

Notified Property Tax Rates Lowest In India: J&K Govt

'Residential Houses Upto 1000 Sqft Exempted; Linked With Stamp Duty Of An Area'



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Stating that the notified property tax rates in Jammu & Kashmir are lower than other States and Union Territories, the Jammu & Kashmir government on Wednesday said the tax implications are progressive in nature with minimum implication for small businesses and households.

In an informal interaction with journalists in Jammu, Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department, Rajesh Prasad said the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has notified the property tax with the aim to improve financial health of municipal bodies to enable them to provide better municipal services. "Tax rates in **More on P6**

FOR RESIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

(TAX PAYABLE IN RS)

Property	Jammu/ Srinagar	Chandigarh	Delhi	Ludhiana
Residential House/Flat upto 1000 Sqft	0	600-1000	300-7000	150-3500
Flat/Apartment 1500 Sqft	100-1150	900-1500	500-10000	300-10000
Residential Independent House 2000 Sqft	225-2500	1200-2000	650-14000	400-13000

FOR COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

(TAX PAYABLE IN RS)

Property	Jammu/ Srinagar	Chandigarh	Delhi	Ludhiana
Small Shop 100 Sqft	50-600	200-650	275-3500	275-3500
Small Shop 200 Sqft	150-1800	400-1300	550-7000	550-7000

J&K Parties, Barring BJP, Oppose Property Tax

SMC Mayor Says Decision Taken Without Approval Of Elected ULBs, Will Contest Move

Agencies

The imposition of property tax in Jammu and Kashmir has drawn flak with almost every political party except BJP denouncing the government order saying that it is an attempt to overburden the people who are already reeling under economic difficulty due to decades of turmoil. Srinagar city Mayor, Junaid Azim Mattu has gone a step further saying that the decision was not approved by elected ULBs and that the SMC will explore ways

to contest what he called an 'arbitrary move'. Former Chief Minister and National Conference Vice President, Omar Abdullah, in a tweet asked why the people in J&K will pay the state taxes including the property tax when they have no say in how the government is run and other decision making. "No Taxation Without Representation. Why should people in J&K pay state taxes including the proposed property tax when we have no say in how our government is run & no say in the **More on P6**

50 JKP Officers Shifted In Major Reshuffle

Observer News service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Wednesday ordered a major reshuffle of 50 senior police officers in the interest of administration with immediate effect.

According to an order, Swarn Singh Kotwal, SSP, Security, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Commandant, SDRF 1 st Bn. Srinagar, against an available vacancy.

Aijaz Ahmad Bhat, Commandant, IR-13 Ūl Bn., has been transferred and posted as Commandant, IR-10Ūl Bn., vice Fayaz Ahmad Lone.

Mohammad Arshad, Commandant, IPO-12 07 Bn., has been transferred and posted as Commandant, IR-13 th Bn., vice Aijaz Ahmad Bhat.

Mohammad Arif Rishu, SSP, Railways, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Commandant, IR-8th Bn., against an available vacancy.

Fayaz Ahmad Lone, Commandant, Bn., has been transferred and posted as SO to IGP Armed/IRP Kashmir, vice Javid Ahmad Dar.

Shamsheer Hussain, Commandant JKAP-13 th Bn., has been transferred and posted as SSP, Security, Jammu, vice Swarn Singh Kotwal.

Manzoor Ahmad Mir, SP Traffic (Rural), Kashmir, has been transferred **More on P6**

Hold Elections If Situation Is Normal: Abdullah

Press Trust of India

Srinagar: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday said the Centre should hold the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir if its claims on return of normalcy to the Union Territory were true.

Abdullah, who is a Lok Sabha member from Srinagar, also accused the central government of playing a gimmick with the people on the issue of the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

"They (Centre) doesn't want to restore statehood. It is all a gimmick to mislead us and the world. They won't give it," he told PTL.

"The question arises that the government of India is saying the situation is normal in JK. The



delimitation process has been completed. If elections are held everywhere, why not in Jammu and Kashmir?" Abdullah asked.

The former chief minister said the Centre has made the Lieutenant Governor the "master of everything".

"Why has the LG been installed here and he has become the master of everything," he said.

Asked about the **More on P6**



Harbingers of Spring! Roadside florists have set up stalls as Valley braces for early spring this year.

Srinagar-Jammu Highway Reopens After 38 Hrs

5 Bodies Stuck Along Highway Transported By Volunteers, Food Served To Stranded People: Officials; Highway To Remain Shut For Feb 24, Mar 03, 10 For Undertaking Repairs: Traffic Advisory

Agencies

Ramban: The vehicular movement on Jammu-Srinagar national highway was restored on Wednesday after remaining suspended for 38 hours due to shooting stones and landslides at Ramban district, officials said.

Quoting an official KNO reported that the traffic has been restored on the national highway from both sides after stones and debris were cleared at Shalgari, Sherbibi area in Ramban district.

"Almost after 38 hours the vehicular movement has been restored on the highway. The road remained closed for traffic due



to shooting stones and slides at Shalgadi (Sherbibi) Banihal since Tuesday evening," he said. He said five bodies were also stuck on the highway. However,

the bodies were transported by Volunteers of (NGO Banihal Volunteers and Himalaya QRT Ramsoo) today afternoon. He further **More on P6**

Youth Shot Dead By Friend In Jammu

Press Trust of India

Jammu- A 28-year-old man was shot dead allegedly by his friend after the two had a heated argument over a trivial issue at a marriage function on the outskirts of Jammu, officials said on Wednesday.

Arvind Singh Jamwal died on the spot after being shot by Lakhman Pratab Singh using his father's licensed 12-bore gun at Gharota late Tuesday night, the officials said.

Quoting the preliminary investigation by police, they said the two had a heated argument over some petty issue during a marriage

function earlier in the day.

Jamwal returned to his home after the function but later went to the house of Singh on his call and was shot dead by him, the officials said, adding the accused was arrested from Nagrota and further investigation is on.

Meanwhile, the body of another youth was found under mysterious circumstances at Qasim Nagar area of Bahu Fort on the city outskirts on Wednesday. The body was taken to Government Medical College (GMC) for post-mortem, the officials said, adding the cause of his death was not known immediately.

Chat With Charu Sinha: 'I Pray to Allah For Peace in Kashmir'

Auqib Javeed

Amid the probable draw-down of army from Kashmir hinterlands, the outgoing Kashmir chief of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has hinted at the pivotal role of the paramilitary forces in counter-insurgency operations in Kashmir now.

Charu Sinha's comment came after her Central Kashmir tenure ended on Tuesday. "I see CRPF rising up to the challenge and working for the peace in the valley," the CRPF's woman Inspector General said.

A 1996-IPS batch officer of Telangana cadre, Sinha assumed



the office of IG CRPF, Central Kashmir, in September 2020 — when Srinagar was witnessing a series of targeted killings.

Before coming to Kashmir, Sinha had her stint in Naxal heartlands. "Sinha demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and worked tirelessly to improve security scenario in the valley," the CRPF said in a statement.

In a candid chat with Kashmir Observer, Sinha talks about her tenure, experience and challenges as a woman IPS officer in Kashmir.

You arrived in Srinagar amid targeted killings. What was your first response to the situation?

We at CRPF have a multi-pronged strategy to deal with the situation. So we tried to reach out to the targeted community and established contact with them.

We tried our best to prevent untoward incidents in the area which came under our domain.

But how did Kashmir prove different from your earlier postings?

It was a new theatre. Earlier I had worked in Naxalite affected areas of Assam and Bihar. So, I had to learn everything from the beginning of how to handle the situation. And usually, as a woman, the first challenge is to be accepted by colleagues and subordinates.

How was tackling militancy

different from Naxalism?

In urban operations and guerrilla warfare, there is a hell lot of difference and I'm happy that I got to serve in both situations.

During your tenure, we saw women CRPF personnel frisking in Lal Chowk. They became regulars during street patrols and house searches. What was the thought-process behind it?

See, whenever we search or raid any house, we come across women who hesitate to talk to CRPF men. So, the motive was to indulge women personnel to deal with the Kashmiri female folks comprising fifty **More on P6**

SIA Raids Continue, 4 Premises Seized

Agencies

Srinagar: State Investigation Agency (SIA) Kashmir conducted searches at multiple locations across Kashmir valley on Tuesday in a militancy related case and seized four premises of narco-militancy suspects.

According to a statement, the searches were conducted in case FIR No 19/2022, U/S 8/21,29 NDPS Act, 13,17,18,39,40 UA (P) Act read with section 120-B, 121, 121 A IPC of P/S CI-SIA Srinagar.

The statement reads searches were conducted at multiple locations including Anantnag, Pulwama, Budgam and Baramulla.

"About 04 premises of narco-militancy suspects in different districts of Kashmir were searched viz residential



premises of (1) Abdul Rashid Bhat R/O Padgampora, Awantipora, (2) Danish Farooq R/O Nasrullapora, Budgam, (3) Abdul Rashid Mir R/O Amargrah, Sopore and (4) Ovais Gul Bhat R/O Hardu Akad Anantnag in compliance to search warrant obtained from court of Special Judge, designated under NIA Act (TADA/POTA), it reads.

It is learnt that investigation of the case has so far unearthed a **More on P6**

Woman Among Three Arrested

SIA said that it has arrested three including a woman for smuggling around 24 kilograms of narcotics worth crores of rupees from Pakistan. SIA in a statement said "Targeting the financial networks of terror outfits with an aim to destroy its ecosystem and support structure completely, **More on P6**

Kashmir Inc Elects New Body

Javid Bhat Is New President

Observer News service

Srinagar: A day after new executive committee members were elected, Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industries (KCCI) on Wednesday elected its office bearers including Javid Ahmad Bhat (Tenga) as new president.

The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Inc) held its 85th annual general meeting on Wednesday at Chamber Office, Residency Road Srinagar at 11.30 AM. Assistant Commissioner Revenue and other officials of the Revenue Department and some members of Election Committee supervised the proceedings of the annual general meeting in accordance with the orders of the High Court.

The results of the elections for the Executive Committee of KCCI were declared by the Election Committee constituted for the purpose of conducting

the elections to the 21 member Executive Committee.

The KCCI later elected its office bearers and the Executive Committee while Javid Ahmad Bhat (Tenga) has been elected as President, the statement said, adding that Ashaq Hussain Shangloo and Fayaz Ahmad Punjabi have been elected as Sr. Vice President and Jr. Vice President respectively.

