data and reports from those on the front lines have shown that all types of violence against women, particularly domestic violence, had increased.

It says that while many people preferred to stay quiet, some had sought out help and had confided about their conditions to someone close.

The reasons for them, according to the report, to stay quiet or not to confide could have been due to multiple reasons such as the thought of the future of their children, the shame of society, not being independent and the financial dependencies.

"The impact of Covid lockdown and stay at home has overall increased the misery of those who were already facing the trauma of domestic violence and also increased a certain number of those who never had experienced it before," it says.

The report says based on recent study on domestic violence showed an increase of 5% during pandemic.

Approximately 63.1% women belonged to the age group of more than 30 years, 65.2% were postgraduates, 91.3% women were housewives and 54.3% women were married, the survey revealed.

It further reveals that almost 17.4% women reported to have experienced domestic violence in any form from their intimate partner or family member, out of which 6.5% were those who had started experiencing during Covid-19 times.

The report maintains that all the women who had experienced violence have confided in their friends or any trustworthy person, out of which 6.5% women have looked for any help to ease out this domestic violence. 17.4% who experienced violence were worried for their future. "Having children, societal pressure and no one to support their decision to divorce the person were the reasons cited for staying back with the perpetrator," it says.

The report says that almost 91.3% women were housewives and only 8.7% women were working. "The women at home are at more risk of domestic violence as they are confined to their homes and the time of interaction with the abuser is more" the report said.

According to the study, the women who are not working have more stress at home during lockdown because there are restrictions for moving out and it causes more conflict and more chances of domestic violence.

About 54.3% women were unmarried and 45.7% women were married. The women folk at home are at risk of violence irrespective of marital status. Some young girls are even abused as the family members are more in favour of a male child and thus risking them at the hands of their family members as they are cursed and at times beaten up.

Almost 6.5% of women who experienced violence looked for help to save themselves from this abuse and exactly 6.5% of women even received the help especially from their family or close friends. 10.9% women never asked for help as they consider that this is their fate and this is normal.

"When asked about various reasons for not leaving their abusers or moving to a safer place, children at home was the common reason," the report added.

#### Avalanche Warning

bright sunshine was witnessed on Monday. A meteorological department official said that there was a drop of 3.4°C against the previous night's minus 0.6°C in Srinagar. Today's minimum temperature, he said, was below normal by 0.8°C for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of minus 4.6°C against minus 1.5°C on the previous night while Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 10.0°C against minus 4.0°C on the previous night.

Kokernag recorded a low of minus 4.6°C against minus 2.3°C on the previous night and it was 3.1°C below normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 11.0°C against minus 13.5°C on the previous night and it was 4.8°C below normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at minus 5.7°C against minus 4.7°C on the previous night and it was 4.5°C below normal for the north Kashmir area.

Jammu recorded a low of 3.6°C against 5.8°C on the previous night. It was 6.5°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal, he said, recorded a low of minus 3.4°C (below normal by 2.2°C), Batote minus 1.7°C (below normal by 0.9°C), Katra 5.6°C (2.5°C below normal) and Bhardarwah minus

2.2°C (2.4°C below normal).

Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of minus 16.8°C and minus 19.8°C respectively, the official said. Regarding the forecast, he said, mainly dry weather was expected this week.

#### Hunt For New

Sciences and Technology Act, 1982.

The position of VC is to be filled for a period not exceeding three years or attaining 65 years of age, whichever is earlier.

As per the notification issued by the Agricultural production department, the aspirants for the VC position should not be more than 62 years of age as on the closing date of the applications.

The Search Committee has invited the applications from the eminent agricultural scientists with outstanding credentials and also solicits appropriate nominations from renowned personalities of eligible candidates.

As per the notification, the candidate should be a distinguished scientist or an academician with a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Agriculture or Veterinary or related fields.

"The candidate should have more than 10 years of experience in the grade of professor or equivalent position in any academic organization of repute," the notification reads, adding that the candidate should also have three years of experience in handling the affairs of any university or a national institution as Dean or Joint Director or any equivalent position.

"The candidate should have a minimum 20 research publications in peer-reviewed national or international journals including books," the notification reads.

As per the notification, the candidates should have a good understanding of financial management including revenue generation, planning and fiscal control.

The Search Committee has fixed the last date for submission of the applications as March 13, 2023.

"The applications received from eligible candidates through e-mail only shall be considered," the notification reads.

The Search Committee comprises of Director General Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) as its Convener, Chairman University Grants Commission (UGC) or his nominee while Additional Chief Secretary Agriculture Production Department J&K Atal Dulloo, Deputy Director General International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Add Tropics (ICRISAT), Telangana Dr. Arvind Kumar are its members.

Notably, the Search Committee was constituted after the incumbent VC SKUAST-Jammu Prof J P Sharma attained 65 years of age.