Faiz Ahmad Bakshi has been elected as Secretary General while Dr. Umar Nazir Tibeetbaqal is new Jr. Secretary General and Zubair Mahajan has been appointed as Treasurer, it said, adding that Akib Chaya, Muzaffar Majid Jan, Amir Manzoor, Ashfaq Ahmad Zahgeer, Farooq Ahmad Kuthoo, Chulam Nabi Bhat, Altaf Ahmad Tramboob, Jagmohan Singh Raina, Mohammad Lateef Bhat, Siah Mohammad Ibrahim, Suhail Jan, Dr. Touseef Ahmad Bhat, Feroz Ahmad Bisati, Shoukat Khan and Zahoor Hussain Alamgir are the elected Executive Committee members.



'Fault's Healing Behaviour Could Provide Sneak Peek Into The Zone's Seismicity'

Press Trust Of India

Observing the healing behaviour of a fault could provide a window into the seismicity of the fault zone, according to scientists.

A fault that is slow to heal is more likely to move harmlessly, while one that heals quickly is more likely to stick until it breaks in a large, damaging earthquake, they said in a study.

The scientists at The University of Texas at Austin, US, have discovered that a frictional phenomenon could be key to understanding when and how violently faults move, according to the study.

That is because the phenomenon, which explains why it takes more effort to shove a heavy box from a standstill than it does to keep it moving, governs how quickly the fault surfaces bond together, or heal, after an earthquake, the study said.

An everyday quirk of physics could be an important missing piece in scientists' efforts to predict the world's most powerful earthquakes, the study published in the journal Science said.

That alone will not allow scientists to predict when the next big one will strike - the forces behind large earthquakes are too complex - but it does give researchers a valuable new way to investigate the causes and potential for a large, damaging earthquake

to happen, the authors said.

"The same physics and logic should apply to all different kinds of faults around the world," said the study's co-lead author Demian Saffer, director of the University of Texas Institute for Geophysics, US.

"With the right samples and field observations we can now start to make testable predictions about how big and how often large seismic slip events might occur on other major faults, like Cascadia in the Pacific Northwest," said Saffer.

To make the discovery, researchers devised a test that combined rocks from a well-studied fault off the coast of New Zealand and a computer model, to successfully calculate that a harmless kind of "slow motion" earthquake would happen every few years because the clay-rich rocks within the fault are very slow to heal, the study said.

According to the study, the rock samples the researchers tested were drilled from about half a mile under the seafloor in a fault in New Zealand. They squeezed the fault zone rocks in a hydraulic press and found that they were very slow to heal and slipped easily, it said.

When they plugged the rock data into a computer model of the fault, the result was a small, slow-motion tremor every two years, a near exact match with observations from the New Zealand fault, the study said.

The researchers think the clay-rich rocks, which are common at many large faults, could be regulating earthquakes by allowing plates to slip quietly past each other, which limits the buildup of stress.

"The discovery could be used to determine whether a fault is prone to slipping in large, damaging earthquakes," said study co-lead Srisharan Shreedharan, affiliate researcher at the University of Texas Institute for Geophysics.

"This doesn't get us any closer to actually predicting earthquakes, but it does tell us whether a fault is likely to slip silently with no earthquakes, or have large ground-shaking earthquakes," said Shreedharan.

At Cascadia, there is little evidence of shallow, slow-motion tremors. That is one of the reasons the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network wants to place sensors across key areas of the fault, according to the study.

"The new study gives them the framework to do so," said network Director Harold Tobin.

"We want to zero in on the processes in the shallow part of the fault because that's what governs the size of the tsunami," said Tobin, who was not part of the study.

"Fault healing doesn't explain everything, but it does give us a window into the working of subduction zone faults that we didn't have before," said Tobin.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of DOB Certificate of my Son **Hariss-Bin-Javeed** whose DOB is 12-02-2018 from the office of the Block Development Officer Khooor Sharabad. 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.

Javeed Ahmad Mir
F/o Hariss-Bin-Javeed
R/o Maharajpora Kongamara Pattan

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that I have lost my registration certificate of my vehicle bearing registration no. JK04C.6801 somewhere. Now I want to apply for its duplicate. If anybody has any objection he/she may contact Assistant Regional Transport Officer Budgam within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

Mohammad Afzal Sofi
S/o Ghulam Mohammad Sofi
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Office Of The Executive Engineer R&B Construction Division No.II, Sgr.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT No.215/CDII/21122-32 of 2022-23

DATED: 21.02.2023

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

S. No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time of	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
1.	Development of Lawn/ Landscaping and Construction of Foot path at NTPHC Zewan Srinagar including Supplying, Installation & Commissioning of 63KVA / Diesel Genset.	23.03	800/-	46060	30 Days	PMKKYK 2022-23	"BEE/CEE"
	Modernization/ Repair, Renovation of Cooperative Super Bazar Srinagar (Balance Work).	10.17	600/-	20340/-	30 Days	4425-Cooperative	"BEE/CEE/ DEE"
	Repairs in windows shutters by providing float glass and wire gauge at Lal Ded Hospital Srinagar.	6.00	300/-	12000/-	20 days	ARD	"CEE/DEE"

Position of AAAs: As per schedule of dates given below:-

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	22.02.2023 from 10.00 AM
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	22.02.2023 from 10.00 AM
3.	Bid submission Start Date	27.02.2023 upto 4.00 PM.
4.	Bid Submission End Date	27.02.2023 upto 4.00 PM.
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	28.02.2023 at 11.00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Construction Division 2 nd Srinagar.

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan under M.H-0059 in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Construction Division No.2nd, Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The date of Treasury Challans should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Construction Division No.2nd, Srinagar (tender receiving authority).

3. At the time of tendering, all the bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/ FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Construction Division 2nd Srinagar. (The date of Earnest Money/Bid Security should be between Date of Start of bid and bid submission End date). The successful bidder will have to provide Performance security @ 3% of Allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR/BG at the time of contract award. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 3% of the total allotted cost which will be released after successful completion of the DLP.

4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Construction Division No.2nd, Srinagar (tender receiving authority).

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

6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

6.1. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.

Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

7. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

8. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Construction Division No.2nd, Srinagar (The date of Treasury Challans should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Construction Division No.2nd, Srinagar must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.

9. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

10. Bidders should note that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract has been awarded are found fake/not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor/bidder shall be blacklisted for participation in this division for a period of five years besides the performance security deposited for the said work shall be forfeited.

11. Any item/Items of work found necessary during execution of work though not in the BOQ shall have to be got executed and shall be paid At Par the %age quoted by the bidder.

12. Any addendum issued shall be the part of NIT.

13. Price escalation and Taxes:- The %age quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bill of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

14. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

15. In case of CRP and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
R&B Construction Division IInd
Srinagar

DIPK-17730/22

Dated: 22.02.2023

E-mail:- techrpbu1786@gmail.com Phone:- 01933-295302.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir (UT)

Office Of The Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama.

TENDER NOTICE

E-NIT No :- 408/EEP/RNB/of 2022-23/18403-18413

Dated: 21/02/2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT term e-tenders (In Single Cover system) are invited on %age

Basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Government for the following work:-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost in (Rs. Lacs)	Cost of T/D (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.) in the shape of CDR/FDR /BG	Time of Completion in working Days	Class of Contract	Major Head of Accounts	Administrative Accord Approval No:
1.	Construction of culvert at road towards Iala Trag Park	2.82	200/-	2% of Adv. cost	10 working Days	DEE	Ut Sector	21-SE/PS of 22 -23 Dated: 20.02.2023
2.	Upgradation of Iqra Colony Yachnambal Frestabal pampore Pulwama Near Masjid Sharief Khaja moh-sud-din Chasti and interior roads of Khore Pampore Pulwama B.w.a Stone Metalling, WBM and Laying of Pipes under Unsector (Road sector) District Pulwama	9.96	600/-	2% of Adv. cost	15 working Days	DEE, CEE	Ut Sector	21-SE/PS of 22 -23 Dated: 20.02.2023

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	21/02/2023
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 21/02/2023 10:00 A.M.
3.	Bid submission Start Date	21 /02/2023 from 10.00 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	27/02/2023 upto 4.00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	28/02/2023 at 10.30 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Div. Pulwama
6.	Submission of Performance Security (PS)	Within 3 days of receipt of LOA. (The First lowest successful bidder has to provide 3% of allotted cost as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and EMD of 2% shall be released after receipt of 3% Performance security).

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0059 PWD) and EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG, pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Div. Pulwama.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Div. Pulwama
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
- If first lowest bidder fails to deposit 3% as performance security within prescribed date the work will be put to fresh tenders at his risk and cost and the CDR/FDR/BG, will be forfeited and shall be debarrd from participating the tendering process for the period of one year in this division.

All other terms and conditions shall be available in website www.jktenders.gov.in

Head Draftsman

DIPK-17755/22

Technical Officer

DATED: 22-02-2023

Executive Engineer,

R&B Division Pulwama

National Entrance Screening Test (NEST) 2023

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The candidates admitted to the programme are eligible to receive an annual scholarship of Rs.60,000 through DISHA program of Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India. In addition, the scholarship recipients receive a grant of Rs.20,000 per annum for summer internship. Candidates selected by DST for the INSPIRE-SHE program are endorsed for INSPIRE scholarship by NISER and CEBS.

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Application:

Through ONLINE portal ONLY.
Visit www.nestexam.in to apply.
Online portal opens on Feb. 27, 2023, & closes on May 17, 2023

Examination:

ONLINE/computer based ONLY.
Date of examination: June 24, 2023 (Saturday)
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (1st session)
2:30 PM - 6:00 PM (2nd session)
Results announcement : July 10, 2023

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This is to inform general public that in my passport bearing No J7894822 my name has been wrongly written as Chowhan Abdul Latief while my correct name is Abdul Lateef Chowhan which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Regional Transport Officer Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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R/o Malangam Bala Bandipora

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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 under as per below mentioned details:-

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Class 10th

Year & Session Annual Regular 2014

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Father's Name: Mohammad Ahsan Bhat

Mother's Name : Gulshan Begum

Date of Birth:- 11-03-2000

Residence:- Malangam

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 / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 14AKAM-5003848 be treated as "CANCELLED")
No: F(Cer is-I-DQ)B/KD/22
Dated 20-02-2023

Assistant Secretary
Certificates, KD.



PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of DOB Certificate of my daughter Zehra Hassan S/D/o Ghulam Hassan Dar whose DOB is 05-06-2015 from the office of the Block Development Officer Khooor Sharabad. 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.

Ghulam Hassan Dar

F/o Zehar Hassan

R/o Hagerpora Budbolg pattan

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IN THE COURT OF Additional Munisif / Judicial Magistrate Ist Class Srinagar

Present:- Shafeeq Ahmad Malik

Applicant

Huma Sheikh v/s

Registrar Births & Deaths SMC, Srinagar.

(Non-Applicant)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas an application has been received from the applicant for registration of Birth of Huma Sheikh 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:- Huma Sheikh

Sex:- FEMALE

Father's Name:- Ghulam Nabi Sheikh

Mother's name: Shakeela Sheikh

DOD: 15-02-1982

Residence: Wazir Bagh Near Lal Ded Hospital Srinagar

Place Of Death:- at home

Sd/-

nj Judge Small Causes, Srinagar

از نیات پور

درخواست خانہ بختہ محمد بنید محمد دختران وندیم احمد گوری پسر غلام محمد گوری سائیکہ موضوع چکر تحصیل کنز برادر حصول

SRO 126/294 سرٹیفیکٹ تحت حصول

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مجاہد منہج عنوان الصدر میں ساکان نے ایک درخواست برادر اجرائی SC سرٹیفیکٹ پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر روائی ہے۔ اس بارے میں پواری حائل سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکان موضوع چکر تحصیل کنز برادر راشی پذیر ہے کہ یہ کی سالانہ آمدنی

115200 روپے تک ہے کہ سائیکہ ذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے

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۱ غلام محمد گوری وندیم جمال گوری 55 سال دودھ کا کام

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اس کے علاوہ اور کوئی افراد کہہ نہیں ہے سرٹیفیکٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض سات یوم اندر دفتر ہذا میں پیش کرے معیاد کرنے بعد کوئی بھی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا

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با اطلال مہرین مشتاق

سائل اسامہ: Gh Nabi Kaloo

درخواست بفرج اندراج تاریخ پیدائش

نام: Gh Nabi Kaloo



City Dwellers Up In Arms Against Installation Of Smart Meters

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: The Residents of Ganpatyar Habbal Kadal area of Srinagar on Wednesday staged a protest against the "installation of smart electric meters in their locality."

Scores of women came out on the road, raising slogans in favor of their demands while urging the concerned department not to go ahead with the move of installing the smart meters.

"We are poor and our men are making their ends meet through labour and we will not be able to pay the hefty bills that will be generated after the installation of the smart meters," one of the protesting women said.

It is pertinent to mention, there have been protests at many places against the installation of smart meters in the city.

The protesters said that even the current bills are not easy to pay given their financial conditions and questioned how they would be able to pay huge bills.

Manzoor Ahmad, a pro-

tester said, "Sometimes we are not getting the power supply for days together and still the department is delivering us tariff bills, and we are paying the same."

He said locals won't allow authorities to install these meters at any cost that will make their conditions much worse.

Another protestor said that they don't have issues with the current system of installed meters as they are paying the bills despite power outages.

The protesting residents urged administration to revisit the decision of installation of smart meters in the area.

Meanwhile, the process of installing smart meters began in December 2020 to control electricity thefts. The Jammu and Kashmir government has set the target of installing four lakh smart meters in union territory by 2023.

Notably, several areas of Kashmir valley have also protested in the past against the installation of smart meters. (with CNS inputs)

In Srinagar, T2 Exams Of Classes 1st To 7th, 9th From 2nd Week Of March

Agencies

Srinagar: Authorities Wednesday said that the Term End exams for Classes 1st to 7th and 9th in district Srinagar will be held from the second week of March as per the old pattern.

Officials further said that the date sheet and the

assessment of these classes would be done by the respective authorities of the school.

District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Principal Srinagar, Tahira Hilali said that "This year the exams would be held as per the old pattern and from next session, we will conduct the exams as per the New Education Policy (NEP)."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Mr. Mudasir Ahmad Malik, prop. of Himalayan Bird Adventures, intends to apply in the Department of Tourism for Registration of our proposed Adventure Tour Operator Unit under the name and style "M/s Himalayan Bird Adventures" Situated at Pahalgam, Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, I will submit all the prior documents to the Department of Tourism as per prescribed Checklist prior to Registration of my unit as an Adventure Tour Operator.

Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organization, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism Registration, IRC Srinagar, Kashmir (e-mail Id:- ddtreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspapers of the valley. No objections beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained and the case shall be processed under rules.

Contact +91 6005-123912

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Kashmir's Sang Taraash Face Bleak Future

Agencies

Srinagar: The art of stone carving is on decline with stone carvers or Sang Taraash like 55-year-old Ghulam Mohiuddin Mir of zewan Sempora finding it difficult to sustain their daily livelihood.

Mir said that he is very much worried to see the art of stone carving on decline as the demand of the products is decreasing with each passing day.

"I learnt the art in childhood

and used to earn our livelihood very well. But with the introduction of modern techniques, the demand has declined," he said.

Mir said that currently none is ready to learn the art due to social stigma and also youngsters lack the patience needed for the craft.

He said that material from other states is being used in construction of Hammam and it is cheaper compared to traditional Devri stone.

"We suffered huge damages in the 2014 floods as our whole material

was washed away but no compensation was given. We are facing problems in getting stones," he said.

Despite working from morning to evening, a stone carver is able to earn a few hundred rupees making life difficult for them.

The government has failed in taking steps for promotion of this dying art, he said.

"Even the government has asked us to vacate the place from which we are working as the land belongs to the state. The move will hit 100 families," he said—(KNO)

30 KU Students To Tour Gujarat For 'Shared Learning'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A group of 30 students from University of Kashmir left for Gujarat for shared learning and cultural exchange as part of the varsity's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Institute of Sustainability (IIS), Gujarat University.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan conveyed her best wishes to the participating students and urged them to derive maximum benefit from the MoU and explore the specific areas where the two institutions can further collaborate.

Saying that the tour marks a significant forward movement on the MoU, Prof Nilofer said it offers an opportunity to the participants from KU and Gujarat University to

share their vision for the country's development and progression and become ambassadors of the message of shared learning, research and collaborations as envisaged under the National Education Policy-2020, as well as the MoU.

Registrar Dr Nisar Ahmad Mir, who flagged off the students, said the MoU will create a strong link between both the institutions for sharing of knowledge, resources and infrastructure.

Dean Students' Welfare Prof Aneesa Shafi said the DSW is organising a cultural event at Gujarat University as part of the tour to showcase the rich cultural heritage of J&K and Gujarat. "With such tours, the students get a chance to interact with their counterparts from diverse cultural backgrounds

and have a better knowledge of the nation's rich diversity," she said.

Coordinator of KU-Gujarat University MoU, Dr Manzoor Ahmad Mir said during the two-week programme, the students will visit various centers of excellence like ISRO Ahmedabad, IIM Ahmedabad, Indian Institute of Sustainability, Amul Cooperative Society, Gandhi Ashram, Science City and Sabarmati Riverfront, besides other academic, research, social institutions and livelihood centres.

Besides Dr Manzoor Ahmad Mir, the tour is led by Dr Aadil Bashir from Department of Social Work, Shahid Ali Khan, Cultural Officer DSW and Ms Surjeet Kaur from Directorate of Physical Education and Sports.

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This Day In History

- 1883 - American Anti-Vivisection Society organized (Philadelphia)
- 1886 - Aluminum manufacturing process developed
- 1886 - "The Times" of London publishes world's 1st classified ad
- 1903 - The US and Cuba sign an agreement by which Cuba releases Guantanamo and Bahia Honda to the US for naval stations.
- 1903 - The Sultan agrees to an Austro-Russian plan to reform the government of Macedonia in yet another effort to stifle the rising disorder among the rival Bulgarians.
- 1904 - United States acquires control of the Panama Canal Zone for \$10 million.
- 1904 Having occupied Korea, Japan signs a treaty with Korea under which it becomes a Japanese protectorate in return for Japanese protection from other powers
- 1919 - Fascist Party forms in Italy by Benito Mussolini
- 1940 - Russian troops conquer Lasi Island
- 1943 - German troops pull back through Kasserine-pass Tunisia
- 1944 - Forced deportation of the Chechen and Ingush people to Central Asia.
- 1954 - 1st mass inoculation against polio with Salk vaccine (Pittsburgh)
- 1958 - USSR performs nuclear test at Novaya Zemlya USSR.
- 1967 - US troops begin largest offensive of Vietnam War.
- 1983 - The United States Environmental Protection Agency announces its intent to buy out and evacuate the dioxin-contaminated community of Times Beach, Missouri.
- 1987 - Supernova 1987A in LMC 1st seen; 1st naked-eye supernova since 1604.

From KO Archives

Carnage In Rajouri, Udhampur; 20 Dead

Curfew clamped to prevent backlash

Observer News Service

Jammu- Twenty persons, all Hindus were gunned down by suspected militants in three separate incidents in Rajouri and Udhampur districts in the night intervening Friday and Saturday, reports reaching here said.

Curfew was clamped immediately afterwards to prevent any backlash in the communally sensitive region.

An official spokesman said gunmen massacred nine people including six women and a baby in Beryana village of Reasi town of Udhampur. The gunmen swooped on the village firing indiscriminately on the family members of a Village Defence Committee member and their neighbours. Nine people were left dead in the attack. Earlier gunmen massacred seven members of a marriage party and injured eight at Bal-Jeralla, near Kalakote in Rajouri district at 11 pm. on Friday night and hours later shot dead four members of a family at Mon Patta village officials said. Alarmed at the killings of the minority community members the Central Govt rushed two Home Ministry officials to Jammu to assess the situation following the massacre.

Senior police officials of the district have also rushed to the spot to take stock of the situation. Massive searches have been launched to apprehend the culprits involved in the massacre.

Security forces and police personnel patrolled the streets of the three towns to prevent any untoward incident in the wake of the two massacres in the district.

Police described the situation in the district as tense but under control. Police is blaming militants for the carnage. The Chief Minister, Dr. Farooq Abdullah today expressed deep anguish and shock over the killing of 20 innocent persons in three separate incidents in Rajouri and Udhampur districts. "The massacres have been engineered at a time when the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan are bridging the gap between the two countries and heralding a new chapter of peace and friendship in the sub-continent," the chief minister observed and said the elements inimical to peace and friendship between the two neighbours are out to terrorise the people by committing such crimes.

Meanwhile, a Union Home Ministry team, led by Joint Secretary Rakesh Hooja, arrived in Jammu today to take stock of the situation in the wake of the killings, official sources said.

Kashmir Observer, 23 February 1999)



J&K Bank

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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. Asaf Rasool Kanu as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 18.12.2021 thereby calling upon the Borrower namely 01) Mr. Manzoor Ahmad Malik S/o Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Malik R/o Summerbugh, B.K. Pora Budgam (Borrower) 02) Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Malik S/o Late. Mohammad Sidiq Malik R/o Summerbugh, B.K. Pora Budgam (borrower/ mortgagor) to repay an amount of Rs.33,82,855.91 (Rupees Thirty Three Lac Eighty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Five & Paise Ninety One Only) being the balance outstanding as on 30.11.2021 in the account of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the 16th day of February 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 B/O Pantha Chowk Srinagar for the amount in aggregating to Rs. 37,70,511.91 (Rupees Thirty Seven Lac Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Eleven Paise Ninety One Only) together with future interest thereon w.e.f. 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

Land measuring 1 Kanal with Double Storeyed Residential House with attic existing thereupon falling under Khasra no. 107, Khata no. 194, Khewat no. 146 situated in mouza Summerbugh Tehsil B.K. Pora District Budgam.