VC SKUAST Kashmir, Kashmir Prof. (Dr.) Nazir Ahmad Ganai has been directed to hold the charge of VC SKUAST Jammu till the Selection Committee draws a final panel for appointment of a suitable candidate against the post—(KNO)

#### Supreme Court

Article 370, the Central government had revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

The apex court had on December 1 last year reserved its verdict on the plea challenging the government's decision to constitute the delimitation commission.

During the hearing on December 1 last year, the Centre had told the top court that the delimitation commission formed to redraw the legislative assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir was empowered to do so.

Seeking dismissal of the plea, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, had argued that the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 does not preclude the establishment of Delimitation Commission by the Central government.

On March 6, 2020, Union Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department) had issued a notification in exercise of power under section 3 of the Delimitation Act, 2002, constituting a Delimitation Commission, with former Supreme Court judge (Retd) Ranjana Prakash Desai as the chairperson.

The counsel appearing for the two petitioners, Haji Abdul Gani Khan and Mohammad Ayub Mattoo, had argued that the delimitation exercise was carried out in contravention of the scheme of the Constitution and alteration of boundaries and inclusion of extended areas should not have been done.

The plea had sought declaration that the increase in the number of seats from 107 to 114 (including 24 seats in Pakistan occupied Kashmir) in Jammu and Kashmir is ultra vires constitutional provisions and statutory provisions, particularly under section 63 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019.

It had said the last delimitation commission was set up on July 12, 2002 in exercise of powers conferred by section 3 of the Delimitation Act, 2002 after the 2001 census to carry out the exercise throughout the country.

The plea had said the commission had issued

guidelines and methodology for the delimitation of assembly and parliamentary constituencies vide letter dated July 5, 2004 along with the constitutional and legal provisions.

"It clearly stated that the total number of existing seats in the Legislative Assemblies of all states, including UTs of the National Capital Region and Pondicherry, as fixed based on the 1971 census shall remain unaltered till the first census to be taken after the year 2026," the plea had submitted.

It had sought to declare as unconstitutional the notification dated March 6, 2020 constituting the delimitation commission to take up delimitation in the UT of J-K and states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Nagaland by the Centre.

The plea had also challenged the consequential omission of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland from the process of delimitation vide notification dated March 3, 2021, claiming that it amounts to classification and violates Article 14 (equality before law) of the Constitution.

#### NC, PDP, CPI (M)

expressed development over the judgment.

"We are not heartbroken with this. We are sure, whenever the Supreme Court hears our petition on abrogation of Article 370, we have enough ammunition in our arsenal that will tilt the case in our favour because we are not asking for anything outside the Constitution of India," National Conference spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar told PTI.

He said the stand taken by the party on Article 370 was "part and parcel of the Constitution of India".

"So, there is nothing we are seeking that is not within the purview of the Constitution."

Dar said the apex court judges have put a rider while dismissing the petition.

"I think the Justice has made a comment where they had put a rider on the verdict. And the rider is that there is a petition already lying in the Supreme Court regarding J-K Reorganisation Act. They have referred to that petition, they might club the whole thing with that petition which is actually challenging the parent act," he said.

The Jammu and Kashmir of Congress expressed disappointment on the Supreme Court's verdict, saying the people of J-K are feeling "betrayed everyday".

J-K Pradesh Congress spokesperson Hanzaib Sirwal alleged that the delimitation exercise was undertaken to benefit the BJP.

"People of this country have always had great respect and belief in the judiciary but after BJP's coming to power, people are losing trust in the prestigious institutions. The people in J-K are feeling betrayed everyday," Sirwal told PTI.

He said the people were looking with great hope towards the apex court for the positive outcome of the plea, which was against the delimitation process carried out in an "undemocratic and unconstitutional" manner.

The Congress spokesperson said the whole exercise of delimitation commission was merely an "eye wash" as the suggestions given by all parties were "outrightly rejected".

"The only purpose of this exercise was to ensure electoral gains for the BJP. We did not support the delimitation process when it was formed and we are against this even today," he said.

Reacting to the top court's verdict, Awami National Conference (ANC) vice president Muzaffar Shah said there was "nothing new as we expected it".

"I can only say, unfortunately, this delimitation matter was not agitated by major political parties here," Shah said.

He said he is hopeful that the petitions about Articles 370 and 35-A "will be a different ball game".

CPI (M) leader MY Tarigami said that Supreme Court's dismissal of the petition challenging the delimitation process in Jammu and Kashmir has added to the long list of disappointments for the people of the Union Territory.

"There is nothing much to say about the Supreme Court decision on delimitation other than that it is another disappointment for the people of Jammu and Kashmir," Tarigami, who is also a spokesperson for the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration said.

Carrying out the delimitation process under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act is unacceptable, he said.

"It is just delimitation in the name of delimitation. They have virtually disrupted the unity of people of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Tarigami said there were a bunch of petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 and the Reorganisation Act before the Supreme Court but those were not being heard.

"I had moved an application for early hearing of those petitions... the previous Chief Justice of India had said the petitions would be listed after Dussehra, the incumbent Chief Justice of India said the hearing would be done after the

vacations.

"There was little hope after these assurances but even these have not matured and only resulted in disappointments," he added.

Reacting to the SC verdict, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said the dismissal of petition was immaterial when legal challenges to abrogation of Article 370 and Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act were pending before the apex court.

"We have rejected the delimitation commission from the outset. It does not matter to us what the verdict is," Mehbooba told reporters here, 41 km from Srinagar.

The former chief minister questioned the SC delivering the verdict on the delimitation petition when other pleas were still pending consideration.

"The challenge to the Reorganisation Act (under which the delimitation process was carried out) is pending, challenge to abrogation of Article 370 is pending before the SC. If all that is pending, how can they (the SC) give verdict on this petition?" she asked.

Mehbooba charged that delimitation was a "tactical process of rigging before the elections. That's what they have done, converting the majority into a minority, in favour of the BJP. We have not even participated in the discussions of the delimitation commission."

Asked if she still had faith in judiciary, Mehbooba said the courts were the last hope and resort of anyone in the country.

"As far as the judiciary is concerned, where will a poor person go? Even (Chief) Justice D Y Chandrachud has said that lower courts are scared of giving bail. If a court is scared of giving bail, how would they deliver (fair) verdicts?" she said.

"There was a time when a verdict from the court unseated then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Today, people don't even get bail from the courts," she added.

#### 1.12 Lakh Daily

to workers in the unorganised sector, including daily wage workers, by formulating suitable welfare schemes on matters relating to life and disability cover, health and maternity benefits, old age protection, and any other benefit as may be determined by the central government.

The life and disability cover is provided through the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), he said.

The PMJJBY is available to the people in the age group of 18 to 50 years having a bank or post office account who give their consent to join or enable auto debit, the minister said.

Risk coverage under this scheme is for 2 lakh in case of death of the insured, due to any reason, at an annual premium of 436 which is to be auto debited from the subscriber's account, Mr Yadav said.

As on December 31, 2022, 14.82 crore beneficiaries have been enrolled under the scheme, he said.

#### Retail Inflation

of 6.77 per cent in October 2022.

This was due to a softening in food inflation on the back of a sharp deflation in vegetable prices, which more than offset the inflationary pressures from cereals, protein-based food items and spices, the RBI had said last week.

It also said the ongoing pass-through of input costs, especially in services, could keep core inflation at elevated levels.

Commenting on the data, Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, ICRA, said the CPI inflation recorded a sharper-than expected spike to a three-month high in January 2023, led by an unexpectedly acute jump in food inflation.

"Following the surge in the January 2023 CPI inflation print, we have revised our forecast for the Q4 FY2023 average CPI inflation to 6.2 per cent from 6 per cent, which exceeds the projection released last week by the MPC, suggesting that another rate hike may be in the offing in April 2023," she noted.

#### Priyanka Attacks

crush their rights under the bulldozer," Gandhi said.

She also tagged screenshots of various media reports on the eviction drive in Jammu and Kashmir.

#### No Landless,

Jammu and Kashmir.

However, he reiterated that "big encroachments" would not be spared.

The divisional commissioner was interacting with a delegation of civil society members who informed him about the concern and sense of insecurity prevailing among the poor people with regard to the ongoing anti-encroachment and demolition drive, an official spokesman said.

The delegation, that comprised among others former legislator and BJP leader Devender Singh Rana, president Chamber of Commerce, Jammu, Arun Gupta and several prominent citizens, said no one was opposed to the action

against the land grabbers but there was a need to safeguard the interests of the poor who have constructed small dwelling units on the land.

Responding to the issues raised by the delegation, the divisional commissioner said clear instructions have already been issued to the authorities concerned not to target the poor and the landless public.

The delegation members assured full support and cooperation to the administration in the ongoing drive. It said the Jammu civil society is united and committed to maintain amity, tranquility and order in the city as per its glorious ethos of peace and harmony.

#### KP, Other Employees

a school teacher, was gunned down in south Kashmir's Kulgam district on May 31, last year.

On February 4, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said many PM Package employees have resumed their duties in the valley and directions have been issued to release their pending salaries without delay.

"We have been on a protest strike for the last 280 days in support of our demand for relocation outside the valley. Our biggest festival, Maha Shivratri is round the corner and we demand that our pending salaries be released immediately," said an employee, Rohit Raina.

Raina, who was posted in north Kashmir's Kupwara district, was part of a large group of Pandit employees who staged a sit-in outside the Raj Bhavan in support of their demand for relocation and release of pending salaries.