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Place : Srinagar

Ref: JKB/Pantha/2023-505

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer Mechanical Division Srinagar Mechanical Engineering Department, Kashmir

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GIST of e-Tender

NIT No:	MDS/TS /2022-23/ 132 /e-tendering
Date	22 .02.2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from Registered and Reputed Contractors for the below mentioned Work:-

Name of the Work	Cost of Tender Doc. (In rupees)	Estimated Cost (In Rs)	EMD in Rs	Time of completion (in days)	Position of Funds
1	2	3	4	5	6
Repairs and replacement to the nozzles and other allied works to the fountain at MED complex Shalteng, Srinagar.	200/-	56,300/-	1126/-	05 Days	Available under MH-2059 (M&R)

Position of AA: Approved

Position of TS: Sanctioned vide SE No. 181 dt 16.03.2023

Downloading of Bids: The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.in from 22.02.2023 (17.00 Hrs) 1. Submission of Bids: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website from 22.02.2023 (17.00 Hrs) to 02 -03 -2023 (18. 55 Hrs) in two covers.

Opening of Bids: The bid uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time will be opened on 03-03-2023 (14:00 hrs) in this Office.

SD/-

Executive Engineer,
Mechanical Division, Srinagar

No: MDS/ TS/7509-13

DIPK-17774/22

Date: 22.02. 2023

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Warm Winter

North India and with it, Jammu and Kashmir have been witnessing unusually high temperatures over the last week. Seven states, including Punjab, have reached maximum temperature levels typical of mid-March. According to the IMD, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and parts of Jammu have witnessed temperatures 6 to 11 degrees higher than normal. Weather in Srinagar over the latter part of February has also been like March with many people complaining that they couldn't sleep through the night due to unbearable warmth. And this is a serious development as the rise in temperature could lead to early melting of snow in high altitudes. The onset of early warmth could thus potentially disrupt our agriculture as it will elsewhere in the country and the world.

One can only hope that this year doesn't become a repeat of last year. In 2022, Kashmir had a surprisingly warm March and April, the two months which otherwise used to be drenched in rain and the consequent cold. India and Pakistan suffered extreme spring heatwaves. The unprecedented April temperatures led to critical water and electricity shortages. North-west and central India experienced the hottest April in 122 years and in Pakistan's Jacobabad, a city in Sindh province, the temperature hit recently, one of the highest April temperatures ever recorded in the world.

Last year also, Europe, for example, faced its worst drought in 500 years with two-thirds of the continent under some sort of drought warning. Some of its biggest rivers were reduced to shallow streams, hitting power generation. A report from the Global Drought Observatory said 47 percent of the continent was in "warning" conditions. Similarly, another 17 percent was on alert which meant that the vegetation was showing signs of stress. England officially declared drought in several regions.

The unusual rise in temperature across the globe has already caused deep concern about the creeping climate change, which is changing the nature of the seasons. Though this should cause alarm, it isn't. Or at least to the extent where it could matter. India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh between them are home to around 1.7 billion people and any disruption in the climate pattern could severely impact them. So, the three countries, as well as other countries in the region need to wake up and work toward a global response to the looming catastrophe. But the factors causing climate change are global in nature and so any effort to reverse the damage has to be backed by the world. And this should be done sooner than later. The time is running out fast.

OTHER OPINION

Changes in organ transplant rules

Trade data, The changes to the organ transplant rules announced by the Union health ministry last week, are small, but significant, steps towards giving a new lease of life to many people with failing organs. The ministry has done away with an age cap that reduced the pool of organ donors for a large section of critically ill people above 65. Senior citizens in this age group can now register to receive donations from live donors. The removal of domicile-related restrictions is another much-needed move to make organs accessible for timely transplants. Earlier, some states either registered recipients who lived there or accorded priority to them in allocating organs. States such as Maharashtra, Kerala, Gujarat, and Telangana charge between Rs 5,000 and Rs 10,000 to register patients who need an organ replacement. The health ministry has rightly directed these states to stop charging this fee.

India conducts the third highest number of transplants in the world every year. Yet barely four per cent of the patients who require a liver, heart or kidney transplant manage to get one. The percentages are very likely to go up once the changes in the rules announced last week take effect. The organ shortage problem is, however, a complex one, that continues to confound planners, even in nations whose healthcare systems are far better equipped than that of India's.

The Indian Express

Mukhtar Ahmad Farooqi

Emergence of various Digital Technologies are transforming the world around us as was the case with urbanisation and globalisation. Advent of technology has turned the world into a global village and empowered the individuals with quick transmission of data and information. At the same time, the increase in the number of people accessing the internet worldwide due to the advancements in the communication technologies and improved economic avenues especially in remote areas made it possible for children to use digital tools and services meant for engaging, learning and connecting to the world around them. As a result of infiltration of various digital technologies, there has been drastic change in the ways people work, learn and communicate thereby transforming our lives in the 21st century. Consequently, businesses are becoming more efficient, products are becoming more accessible, and people are becoming more connected. Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent restrictions have increased children's reliance on the internet, more specifically mobile devices. Children couldn't be contained in this digital age and have become avid internet users making use of a multitude of ICT tools. The growing presence of technology in children's lives is a double-edged sword and the type of impact in their lives depends upon how children are exposed to them. This increase in online activity has given rise to a number of challenges for parents and educators. With children spending more time on the internet than ever before, it is essential that we understand how to protect them from potential risks while also helping them make use of the numerous benefits offered by ICT tools in a responsible manner.

We all believe in the power of internet and how its innovations are playing an increasingly intrusive role in our lives as the economy, education, entertainment, work and even family moved from analog worlds to digital world where everyone works within one's screen. As technology advances, the power of the internet is becoming even more pervasive in our lives. We are now able to access information and resources that were previously unimaginable, allowing us to make better decisions and enjoy greater convenience. From AI-powered Chat-Bots that can answer customer inquiries to virtual reality applications that give us a glimpse of other worlds, the power of the internet is undeniable and its innovations are changing our lives for good. At the same time, it has developed an irresistible attraction among us towards screens due to which we are unable to control our emotions and actions.

We cannot deny the fact that digital instruments are useful, both for communication and for information if used judiciously. From emails to video calls, from online databases to cloud storage, digital technology has made it easier than ever before to stay connected with people and access relevant data quickly. Technology came to revolutionize the world almost entirely and socialisation was no exception. Socialising in digital age has become pronounced in the online mode instead of real world. "Conversation centric communication" has been replaced by chats, online meetings through Skype, Zoom etc. which has posed critical challenges to social norms. Hug, the meeting between friends, one on one interactions have been replaced by tagging, comments, likes and emoji's. Quality of our social interactions is declining day by day and this is where the oft-quoted saying of Albert Einstein comes into play "I fear the day technology will surpass our human interaction and the world will have a generation of idiots". Social media have turned our relationships realistic(virtual) in nature because during our get together or outings we remain hooked to our devices texting or surfing online instead of interactions.

This abrupt change resulted in a generational breakdown, giving rise to an increasingly common phenomenon, called Digital Orphans. Digital orphans are those children who are born in the digital world but lack a digital skill set or education. The term 'Digital Orphan' was coined by Dr Daniel Miller in 1995 who published his book entitled: "Digital Orphans: Growing Up Without Internet Access".

Digital Orphans in Age of Digitalisation



He defines a digital orphan as someone who has grown up in a world where technology has become accessible to them from birth but they lack the knowledge or skills needed to use these devices appropriately or safely when interacting with others online. The lack of guidance is coming from their parents who aren't willing or don't possess proper information about the pros and cons of technologies. They themselves remain immersed in their mobile devices and hence are unable to facilitate discussions with their children about what information they are absorbing from using tech. This can be because they have not been taught about online safety, or their parents themselves haven't learnt on how to use technology safely. By raising children like this, parents are allowing them to become vulnerable to various threats of using digital space.

Digital orphans are children who have lost their parents to technology. Their parents spend most of the time on their cell phones, both in the presence of their children and at family gatherings. Usually children are considered legal heirs to their parents but a digital heir is somewhat different as far as its context is considered. A person with a great under-

standing of technology and who has a healthy balance between their life in tech and the real world is known as a "Digital Heir."

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standing of technology and who has a healthy balance between their life in tech and the real world is known as a "Digital Heir." A Digital Heir is someone who has the skills to build and modify a website, films, photos etc. We have made our children orphans instead of heirs as far as digital context is concerned, the reasons well known to everyone.

Digital Orphans are at risk of getting involved in cyberbullying and online scams. They may also become victims of identity theft and online predators. This is because they do not know how to protect themselves from being attacked by others on the internet. They don't know what type of information should be kept private and what should be shared publicly on social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc. Children are vulnerable because they remain active in digital space and are heavily influenced by peer pressure. They may also not know how to communicate with people offline in person or over the phone without exposing themselves to unnecessary harm such as cyber bullying or threats that could put them in danger if they don't pay attention to what is around them while communicating with others. Many parents have no idea how much time their children spend online, or what they're doing online. They may have no idea where their children get their information from, who they talk to or what they talk about

gagement. Although there is a role for parental controls and surveillance technology, internal safeguards like empathy, resilience, and values are more effective and benefit children throughout their life, whether they are online or offline.

Parents should educate and encourage children to learn digital citizenship and healthy digital habits so that they become safe, secure, responsible and resilient which means that they learn how to accept good and bad.

Use of technology should be governed in a way that is age appropriate by framing specific regulations and guidelines. School policies should be framed in a manner that promotes positive use of digital technologies, while taking steps to restrict access to harmful content. In this way we will be able to protect children's rights to privacy.

There's an oft-quoted Sanskrit saying which means "I know what is right, but feel no inclination to follow it; I know what is wrong but cannot desist from it." Although, most of the literates and semi-literates have picked up digital literacy skills but due to lack of foresight and engineered distractions we don't use technology but are rather used by technology.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer



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Simple Pleasures

Despite living in the digital age, there are some habits which many of us simply cannot give up. Preferring to read a printed book over the online version is one such. There are multiple reasons why a large swathe of Indian readers always prefer hard copy of books to online reading. Psychologically, the 'ownership' factor

could be a key reason, besides the nice feeling you get while touching a new book, its fragrance, pleasure of turning the pages, easy portability, leisure reading - all make a physical book comfortably win over an e-book. However splendid the cover image of an e-book may look on screen, it is still an image rather than a physical thing. Another major disadvantage

with an e-book is that you cannot look at more than one page at once. In fact, a study from West Chester University of Pennsylvania reveals that students who read on iPads had lower reading comprehension than when they read traditional printed books. A good physical book is like a full course of a sumptuous meal, whereas an e-book is just fast food. Said the noted

American novelist Harper Lee: "The book to read is not the one that thinks for you, but the one which makes you think."

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Maintaining Weight Lost

Nick Fuller

If you've ever tried to lose weight but found the kilos return almost as quickly as they left, you're not alone.

In fact, the challenge of maintaining weight loss is confirmed by research, including an analysis of 29 long-term weight loss studies that found more than half of the weight lost by participants was regained within two years, and more than 80% of lost weight was regained within five years.

When we regain weight, we tend to blame it on a lack of willpower.

But there's a scientific reason many people return to their previous weight after dieting, and understanding the science – known as the weight set point theory – is key to achieving long-term weight loss.

WHAT IS THE WEIGHT SET POINT?

We each have a predetermined weight – a set point – which our body protects. It's the weight you'll remember being at for a long period of time in your adult years (over 20 years of age) and it's the weight you'll remember bouncing back to after any bout of dieting.

It's programmed in the early years of life – particularly during the first 2,000 days of life – from conception to five years of age. Our genes play a role in programming our weight set point. Just as DNA prescribes whether we're shorter or taller than others, we're born with a tendency to be slim or overweight. But our genetic make-up is just a predisposition, not an inevitable fate.

Weight set point is also influenced by the environmental factors genes may be exposed to during pregnancy and the first years of life. It explains why some children who are fed a poor diet are more susceptible to unhealthy weight gain (due to their genetic make-up) while others are not. Research shows unhealthy weight gain during the early years of life is likely to persist throughout adolescence and adulthood.

Lastly, our body weight is influenced by the environment itself. For example, an unhealthy diet, sedentary lifestyle and poor sleep will re-

sult in an increase in your weight set point over time and at a rate of 0.5 kilograms per year.

Our bodies work hard to keep our weight around our set point by adjusting our biological systems, regulating how much we eat, how we store fat and expend energy. This stems from our hunter-gatherer ancestors, whose bodies developed this survival response to adapt to periods of deprivation when food was scarce to protect against starvation. Unfortunately, this means our body is very good at protecting against weight loss but not weight gain.

HOW OUR BODIES WORK TO PROTECT OUR SET POINT WHEN WE DIET

When we change our diet to lose weight, we take our body out of its comfort zone and trigger its survival response. It then counteracts weight loss, triggering several physiological responses to defend our body weight and "survive" starvation.

Our body's survival mechanisms want us to regain lost weight to ensure we survive the next period of famine (dieting), which is why many people who regain weight after dieting end up weighing more than when they started.

Our bodies achieve this result in several ways.

1. OUR METABOLISM SLOWS AND OUR THYROID GLAND MISFIRES

Our metabolic rate – how much energy we burn at rest – is determined by how much muscle and fat we have. Muscle is more metabolically active than fat, meaning it burns more calories. Typically, when we diet to lose weight, we lose both fat and muscle, and the decrease in our calorie-burning muscle mass slows our metabolism, slowing the rate at which we lose weight.

Research also shows that for every diet attempt, the rate at which we burn off food slows by 15% and that even after we regain lost weight, our metabolism doesn't recover. But exercise can help restore and speed up our metabolism as it improves our muscle to fat ratio.

Dieting also affects our thyroid gland – the gatekeeper to our me-



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tabolism. When our thyroid functions correctly, it produces vital hormones that control our energy levels and metabolism, but when we restrict our food intake, fewer hormones are secreted, reducing the energy we burn at rest

2. OUR ENERGY SOURCES ARE USED DIFFERENTLY

Our bodies predominantly burn fat stores at rest, but when we diet and start losing weight, our body adapts for protection. It switches from using fat as its energy source to carbohydrates and holds

onto its fat, resulting in less energy being burned at rest

3. OUR APPETITE HORMONES ADJUST

Appetite hormones play a large part in weight management. When we're hungry, the stomach releases a hormone called ghrelin to let our brain know it's time to eat. Our gut and fat tissue also release hormones to signal fullness and tell us it's time to stop eating.

However, when we diet and deprive our bodies of food, these hormones work differently to defend our set point weight, suppressing

feelings of fullness and telling us to eat more. Like our metabolism, appetite hormones don't return to the same levels before dieting, meaning feelings of hunger can prevail, even after weight is regained

4. OUR ADRENAL GLAND FUNCTIONS DIFFERENTLY

Our adrenal gland manages the hormone cortisol, which it releases when a stressor – like dieting – is imposed. Excess cortisol production and its presence in our blood leads to weight gain because it plays a vital role in how our bodies

process, store and burn fat

5. OUR BRAIN WORKS DIFFERENTLY

Typically, diets tell us to restrict certain foods or food groups to reduce our calorie intake. However, this heightens activity in our mesocorticolimbic circuit (the reward system in our brain) resulting in us overeating the foods we've been told to avoid. This is because foods that give us pleasure release feel-good chemicals called endorphins and a learning chemical called dopamine, which enable us to remember – and give in to – that feel-good response when we see that food.

When we diet, activity in our hypothalamus – the clever part of the brain that regulates emotions and food intake – also reduces, decreasing our control and judgement. It often triggers a psychological response dubbed the "what-the-hell effect" – the vicious cycle we enter when we indulge in something we feel we shouldn't, feel guilty about it, and then go back for even more.

THE TAKE-HOME MESSAGE

We are biologically wired to protect our weight set point. Conventional diets, including the latest hype surrounding "intermittent fasting" and "keto", fail to promote healthy eating and fail to address the weight set point. You'll eventually regain the weight you lost.

Just as the problem is evolutionary, the solution is evolutionary too.

Successfully losing weight long-term comes down to:

- 1) following evidence-based care from health-care professionals that have studied the science of obesity, not celebrities
- 2) losing weight in small manageable chunks you can sustain, specifically periods of weight loss, followed by periods of weight maintenance, and so on, until your goal weight is achieved
- 3) making gradual changes to your lifestyle to ensure you form habits that last a lifetime.

By arrangements with The Conversation

What Really Works To Reduce Poverty

Naila Kabeer

Bangladesh, often held up as a model for poverty reduction, has influenced many poverty reduction initiatives around the world.

In 2002, Bangladeshi development organisation BRAC pioneered a new approach to transform the lives of women in extreme poverty within two years. The model has been tried out in other parts of the world since, but recent evaluations deliver a lesson in why there's no one-size-fits-all solution to poverty.

A pilot in India's West Bengal ran between November 2006 and August 2009. Around 300 women were chosen to participate in the pilot and were supplied with mainly goats, sheep, poultry and fish. They were prompted to organise themselves into peer-support groups and were trained to manage the revenue generated from their assets. They were also provided a basic monthly income and health support in the initial phase of the project. Local microfinance banks were asked not to offer services to the 24 villages covered by the project in order to protect the pilot from the influence of their financial services.

The pilot was evaluated in 2011 and a follow-up study carried out in 2018. The researchers used qualitative methods, such as life histories, assessments by participants, and staff interviews. This allowed the impact of the project to be linked with the context of the participants and their individual circumstances, so that variations in impact could be explained.

It turns out extreme poverty is not the product of material deficits alone but also identities and experiences of being marginalised. The pilot in West Bengal included a mixture of disadvantaged social groups like adivasis (tribal groups).

Where there was a high level of cooperation between husband and wife, the women could implement their livelihood strategies

Even though all the participants were living far below the poverty line, the project affected them dif-



ferently, exacerbated by their identity, adding dependency, humiliation and discrimination to poverty, hunger and debt. Women from the different social groups differed in their ability to translate the support provided by the project into goals that they valued.

One significant factor was the human resources they were able to draw on the ratio of earners to dependents where dependency reflected age, illness, disability, unemployment or irregular employment.

Another was the human capital of earning members of their household, that is, their health, skills, experience and initiative; very few had formal education.

Marital relationships also played a role. Where there was a high level of cooperation between husband



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and wife, the women could implement their livelihood strategies. By contrast, where there was family conflict or a controlling male figure, the participants were less able to take advantage of opportunities. Some marital relationships changed over time as the balance of power within the marriage began to shift in favour of the women. The women who still managed to progress were those whose husbands' behaviour improved over

the course of the project, a change some attributed directly to the project.

The amount of space available to participants also dictated which forms of livestock they favoured and how many they could raise: goats were less favoured by those with limited space because they could not be tied in one place and often encroached on neighbour's fields, leading to major conflicts. Those who had sufficient land to

excavate a pond were able to take up fishing.

Finally, past experience mattered. The adivasi community had never before been the focus of development efforts. As a result, the adivasi women highly valued the material assets they were given as well as the training, advice and mentoring they received. But the support they received did not happen in a vacuum. Most adivasi women very quickly replaced some or all of their project livestock with pigs, not included among the assets distributed by the project, because their community has long experience with raising and selling pigs.

Given the focus of the project, the most predictable change was the strengthening and diversification of the household asset base. The ac-

cumulated assets were also a considerable source of pride for many women and, with livestock, objects of affection. Improvements in the asset base translated into improved food security and diversity in their diet concrete material needs.

The project opened up the idea of saving and borrowing. Most of these women had not thought of saving earlier, since they barely earned enough to survive. The practice of saving with peer-support groups, with deposits carefully recorded in each member's savings book, and savings funds deposited in a group account with the bank, imposed an external discipline as well as protecting their savings.

Many participants spoke of the personal changes that resulted from their experiences in the project. The qualitative surveys had frequent references to concepts such as courage, mental strength and self-confidence to tackle new activities, to think beyond subsistence, to plan for the future and to participate in social life in a way that they had not previously thought possible.

But for some women, there was a real lack of progress. They were unable to expand, or even retain, their assets due to deaths, thefts or deliberate destruction by jealous villagers. And they did not have the strength to recover.

For women who faced restrictions on their ability to engage in outside work, such as a chronically ill family member, abandonment by a husband or lack of support from other family members, the outcomes were different. Most of their project livestock and poultry died. In other cases, the restrictions to work outside home came from jealous and violent husbands.

While randomised control trials are often and are held up as the gold standard for evaluation, what they gain in rigour they can lose in depth and understanding. The qualitative approach factors in the participants' own assessments and the particularities of their specific contexts. It is not enough to know whether a pilot worked but also why it worked, offering real implications for formulating policy.

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Notified Property

UT of J&K are notified in such a way that tax implications are progressive in nature with minimum implication to small businesses and households,” media reports quoted him as saying.

“Jammu & Kashmir is one of the last State/UT in India where property Tax was not imposed till date,” he said.

Prasad said that property tax is linked with the stamp duty tax of an area, so property valuation of the different areas is captured differently. “A property in the old city area or Sarwal will be subjected to lower property tax compared to an upscale area like Gandhi Nagar,” he said.

He further said weightage to age of the property, use type and construction type, etc. is used to arrive at annual taxable value in a more comprehensive manner.