He claimed that only a few hundred of PM package employees have resumed their duties under compulsion, while many of them are not willing to return due to a "sense of insecurity".

"We want the government to relocate us and utilise our services in Jammu. We are ready to perform our duties," he said.

Raina said they are suffering financially after the government stopped their salaries in September.

Suman, a woman protester, said they are hesitant to return to the valley due to the fear of being killed. "Relocate us to Jammu till you make Kashmir terrorism-free. We will return without a second thought to perform our duties in a tension-free atmosphere." Separately, hundreds of reserved category employees, hailing from different districts of the Jammu region, also staged a sit-in outside the Press Club on the 258th day of their strike.

"Our only demand is transfer policy for the reserved category employees numbering over 3,000 who are working in two dozen government departments. We want the Lt Governor to fulfill his promise which he had made to us," one of the protesters, Yashpaul Sharma, said.

He said they will continue their protest and will not return to Kashmir in view of their security concerns. "We are ready to serve anywhere in the Jammu region," he said.

#### Suspect Held With

suspect riding a scooter, tried to flee from the spot after noticing the joint party.

Accordingly, the spokesperson said, the joint team swung into action and tactfully nabbed the suspected person and recovered the consignment of arms & ammunition. He has been identified as Showkat Ahmed Digoo of Naina, Bhatpora.

He said that the consignment of arms & ammunition recovered by the joint team includes 01 Pistol, 25 Chinese Grenades, 02 Pistol Magazines, 230 Pistol Cartridges, 10 AK Magazines, 300 AK Cartridges and other incriminating materials.

During questioning, the spokesperson said, Digoo disclosed that he was in contact with jailed terrorist associate Firdous Ahmed Bhat, presently lodged at Central Jail Rajouri in case FIR No. 118/2021 of Police Station Litter.

"He further disclosed that he was working for JEM terrorist outfit and this huge cache of arms & ammunition was meant for further distribution on the behest & coordination of the jailed terrorist associate in order to carry out terror attacks on Police and security forces & disrupt the peaceful atmosphere in the valley," he said.

In this regard, the spokesperson said, a case FIR No. 10/2023 under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Litter and further investigation is in progress.

#### Drone Seized

years, terror outfits have used drones to ferry weapons, ammunition, explosives, cash and narcotics from across the border.

#### Baker Charred

Meanwhile, his body was taken by police for medico-legal formalities.

#### 2 Drivers Injured

The officials added that a team of officers visited the site to take stock of the damage and ensure early restoration of the bridge.

## Bodies of Four Tangdhar Natives Airlifted After Six Days



Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Nearly six days after remaining in a mortuary at District Hospital Handwara, corpses of four Tangdhar residents were airlifted in a chopper, lent by Border Security Forces, to their native places here on Monday.

As reported, bodies of four persons namely Shabir Ahmad Khawaja son of Abdul Rasheed, resident of Dildar Karnah, who passed on February 8 at Bemina Srinagar; Sahib Jan wife of Ali Shan Bhadana, resident of Amrohi, who passed at SMHS Hospital Srinagar February 9; Mohammad Saeed son of Mohammad Yaqoob Qureshi, resident of Nawagabra who passed at SKIMS Soura and one Haleema Fatima, resident of Panjtaran, which reached the hospital on Sunday night, were kept in the mortuary at District Hospital Handwara, due to blockade of roads in the aftermath of recent snowfall.

After fervent appeal by the bereaved families to district administration and other relevant offices, district administration Kupwara reciprocated well and requisitioned for the chopper services to airlift the bodies.

Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray had a few days before said

that the office has sent a chopper requisition to lift the bodies as per flying conditions.

The bodies (alongside attendants) were accordingly evacuated in an ambulance from District Hospital Handwara at 8:55 AM to Zangli, from where they were boarded in a chopper, lent by Border Security Forces, at 9:24 AM on Monday, reported news agency GNS.

An official in the knowhow of things said that it normally takes some 20 odd minutes for a chopper to reach Tangdhar from Zangli launchpad.

Before leaving DH Handwara, the bereaved families extended their gratitude to District Administration Kupwara and Handwara Hospital management for making it possible for them to take the bodies back to their native places.

"We are highly thankful to Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray, Medical Superintendent District Hospital Handwara Dr. Nissar Ahmad, SSP Kupwara Yougal Manhas and Border Security Forces for all the assistance provided", they said.

In a somewhat similar case, the district administration alongside DH Handwara, dispatched bodies of two elderly persons to their native places, Karnah and Tangdhar, earlier this month.

## Jammu Records Coldest Night In 11 Years

Agencies

Jammu, the winter capital of Jammu and Kashmir, has recorded the lowest temperature in February in the last 11 years.

Details reveal that after 3.2 degrees Celsius recorded on February 08, 2012, Jammu district has recorded the lowest night temperature in February at 3.6 degrees Celsius last night.

Faizan Arif Keng, an independent weather forecaster said the all-time lowest temperature in the month of February has been recorded on 01 February, 1929 at 1.1 degrees Celsius.

He added overall, today's minimum temperatures are the lowest recorded in Jammu and Kashmir in the last 26 days.

Against the previous night,



the night temperature has plummeted at several stations with Srinagar recording a low of minus 4.0 Degree Celsius.

Gulmarg and Pahalgam were once again the coldest places where the mercury settled at minus 11 Degree Celsius and

minus 10 Degree Celsius respectively.

Kupwara in north Kashmir also recorded a low of minus 5.7 Degree Celsius while the mercury settled at minus 4.6 Degree Celsius at Kokernag and Qazigund—(KNO)

### Adani-Hindenburg row

## AAP Holds Protests In Srinagar, Jammu; Demands JPC Probe

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** Police on Sunday prevented AAP workers from staging a protest outside the BJP office here over the Adani-Hindenburg row.

Led by AAP's central Kashmir youth president Jibrin Dar, party workers assembled in Jawahar Nagar area and raised slogans against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and business tycoon Gautam Adani.

The protesters alleged that Modi was favouring Adani, but doing nothing for ordinary people.

Before they could reach the BJP office in the area, the protesters were detained by police and whisked away to the local police station.

Adani Group stocks have taken a beating after US-based

activist short-seller Hindenburg Research made a litany of allegations, including fraudulent transactions and share price manipulation, against it.

The Adani Group has dismissed the allegations as lies.

The AAP also staged a protest outside the BJP office in Jammu over the issue and demanded a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) probe into independent India's "biggest scam".

AAP workers led by senior party leaders assembled outside the BJP office in Trikuta Nagar and chanted slogans against the BJP-led government, claiming that Modi gave all resources to one person and made him the second richest person in the world.

Terming it independent India's "biggest scam", senior AAP leader T S Tony said, "In

2014, Adani's assets were worth Rs 37,000 crore. They increased to Rs 59,000 crore in 2018, Rs 2.5 lakh crore in 2020 and Rs 13 lakh crore in 2022."

"We are here to bring the BJP's direct link to this scam before the people... the exposed government is running away and not giving answers," he said.

Tony, who is the chairman of the AAP's minority welfare wing, also demanded a JPC probe into the alleged scam.

Opposition parties have been demanding a JPC probe or a Supreme Court-monitored investigation into the allegations against the Adani Group.

Parliamentary proceedings during the first week of the ongoing Budget Session were virtually washed out amid protests by opposition parties, including the AAP.

## Pak Based Handlers Pushing Drugs Into J&K: SSP Baramulla

Agencies

**BARAMULLA:** Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Baramulla, Amod Nagpure on Monday said that Pakistan based handlers under well-hatched conspiracy are using smugglers to push drugs inside Jammu and Kashmir to spread drug addiction among youth of the Union Territory.

Addressing a press conference here at DPO Baramulla, SSP Baramulla, said that Police have arrested four such drug suppliers along with contraband material and cash.

He said on a specific information regarding smuggling of narcotics in Kamalkote area of Uri in Baramulla, a Naka was established at Sultan Daki area and during checking, a vehicle was signaled to stop but it tried to flee and was tactfully stopped.

"Later, four people were arrested along with 1.17 Kgs of Brown Sugar and a cash of Rs 25.39

Lacs. They have been identified as Naseer Ahmad Bhatti, son of Nazar Din Bhatti, Mohd Pazeer, son of Abdul Majeed Khanday, Reyaz Ahmad Khanday and Fayaz Ahmad Khanday—both sons of Mohammed Sharief Khanday—all residents of Uri."

SSP while terming the arrest of four smugglers a 'big lead' and 'big catch', said they have got more leads and more such modules are expected to be busted soon.

He also said that their network is so strong and they are making every possible effort to stop drugs entering Jammu and Kashmir. "It's all due to the people's support and cooperation, such modules are being busted," he said.

## Div Com Jammu Reviews Amarnath Yatra Arrangements

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Monday chaired a preliminary meeting of concerned Deputy Commissioners and line departments and reviewed the arrangements for upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2023.

The meeting was attended in person by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa; DIG Jammu Kathua Range, Shakti Pathak; Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav; SSP Jammu, Chandan Kohli; Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai; DIG CRPF, Ashok Samyal; SSP Ramban/ National Highways, Mohita Sharma; SSP Security,

conferencing. The Div Com emphasized upon the need to make adequate arrangements well in advance by working in close coordination for smooth conduct of Yatra.

Directions were passed for floating tenders for various works like sanitation work, face lifting and other works required at Yatri Niwas.

The Div Com directed Deputy Commissioners for identification of locations for accommodation, holding spaces in their respective districts.

The DCs were directed to identify suitable places for langars and accommodation of devotees, vehicles holding in their respective districts.