Under the new tax formula, residential houses with an area of up to 1000 sqft will be exempt from property taxes, he said.

“Residential property with built up area upto 1500 sqft are also discounted ensuring relief from Lower Income Group and Middle Income Group category residential houses,” he said .

He said the tax rates for other kind of residential properties have also been kept on the lower side vis-à-vis neighboring states/UT.

He said small commercial establishments especially shops upto size of 100sqft and 200 sqft are also provided relief with very minimal tax implications.

He said that most of the shops especially in neighbourhood areas and old markets fall in this category.

He said the property tax will not be burdening common citizen, as it is to be levied annually and can be paid in two equal installments.

“Further, as per Act 10% rebate can be availed by early submission of property tax,” he said.

He said the new property tax policy will help municipal bodies to generate avenues for better municipal services with minimum tax implications to residents.

“Better municipal services are expected to attract more investment and encourage more people to set up businesses in the J&K. Revenue generated from property taxes will be used to improve infrastructure, build new parks and playgrounds, and maintain existing as well,” he said.

As Property Tax is to be levied annually and can be paid in two equal instalments it will not be a burden on common citizens. Further, as per Act 10% rebate can be availed by early submission of Property Tax, an official said.

Earlier LG administration on Tuesday ordered the imposition of property tax in municipal areas of Jammu and Kashmir from April 1.

Notifying rules for the levy, assessment and collection of property tax in municipalities and municipal councils, a notification issued by the Principal Secretary Housing and Urban Development Department said these rules shall be called as Jammu and Kashmir Property Tax (Other Municipalities) Rules, 2023, and “these shall come into force from April 1, 2023”. This has been done in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 71A of the Jammu and Kashmir Municipal Act, 2000, read with Sub-Section 1 of Section 65 and Sub Section 1 of Section 73, the notification added.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had in October 2020 allowed the UT administration to impose property tax in the urban local bodies of Jammu and Kashmir.

J&K Parties

decision making of J&K. We are expected to be mute spectators to all unjust decisions by Raj Bhavan,” Omer Abdullah tweeted.

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti charged that the imposition of property tax in Jammu and Kashmir was part of the BJP's larger agenda of impoverishing the people of the union territory.

“The real aim is to make people of Jammu and Kashmir so poor that they don't demand anything. Look at the rest of the country, 80 crore people are getting free ration. They don't ask for jobs or cheaper fuel. They just wait for the five kg grain so that they can feed their kids. They want to bring J-K also to the same level. This is part of a larger agenda to bury people of J&K,” she told reporters at the PDP office here.

People just have to refuse to pay the tax peacefully, she added.

The PDP president said the economy and development indices of Jammu and Kashmir were better than some of the states in the country.

“They could not bring other states at par with J-K, now they are trying to bring us at par with other states,” he added.

The former chief minister said the BJP has been a “disaster” for Jammu and Kashmir.

“There are (natural calamities) earthquakes and floods. Just like that we have new orders every day, be it regarding jobs, demolition drive or now the property tax,” she said.

“How will the shopkeepers of Raghunath Bazaar in Jammu pay the tax when there is no business? In Srinagar and other towns of Kashmir, three to four families live in one house. They don't have money to pay electricity bills and you are asking for property tax,” she added.

Responding to a question, Mehbooba said the people will have to resist if they want to get rid of these frequent orders rather than put burden on them.

“You have to resist to exist. Unless you resist, they will keep crushing you. People just have to refuse to pay the tax peacefully. We will not pay,” she said.

J&K People's Conference president Sajad Lone tweeted. “Levying property tax in the aftermath of COVID-19 is an attempt to ensure economic euthanasia” .

“Property tax in the aftermath of years lost in Covid seems determination to turn every stone that can be turned to ensure economic euthanasia. Governments have pumped billions worldwide to bump start ailing economies. In wonderment,” Lone tweeted.

“The government has come up with a detailed clarification on property tax. I still say no. Not the time to tax. But to whoever came up with this rare idea of explaining the concept with humility. From an admin which is otherwise disdainfully arrogant and unambiguously detestable,” he tweeted.

CPI(M) Central Committee member and former MLA MY Tarigami termed the decision “arbitrary and undemocratic”.

“Levying property tax is arbitrary and undemocratic. The process of collecting the tax and deciding the value is the sole prerogative of elected institutions. The notification is in deep contrast to the 74th constitutional amendment. It must be withdrawn forthwith,” Tarigami said.

Former chief minister and Democratic Azad Party (DAP) chief, Ghulam Nabi Azad reacted by saying that he is not against the property tax, but there is a need to understand that from past over three decades, the people in J&K have suffered in every aspect due to militancy, thus leading the increase in the unemployment and also weakening the economic condition.

“I can only say that the time is not apt for the move because of the economic conditions of the people here,” he said.

Srinagar Mayor, Junaid Mattu while terming the move as ‘arbitrary’, said that the decision has not been approved by elected ULBs. He also said that the SMC will explore ways to contest the arbitrary move.

“Imposition of Property Tax in J&K is ironically violative of municipal empowerment as this has neither been deliberated upon, nor approved by elected ULBs. While SMC will explore ways to contest this arbitrary move, I am writing to the Hon'ble LG seeking a withdrawal of the SO,” SMC Mayor tweeted.

Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) chief, Vikar Rasool Wani denounced the move and said that this is Naya J&K for the BJP led government.

“I strongly denounce the levying of property tax on our people who are unable to run their homes due to the high rate of inflation, immense unemployment rate and zero business activity. This is BJP lead Centre Government Amrit Kaal and LG administration Naya Jammu Kashmir,” JKPCC chief tweeted.

BJP's J&K spokesman Altaf Thakur while speaking over the issue, said that the time is not apt for the move. “The party led by its president Ravinder Raina will approach the administration in this regard to seek their intervention,” he said.

50 JKP Officers

and posted as Staff Officer to ADGP Security J&K, vice Ravinder Paul Singh.

Mohammad Yousuf, SP Awantipora, has been transferred and posted as SP Pulwama, vice Gh. Jeelani Wani, who shall await orders of posting in Police Headquarters, J&K.

Ravinder Paul Singh, Staff Officer to ADGP Security, has been transferred and posted as SP Traffic (Rural), Kashmir, vice Manzoor Ahmad Mir.

Liaqat Ali, SP APCR Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-9 th Bn against an available vacancy.

Abrar Ahmad Choudhary, Commandant IR-5th Bn.has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-12th Bn., vice Mohammad

Arshad.

Jameel Ahmad, Vice Principal, STC Talwara, has been transferred and posted as Principal, STC Talwara, against an available vacancy.

Javid Ahmad Dar, Staff Officer to IGP Armed/IR Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as Commandant, JKAP3rd Bn. (Security), vice Sukhdev Raj.

Sanjay Kumar Bhagat, Commandant, Women Bn. Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as Commandant, JKAP 14th Bn., vice Raj Singh.

Sukhdev Raj, Commandant, JI<AP 3rd Bn. (Security), has been transferred and posted as Commandant, IR-7dl Bn., against an available vacancy.

Raj Singh, Commandant, JKAP 14dl Bn., has been transferred and posted as SP, CID Cell, New-Delhi, against an available vacancy.

M. Fiesel Qureshi, Joint Director (Headquarters), SSF, has been transferred and posted as SP Traffic (City), Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Ranjit Singh, Vice Principal, PTS, Kathua, has been transferred and posted as SP Traffic (Rural), Jammu, vice Mohan Lai Kaith.

Nasir Ahmed, Addl. SP, Security, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Dy. Commandant, Bn., vice Farooq Qesor Malik.

Dushant Sharma, Staff Officer in APHQ, is transferred and posted as Vice Principal, PTTI Vijaypur, vice Rajinder Singh Rahi.

Mohammad Aftab Mir, Dy. Commandant IR-22nd Bn., has been transferred and posted as SP, CID SB, Kashmir, against an available vacancy.

Mohan Lal Kaith, SP, Traffic (Rural) Jammu, has been transferred and posted as SP, Railways, Jammu, vice Mohammad Arif Rishu.

Raja Adil Hamid Ganaie, Dy. Commandant Bn., has been transferred and posted as SP, CID (A) Headquarters, vice Aijaz Ahmad Zargar.

Aijaz Ahmad Zargar, SP, CID (A) Headquarters has been transferred and posted as SP, Awantipora, vice Mohammad Yousuf.

Tahir Ashraf Bhatti, SP, HR CID Headquarters, has been transferred and posted as SP, CID CI, Kashmir, against an available vacancy.

Farooq Qesor Malik, Dy. Commandant Bn., has been posted as SP at CID Headquarters, against the overall available posts at the level of Superintendent of Police.

Nareesh Singh, SP, PC Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP, Shopian, vice Ifroz Ahmad.

Raj Kumar, Addl. SP PC Doda, has been transferred and posted as SP, APCR Kashmir, vice Liaqat Ali.

Sanjay Kumar Parihar, Addl. SP, CID SB, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as SP, CID CI, Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Mubbasher Hussain, Addl. SP, CID CI, Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as SP, SIA, Kashmir, against an available vacancy.

Ifroz Ahmad, Addl. SP, Shopian, has been transferred and posted as Dy. Commandant, IR-6th Bn., against an available M vacancy.

Parvez Ahmad Dar, Addl. SP, PC Anantnag, has been transferred and posted as Dy. Commandant, 2 nd Women Bn., Srinagar, against an available vacancy.

Tilak Raj, Dy. Commandant, IR-5th Bn., has been transferred and posted as Dy. Commandant, IR-lh Bn., against an available vacancy.

Shakeel Rehman Bhat, Dy. Commandant, IR-17th Bn., has been transferred and posted as Addl SP, Headquarters Doda, against an available vacancy.

Amit Verma, Addl. SP, Anantnag, has been transferred and posted as SP, West Srinagar, against an available vacancy.

Munish Kumar, Dy. Commandant, IR-10th Bn., has been transferred and posted as Dy. Commandant, IR-24tll Bn., against an available vacancy.

Narrinder Singh Parihar, Dy. Commandant, IR-20th Bn., has been transferred and posted as Dy. Commandant, IR-22d Bn., vice Mohd Aftab Mir.

Karanvir Singh, Dy. Commandant, JKAP 9th Bn.,has been transferred and posted as Dy. Commandant, IR-19d1 Bn., vice Diwakar Singh.

Rajinder Singh Rahi, Vice Principal, PTTI Vijaypur, has been transferred and posted as Dy.Commandant, IR-19 ‘ Bn., against an available vacancy.

Abdul Khalid, Dy. Commandant, JKAP 3rd Bn. (Security), has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP, SIA, Kashmir, against an available vacancy.

Diwakar Singh, Dy. Commandant IR-19dl Bn., has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP, SIA, Jammu, against an available vacancy.

B.K Ganjoo, Dy. Commandant, IR-16th Bn., has been transferred and posted as Dy.

Commandant, IR-14th Bn., vice Raja Adil Hamid Ganaie.

Mohammad Afzal has been posted as Dy. Commandant, JKAP 3rd Bn. (Security), vice Abdul Khalid.

Masood Ahmad has been posted as Dy. Commandant, IR-9th Bn., against an available vacancy.

Sheikh Zafarullah has been posted as sp, HR CID Headquarters, vice Tahir Ashraf Bhatti.

Pawan Kumar has been posted as Dy. Commandant, JKAP 4th Bn., against an available vacancy.

Farooq Ahmad has been posted as Dy. Commandant, IR-9th Bn., against an available vacancy.

Fayaz Ahmad has been posted as Dy. Commandant, IR-8th Bn., against an available vacancy.

Shabir Ahmad Khan has been posted as Addl. SP (Highway), Qazigund, against an available vacancy.

Zahoor Ahmad Pir has been posted as Dy. Commandant, JKAP 12th Bn., against an available vacancy.

Hold Elections

administration issuing new orders enacting fresh laws like imposition of property tax, Abdullah said it does not bother the people anymore.

“They are issuing order after order. It does not affect us anymore. What can a slave people do? We are silent spectators,” he said.

In response to a question about halt in the demolition drive, the NC president said, “It (demolition drive) was a very wrong move”.

“God knows what their policy is! First they demolished the houses of the poor. Why did they not stop them when these houses were built? They (people) took loans from banks and after everything was done, they (houses) were demolished. How did it happen? To demolish something is easy, but to build something is tough. They were wrong,” he added.

On national politics, Abdullah said India was not established as a “Hindu Rashtra” as demanded by some right-wing groups.

“I don't know (Hindu) Rashtra etc. I know that this nation was built on the principle of unity in diversity. Look at Tamil Nadu, their culture, weather, etc and then compare with Kashmir. We are totally different. Look at Assam and Maharashtra. What was it that united us? It was the wish to take the nation forward together and remove the difficulties of the people,” he said.

On relations with China, Abdullah said there was apparently nothing wrong as trade with Beijing was going on.

“India has good relations with China. I did not hear of anything untoward. Trade is going on smoothly even today,” he said.

SIA Raids

narco-militancy module that was being operated by proscribed militant organisations across the border in coordination with central jail Srinagar based handlers.

“Investigations established so far that the syndicate had succeeded in smuggling around 24 kilograms of narcotics worth crores of rupees from Pakistan, transported it to different places through human couriers, sold it to dealers at different places, collected the sale proceeds, and used a large portion of the proceeds for prohibited activities for supporting and nurturing terror activities,” it reads.

It reads the narcotics proceeds were used for personal financial enrichment of members of the syndicate besides, huge narcotic proceeds were channelized to support and finance militancy activities in the valley.

“Three members of the syndicate including a lady have so far been arrested, during the investigation of the case. Further investigation in the case is continuing,” it added.

Woman Among

State Investigation Agency, Kashmir conducted searches on Monday at multiple locations in districts of Anantnag, Pulwama, Budgam and Baramulla.”

About 04 premises of narco terror suspects in different districts of Kashmir were searched on Tuesday viz residential premises of Abdul Rashid Bhat R/O Padgampora, Awantipora, Danish Farooq R/O Nasrullapora, Budgam, Abdul Rashid Mir R/O Amargrah, Sopore and Ovais Gul Bhat R/O Hardu Akad Anantnag in compliance to search warrant obtained from the Court of Special Judge, designated under NIA Act (TADA/POTA) Srinagar in connection with investigation of case FIR No. 19/2022, U/S 8/21,29 NDPS Act, 13,17, 18, 39,40 UA (P) Act read with section 120-B, 121, 121 A IPC of P/S

CI/SIA Srinagar, registered in Police Station CIK (SIA) Kashmir, they said.

The SIA further said that it has learnt that investigation of the case has so far unearthed a narco- terror module that was being operated by proscribed terrorist organizations across the border in coordination with Central Jail Srinagar based handlers.

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Srinagar-Jammu Highway

said district administration Ramban along with volunteer organizations provided tea and breakfast to stranded passengers on the highway.

Meanwhile, the Jammu-Srinagar national highway will remain closed for traffic for three days (Feb 24, Mar 3 & 10) for undertaking repairs, maintenance in various critical spots along Jammu-Srinagar highway.

An advisory issued by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Traffic NHW Ramban, a copy of which lies with KNO, reads, “Based on J&K UT Government directions passed on 22.03.2023 for undertaking important repair and maintenance works on NH-44 by NHA!, 24 February 2023 has been declared Traffic Dry Day between Nashri to Navyuga Tunnel.”

It reads, no LMV or HMV (except medical emergency vehicles) will be allowed to ply on NH-44 between Nashri Tunnel towards Navayuga Tunnel and vice-versa from 6 AM on 24th February 2023 till 6 AM on 25th February 2023.”

The Advisory further said that moreover as per JK government's directions, similar dry days on NH-44 will also be observed on 3rd and 10th March 2023—(KNO)

Chat With Charu

percent of the populace.

But in the name of security, many bunkers have cropped up in city and are causing a lot of inconvenience to people.

I am not in a position to answer this question.

Tell us something about the initiatives that CRPF took under your leadership?

CRPF held Ilmi Rozgaar for the youth-employment generation in the valley. We also organized sports events during summers and Jashn-e-chillai Kalan during winters.

CRPF reached out to orphanages and tried to establish contacts with youngsters. There is a high level of stress and a burden of patriarchy here, which causes problems among youth. We tied up with different universities and initiated a programme called Love Your Zindagi and it bore good results.

There are reports that CRPF and J&K police will replace Army in Hinterland. Do you think CRPF will be able to handle the counter-insurgency operations?

Yes, 100 percent.

How would you remember your tenure as a woman IPS officer in Kashmir?

It was an outstanding tenure. I've grown both professionally and individually. I've learnt a lot of things. The kind of issues we had here and navigating with those issues was a very learning experience.

I'm proud of what we've achieved together in the last two and a half years. The people of this region have been incredibly supportive, and we've been able to establish a strong foundation of trust and cooperation.

It's not only the breathtakingly ethereal beauty of the place or the people, it's also their simple way of life, the sheer pride they take in their culture and rich history, their age-old and inherent belief in spirituality, which would stay etched in my mind and remain with me forever. Kashmir will always be home and Kashmiris, family to me.

I pray to Allah to prevail peace in every nook and corner of the valley.

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Leave Property Tax Decision To Elected Government: Apni Party

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Urging the government to review its decision on imposing property tax, Apni Party Senior Vice President, Ghulam Hassan Mir today said the issue should be left to an elected Govt.

In a statement issued here, the Apni Party organized a meeting at it's headquarter at Gandhi Nagar in Jammu. The meeting was chaired by Senior Vice President, Ghulam Hassan Mir.

The meeting was attended by Vice President, Choudhary Zulfkar Ali, State General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya, Provincial President, Jammu, Manjit Singh, all district presidents, and front

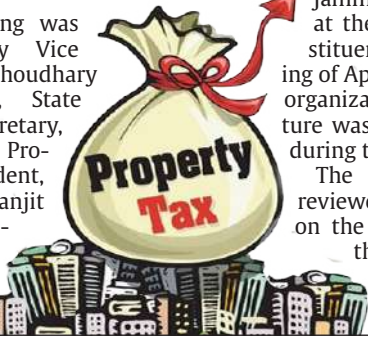
heads.

Addressing the meeting, Ghulam Hassan Mir said "The recent decision of the government to impose property tax in Jammu and Kashmir has attracted criticism from the people. This decision should be left to the elected government in Jammu and Kashmir for the larger interest of the people," he added.

Mir also asked the center to hold Assembly elections and restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest.

Constituency wise working of Apni Party and its organizational structure was also reviewed during the meeting.

The meeting also reviewed celebrations on the raising day of the Apni Party on March 8, 2023.



Chug, Rana Call On Union Railway Minister



Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: BJP National General Secretary and In-charge Jammu and Kashmir UT, Tarun Chug and senior party leader Devender Singh Rana today called on the Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in New Delhi.

The BJP leaders sought two-minute stopover of the Uttar Kranti Express and Jammu Mail at Manwal Station of Nagrota Assembly Constituency in Jammu.

Chugh highlighted the crucial importance of the Manwal Station for commuters, including the government employees, students and workforce from immediate vicinities. He said railways are of immense significance in this part of the country with Jammu being the most thronged city for Shri Mata Vaishno Devi bound pilgrims and tourists on their way to the Valley and Ladakh.

He said the stopover will facilitate a large chunk of the pop-

ulation and ease their working and other economic pursuits.

Making a strong case for consideration of the plea, Devender Rana expressed his gratitude to the Union Railway Minister for agreeing in principle about the stopover. He said the two trains used to stop prior to Covid pandemic but this routine had come to halt since the past over two years for reasons better known to the Northern Railways.

Rana said the stopover of the two trains has become all the more important as the DMU running up to Udhampur is already catering to the growing travelling needs of commuters. Since there is no public transport on this important stretch, the railways become the only hope for many commuters, comprising professionals, employees, students and the common masses.

The Union Minister assured Chugh and Rana that a favorable decision will be taken in this regard very soon.

Winter Carnival 2023: Snow Festival Celebrated At Mund Daji, Rafiabab



Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: In a bid to explore and promote tourism in hitherto unexplored tourist destinations, Snow festival was today celebrated as part of winter carnival in MundDaji Rafiabab area of Baramulla district by the District administration.

The event witnessed huge gathering of youth with enthusiastic participation of athletes and other stakeholders from across the district.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar said MundDaji and adjoining locations will be promoted as tourist destinations which will create opportunities of employment for local youth.

She further said that MundDaji has a huge potential to attract tourists from across the globe.

The festival evoked tremendous response from not only the locals of the area but from adventure lovers as well.

The locals were jubilant and lauded the District Administration for organizing a first of its kind Snow festival in MundDaji Rafiabab

The event witnessed colorful cultural performances, Snow sports activities like Snow trekking; camping, sledge photography and display of local cuisine were the main highlights of the day.

Earlier, the Civil Society Rafiabab welcomed DC Baramulla and other district officers at the gateway to Rafiabab.

The carnival evoked tremendous response and triggered a wave of enthusiasm among youth and adventure lovers to visit the wonderland of MundDaji in Rafiabab.

On the occasion various line departments had installed their stalls to showcase services being provided by the departments

Later, the felicitation ceremony was held during which various stakeholders were felicitated.

No Foreign Exchange To Selected Hajj Pilgrims This Year: JKHC

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Hajj Committee today informed that no foreign exchange shall be provided to the selected pilgrims on account of incurring day to day expenditure in Saudi Arabia this year.