Additional CEO Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, Rahul Singh; Joint Director Information, Sapna Kotwal; Deputy Director Planning, Munish Dutta; Chief Engineers of JPDCI, Jal Shakti, ARTO Jammu and other concerned Officers while Deputy Commissioners of Kathua, Samba, Udhampur and Ramban along with concerned officers participated through video

Threadbare discussions were held on various important issues while the Div Com reviewed registration arrangements including RFID, security arrangements, transportation facilities for sadhus and yatries, setting up of langars and their permissions, accommodation for sadhus and Yatries, publicity, sanitation, boarding and lodging facilities at yatri niwas.

## DC Pulwama Chairs Task Force Meeting For MR Elimination

**Observer News Service**

**PULWAMA:** To further pace up the progress towards Measles-Rubella (MR) Elimination in the district, a meeting of District Task Force (DTF) on Measles and Rubella Elimination was held Monday under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Baseer-Ul-Haq Choudhary at Conference Hall of DC Office Complex, here.

During the meeting, a threadbare deliberation was held with regard to implementation of a road map formulated by the Government for Measles, Rubella Elimination from the country by 2023. An Action Plan for achieving strategic objectives for Measles & Rubella Elimination also came under discussion.

On the occasion, the DC urged the senior Health functionaries to take all possible measures with focused attention in unison with ICDS and Education Departments to identify the dropout cases in the district besides immunization process for Measles, Rubella Elimination.

The DC further stressed on better management of Universal Immunization programme and Surveillance activities to achieve the target in stipulated time. He urged the Officers to adopt multi-pronged interventions to identify the target at the right time to arrest the disease at the right time. With regard to reporting of Measles cases in adults, the DC asked the Officers to examine the matter seriously to prevent the spread of the disease in the district.

The DC also highlighted the importance of acquiring complete knowledge about the preventive measures of Measles-Rubella disease, and asked the officers to identify the target groups, conduct surveys and go ahead with concrete plans to achieve the results as set by the Government.

He further asked them to put in a committed effort in order to achieve the objective of the campaign i.e to rapidly build up immunity for both Measles and Rubella diseases and ensure that all the children should receive MR vaccine during the campaign.

## Two Day Shallabugh Bird Festival Commences

Observer News Service

**GANDERBAL:** The two day Shallabugh Bird festival organized by the Department of Wildlife Protection, Jammu & Kashmir Govt. (Wetlands Division, Kashmir) and the District Administration Ganderbal in joint collaboration with SKUAST-Kashmir and Kashmir Birdwatch began here on Monday.

The Inaugural function of the fest was organized today at the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat, here. Shyambir Singh, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

While throwing the Shallabugh Fest-2023 open, the DC Ganderbal stressed upon the need that such events need to be taken along on a sustained basis. He applauded the role of the civil societies, local communities and the NGOs in the field of Wetland Conservation and appealed to them to take active part in the conservation and restoration process of the Shallabugh Wetland Reserve.

In his address the chief guest expressed his willingness to ren-

der all the help and support in showcasing the unique biodiversity of the wetland. He assured the participants that the best of the Wildlife Photographers during the fest period shall be felicitated by the district administration.

Rashid Yahya Naqash, Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir Region, said that the aim to celebrate the Shallabugh Bird festival is to raise awareness of bird and wetland conservation and also nurture an interest in young wildlife enthusiasts to learn and love migratory/resident birds and their habitat.

He informed the gathering that the Shallabugh has been recently declared as Ramsar Site, a wetland of international importance. The wetland is home to a wide variety of birds, and the festival is an opportunity to recognize their significance and raise awareness about the importance of preserving their habitat.

Day two shall start with guided birding at Shallabugh wetland, and later a local meet of the fringe communities shall be organised at Shallabugh, Naqash said.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION SHOPIAN**

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
e-NITNo.48/JSDS OF 2022-23 Dated:- 10.02.2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Shopian, invite tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/Firms/Companies/ of all classes as per scope registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for below mentioned works at various Water Supply schemes of PHE Division Shopian of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

The bidding process shall be completed online on [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) in two covers viz Cover1st consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on over all percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

S.No	Particular of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender fee (in Rs)	Earnest money Deposit (in Lacs)	Bid Validity	Time of Completion Of work(days)
1	Providing Water Supply Facilities To Transit Accommodation For Kashmir Migrants At Allow Para Shopian Phase I,II	119.43	500/-	2.39	120 days	As per ANNEXURE-I to this bid document.

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission(JJM)  
The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Shopian  
The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

**Critical Dates:**

i	Publish Date	11.02.2023 at 9:00 AM
ii	Document Download start Date	11.02.2023
iii	Clarification start date	11.02.2023 from 10:00 AM
iv	Clarification end date	12.02.2023 up to 6:00 PM
v	Bid submission start date	13.02.2023 from 6:00 PM
vi	Bid submission end date	27.02.2023 at 12:00 PM
vii	Date of Bid opening	27.02.2023 at 12:00 PM

- Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)
- The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in). The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.
- The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Shopian. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar.
- The cost of tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/e challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Shopian.
- The hard copies of cost tender document in shape of TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.
- The bid shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder with draws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).
- Queries by email if any should be made at [xenpheshopian@yahoo.in](mailto:xenpheshopian@yahoo.in)

No:-JSDS/ 5443-57  
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**Subject: Final Notice for College Canteen Tender**

### FINAL NOTICE

The College floated a Tender for running of College Canteen for the Year 2022-23 through GEM Bid Vide No: GEM/2023/B/2939385 dated: 31-01-2023 but received only one response, in view of which the Tender was cancelled and offline Tender Notice was published in daily Newspapers "Daily Ilahaq" and Daily Precious Kashmir, dated: 26-01-2023 vide No GCOE/ IASE/23/160, dated: 21-01-2023 with no response received. Subsequently it was extended in the Daily Newspaper Rising Kashmir vide Tender extension No: GCOE/IASE/23/198, dated: 31-01-2023 following which only one response from a different party was received. In all Two tenderers have shown interest for running of College Canteen viz. One response from GEM bidding and one response to the tender published in the newspapers.

Now keeping in view the upcoming academic session which starts from 15th of Feb. 2023, the interested eligible persons are once again informed through this notice to participate in the extension of tender notice published in Daily Newspaper (Rising Kashmir) on 2nd Feb 2023. Terms and conditions and other relevant details shall remain the same.

The last date of receiving tenders complete in all respects is 25-02-2023.

Furthermore, "Wani construction and Co" is hereby informed through the medium of this notice that they may participate a fresh in the offline tender if interested. No further queries in regard to the GEM Bid will be entertained as the Bid stands cancelled

Pertinent to mention here, that after the due date of the tender submission no further extension/ re tendering will be made and the undersigned would be at Liberty to award the assignment even if only one party participates in the process

No. GCOE/IASE/23/299  
Dated: 11/02/2023

DIPK-17371-22  
DT: 13-02-2023

**Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz**  
Principal

## Kashmiri Cricketer Jasia Akhter Earns WPL Berth



Observer News Service

**SHOPIAN:** Jasia Akhter, a female cricketer from Shopian district of Kashmir Valley, was on Monday selected by Delhi Capitals for Rs 20 lakh in the 2023 Women's Premier League (WPL) Auction. Jasia is a right handed batter from Braripora area of Shopian, but has been plying her trade in other states of India. Currently playing for Rajasthan Women, the 34-year-old has captained the side on numerous occasions. She has also played for Punjab Women and India 'D' team. In the recently concluded Se-

nior Women's T20 Trophy, Jasia was the second highest run getter. "In order to pursue my dream, I had to shift to Punjab for around 6-8 years and play domestic cricket where everyone was impressed with my performance. Last year I switched to Rajasthan and currently I am playing for them and have performed that I will likely to continue in WPL," she told news agency KNO. "J&K has scanty sports infrastructure as compared to other states," she added. Jasia Akhter has been performing consistently on a high level for a long time. Her performances have brought her close to India national team camp on several occasions, but she remains uncapped and hopes her efforts in WPL will earn a call up to the national team. The inaugural edition of the Women's Premier League will be played in Mumbai from March 4 to 6, 2023.

## Real Kashmir To Approach Court Against AIFF

Press Trust of India

**SRINAGAR:** Real Kashmir Football Club will move court against the All India Football Federation's decision forfeiting its match against Churchill Brothers played in November last year, a spokesperson of the club said on Sunday. The charge levelled against RKFC was that it played 4 foreign players on the ground violating the rule of playing only three foreigners and one Asian player during the match. RKFC had defeated the Churchill Brothers Football Club by 1-0 in a match played on November 28 last year in Srinagar. In the 64th minute, RKFC had wrongly called for a substitution of a player but it was rectified



within a minute by the club's head coach, Mehrajuddin Wadoo. However, the "fourth official", who carries out the substitution request, and match referee had directed RKFC to carry out the substitution as stated on the board and not according to the amendment made by the coach, who was well within his right to do so, RKFC officials said. Until the insistence of the "fourth official", the substitution had not taken place, and this was clearly seen from the submitted video evidence from a broadcaster, they said. Churchill Brothers FC had approached the disciplinary committee of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) that held a meeting and ruled in favour of RKFC on December 23 last year.

## J&K Leads Medals Tally On Day 4 Of Khelo India Winter Games

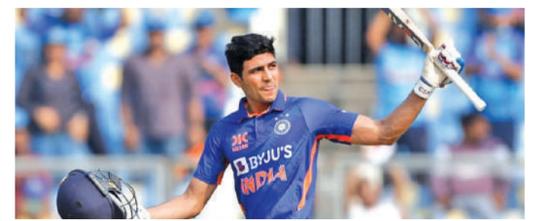


Observer News Service

**GULMARG:** J&K contingent participating in the 3rd Khelo India Winter Games at Gulmarg was on top of the overall leaderboard as Day 4 came to a conclusion on Monday. J&K was leading in the medal tally with 9 Gold medals, 8 Silver medals and 10 Bronze medals followed by Maharashtra with 7 Gold medals, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze and then by Himachal with 7 Gold, 8 Silver and 5 Bronze. On Monday, Jaideep Bhat, Uttrakhand, won Gold in Sprint Men; Kulwinder Sharma of Army won Gold in SnowBoard G Slalom of Senior Men Category; Waqar Ahmad Lone(J&K) obtained Gold in Snowboarding Slalom of Junior Boys; Rahul Thakur (HP) got Gold in Alpine G Slalom of Junior Boys-2; Faizan Ahmad Lone (J&K) achieved Gold in Alpine G Slalom Junior Boys. Others who won Gold on Monday included Jakmat Raf-

stan of Army & Varsha Devi (HP) in Alpine G Slalom of Senior Men and Women Category respectively. Also, in the Nordic event for different groups, Stangin Lundup, Army; Prince Kumari, ITBP; Shabnum, Himachal Pradesh; Mohamad Ali and Army won Gold medals. Similarly, Sara, J&K; Farman Ali, HAWS; Adil Fayaz, J&K; Dhanalakshmi, Karnataka and Nisha Devi won Gold Medals in their respective competitions of Sprint. In Ski Mountaineering, Ma-yank Dimri of Uttrakhand won two Gold medals in Vertical Race and Team Sprint. While in Senior Men and Women of Bobsleigh, Haryana won both Gold Medals but in Junior Category of the same sport J&K and Tamil Nadu obtained Gold in Junior Men and Women, respectively. In Bandy sport, Gujarat took away both Gold Medals Under 17 Age Group and Under 21 Age Group competitions.

**Union MoS Nisith Pramanik Visits Kangdoori**  
On the penultimate day of the games Union Minister of State (MoS) for Home Affairs and Youth Affairs & Sports, Nisith Pramanik visited Kangdoori to take stock of the ongoing sports activities in Gulmarg. He was accompanied by Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul and other officers. On the occasion, he interacted with players and enjoyed snow bike driving from Kangdoori to Alpine G Slalom starting point. While briefing media persons, he underlined that the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports gives priority for development of sports infrastructure including stadiums in J&K. Later, he visited the Golf Club where he held an interaction with the players and congratulated the medallists. On the occasion, the Minister of State also flagged off the SnowShoe race of 1500 meters of Senior Men.



## Shubman Gill Named ICC Men's Player Of January

Press Trust of India

**DUBAI:** India batter Shubman Gill was on Monday named ICC Men's Player of the Month for January following a series of impressive innings in the ODI format, while England U-19 skipper Grace Scrivens became the youngest player to be named for the women's honour. Gill enjoyed a record-breaking month in white-ball cricket in January. The free-scoring batter was a prolific source of runs throughout the month, most notably in the ODI format, scoring big against both Sri Lanka and New Zealand. With 567 runs during January, which included three century-plus scores, the 23-year-old Gill wowed fans with a lethal combi-

nation of graceful and attacking strokeplay. In a month which presented several highlights for Gill, his stand-out performance came in the form of a stunning double-hundred in the nail-biting victory over New Zealand in the series opener in Hyderabad. His unbeaten 208 came off just 149 balls with 28 boundaries -- a startling feat not just because it made him the youngest double-centurion in the ODI format, but also because all those around him seemed to falter on a difficult pitch for batters. Sandwiched between these innings were two further centuries -- 116 in a dominant victory over Sri Lanka, and 112 in the final ODI against New Zealand.

## Qatari Investors Preparing Imminent Bid For Man United - Bloomberg

Agencies

**Q**atari investors are preparing to make a bid to buy Premier League club Manchester United in the coming days, Bloomberg reported on Monday, citing sources familiar with the deal. The report added that the consortium will submit an initial bid for the club by the end of the week, and that officials from Qatar Sports Investments (QSI) are helping with preparations for the bid. Reuters has contacted Manchester United for comment. Jim Ratcliffe's company INEOS formally entered the bidding

process to buy United last month after the club's U.S. owners, the Glazer family, said in November they had begun looking at options including new investment or a potential sale. Earlier this month, the Daily Mail newspaper reported that Qatari investors are planning to make a huge bid to buy Premier League club Manchester United. The Daily Mail report stated the interested investors are separate from QSI, which owns French side Paris St Germain, and that the money will come from an "individual fund" rather than a sovereign wealth fund.

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