"No foreign exchange in terms of 2100 Saudi Riyals previously provided by the Hajj Committee on account of incurring day to day expenditure in Saudi Arabia shall be provided to the selected Hajj pilgrims this year by the Hajj Committee," JKHC said in a handout.

The executing authority



also dispensed with the practice of providing Saudi Riyals to the selected Hajj pilgrims for Hajj-2023.

Meanwhile in view of above, all the intending Hajj pilgrims

of Hajj 2023 who are desirous to undertake Hajj Journey/get selected are hereby informed to obtain the required foreign exchange in Saudi Riyals at their own before leaving for Hajj.

Operations Of 38 Retail Pharmacies Suspended In Jammu

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Drugs and Food Control Organization (D&FCO) has suspended Operation of 38 Retail Drug Sale Establishments in Jammu Division for different violations.

As the Department "Pursuant to directives issued during the meetings of NOCORD, a special drive was carried out in Jammu Province wherein surprise inspections of Drug Sale Establishments were carried out under the supervision of Concerned Empowered Authorities.

The drive was launched to ensure drugs consisting of habit forming ingredients are strictly sold to the needy patients as per mandate of law and pharmacies operate strictly in consonance with the mandate of law and in the

larger interest of patient care."

During the drive, Operations of thirty eight retail sale establishments (seven each in Jammu, Kathua & Samba Districts, four each in Udhampur & Poonch Districts, one in Reasi, three in Ramban, two in Rajouri were disallowed u/s 22 (d) of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 on spot. The reasons for suspension ranged from Non maintenance of Sales records, Impersonation, Improper storage conditions etc. The Licenses were warned of severe action in case the deficiencies are not removed within a stipulated period of time.

Statutory Drug samples of more than fifty formulations viz Antibiotics, PPI, Steroids, NSAIDs etc were lifted randomly for determination of strength and purity. These

samples were referred to Drug Testing Laboratories located within the State for framing of legal opinion to ascertain their quality parameters and to ensure that quality medicines are being sold to the end users.

Moreover, the Stocks of Drugs worth Rs 22791 that were found to be contravening the provisions of the FD&C Act have also been confiscated from the supply chain by the Regulatory Officers of the organization under section 23 of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act.

The members of trade fraternity were impressed upon to install CCTV Cameras & switch over to computerized system of billing for maintenance of sales records of Drugs falling under Schedule H and H1 strictly as per mandated legal provisions.

Wular Lake Turns Into Dumping Site, Authorities In Slumbers

Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: Embankments of Asia's largest freshwater lake, Wular Lake in Suderkoot Payeen area in Bandipora district have turned into a garbage dump as heaps of garbage and cow dung collected from nearby villages is being directly dumped there.

Apart from impacting the environment, the garbage affects flora and fauna of the lake thus affecting fish breeding while heaps of garbage in the lake has also affected the livelihood of fishermen in the area.

The deteriorating condition of the lake is mainly attributed to the dumping of garbage on its banks or close to it. "Even at Suderkoot-Payeen, Cow dung is also being dumped directly



into the lake which is a designated protected site under Ramsar convention," Ishtiyaaq Ahmad, a local said.

He says plastic waste dumped in the lake will be a serious threat to aquatic life in the lake, while the birds living near the lake consume toxic material

that causes asphyxiation.

Abbas Ahmad Dar, another local said those who are polluting the lake should be penalized because the administration makes all out efforts to save the lake.

Mushtaq Ahmad, a fisherman said they have brought the matter into the notice of the district administration, but to no avail.

An official assured that strict action will be taken against those found involved in dumping the waste.

He said awareness programs in collaboration with PRIs will be conducted in the coming days in a bid to save the lake from the pollution.

Also, garbage and cow dung will also be lifted from there, he added.

Damaged By 2014 Deluge, Rathsunatral Bridge Awaits Construction

Agencies

PULWAMA: Residents of Rathsunatral village of south Kashmir's Pulwama district Wednesday demanded construction of a bridge which was damaged in 2014 floods.

Residents said the bridge in their area was damaged during 2014 floods and since then it has not been reconstructed.

They alleged that delay in reconstruction of the bridge over nallah Watal Ara has added to their woes as authorities take no concrete measures to mitigate their problems.

"We face a lot of problems in the absence of a bridge in our area, Bridge connecting several adjoining villages damaged when a devastating flood hit Kashmir in the year 2014 and since then no efforts were made by the authorities for its reconstruction," Abid, a local said.

Locals said they brought the issue into the notice of higher ups time and again but nothing has been done on the ground.

An official said that DPR for construction of the bridge has been submitted and they expect the work on the bridge will be started soon.

Bukhari Condoles Demise Of Aga Syed Mohammad Hussain Rizvi

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari expressed his profound grief and sorrow over the passing away of Valley's prominent social and religious personality, Aga Syed Mohammad Hussain Rizvi who left for heavenly abode this morning at his residence at Sharief Abad in central Kashmir's Badgam district.

In his condolence message, Bukhari said, "I am deeply grieved to hear about Aga Sahib's passing. He was very close to my heart and had an enduring family association with him and his family. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Aga Sahib's family members and I stand in solidarity with them in this hour of grief. May Almighty give them much-needed patience to bear the pain of this irreparable loss"

Bukhari said Aga Syed Mohammad Hussain Rizvi was a well-known eulogy and marsiya reciter of Ahlulbait (As) who left a great legacy behind him. Also, he spent his entire life serving the people.

"He will always be remembered for his religious and social services, especially at Gund Hassi Bhat, Khushipora and Shariefabad in Badgam. May Almighty Allah rest the noble soul in eternal peace and grant him the highest place in Jannah," he added.

Tourism Deptt Registers 251 Complaints Of Cheating, TT Act Violations In 2022

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Department of Tourism has registered 251 complaints of various nature from tourists and visitors in respect of violations of J&K Tourist Trade Act-1978/2012 by respective service providers even as 247 of these were settled and fine to the tune of Rs. 21.95 lakh was recovered from the erring service providers.

The Department, during this one year, also ensured refund of Rs. 11.82 lakh from respective service providers in favor of prospective tourists for having charged them arbitrarily or not providing them the services for which they were charged.

The Department has taken a series of recent initiatives to bring transparency and promptness in addressing any complaints from the tourists. Separate monitoring teams have already been set up at all destinations comprising respective Resort Officers, representatives from Development Authorities and Tourist Police.

This is in addition to a central monitoring team comprising senior officers to check the compliance of J&K Tourist Trade Act and ensure that tourists are treated in a manner befitting to the hospitality

traditions of the place, they feel safe and in no way have any complaints of cheating, tout-ing, overcharging.

The Department of Tourism has advised all tourism service providers to desist from any sort of cheating or overcharging from the tourists. The Department has made it amply clear that relevant provisions of J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act-1978/2012 and other penal laws would be invoked in case of deviant stakeholders.

Secretary Tourism, Sarmad Hafeez along with Director, Tourism Kashmir, Fazlul Has-eeb during a recent review meeting of the Department had given clear instructions for close monitoring by Resort Officers in this regard and not to allow any single service provider to damage the reputation of the whole tourism sector or genuine service providers.

A spokesman of the Department said though it was good that we are witnessing a bumper season of tourist arrivals, it was incumbent upon the stakeholders and the Department to ensure that tourists are attended decently, properly and charged fairly for the services they utilize so that they return back with memories as beautiful as Kashmir is known for.

17 Lakh MT Lignite, High Quality Marble Deposits In Kupwara



Observer News Service

KUPWARA: Kupwara district has huge potential in the industrial sector and thermal power generation as around 17 lakh metric ton major mineral deposits are available in different areas of the frontier district.

As per data available with Geology and Mining (G&M) department, 9 Lakh metric ton Lignite deposits are available at Nichahama and Hangnikkot areas of the district, and have huge potential of thermal power generation. Likewise, at Awoora and Zirhama, there are 8 lakh metric ton high quality Marble deposits which can revive the industrial sector and can provide ample employment opportunities in the district. This information was given by District Mineral Officer (DMO) Kupwara, Dr. Shujat Ahmad Qureshi.

Dr Shujat said Geology and Mining department has seized 440 vehicles including heavy earth moving machines used in illegal mining and transportation of raw material from different areas of Kupwara district during the financial year 2022-23, adding that a fine of Rupees 60 lakh has been realized from the violators (owners of seized vehicles), besides,

seizing raw material worth rupees 20 lakh.

The DMO further said that he along with his team launched a crackdown in different areas of Kupwara district, following the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray to curb the illegal mining and its transportation.

Dr. Shujat said all of his staff has been put on alert to monitor illegal mining in the district.

On the occasion, the DMO warned the offenders to desist from the illegal extraction of minor minerals, adding that stern action under rules shall be taken against them.

He said the vehicles were seized under Mines & Minerals Act 1957 under section 21 delegated under the J&K Minor Mineral Concession, Storage, Transportation of minerals and prevention of illegal mining rules 2016 issued vide SRO 105 of 2016.

According to DMO, rate fixation of raw materials in the district has already been accorded and sale and purchase of minor minerals is being done online through <http://www.geologymining.jk.gov.in>, besides, rates have been notified which are available on different portals of Geology and Mining department.



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Whereas Mr. Zahoar Ahmad Khan as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 06.12.2022 thereby calling upon the Borrower namely 01) Mr. Mohammad Aslam Shah S/o Mr. Ghulam Qadir Shah R/o Kadlabal, Pampore Pulwama (borrower/ mortgagor) to repay an amount of Rs.57,87,821.77 (Rupees Fifty Seven Lac Eighty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty One & Paise Seventy Seven Only) being the balance outstanding as on 30.11.2022 in the account of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

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6 J&K Ju-Jitsu Athletes Leave For Int’l Championship

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Six Ju-Jitsu practitioners from J&K on Wednesday left to participate in the 7th Asian Ju-Jitsu Championship to be held at Bangkok.

Ju-Jitsu Association of India selected the six players from Jammu and Kashmir for the championship, which will be held from 24 February to 28 February 2023.

The event is organized by Ju-Jitsu Asian Union which is recognised by Olympic Council of Asia (OCA). Around 30 different countries including India will compete in this mega event.

Ju-Jitsu Athletes from J&K

KSLTA Cancels Legend Bjorn Borg's Felicitation Ceremony

Press Trust of India

BENGALURU: The Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association, which had organised a ceremony to felicitate tennis legend Bjorn Borg on Tuesday, cancelled the event without citing any reason. A KSLTA official claimed that the ace tennis player was busy watching his son Leo Borg's match with Taiwanese player Hsu Yu Hsiou and hence it was 'put on hold'.

However, some reports claimed that Borg, who won 11 Grand Slam titles in his career, was upset with the delay in arrival of Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at the

were selected at the National Selection Trials conducted on 5th February at New Delhi Delhi.

The Asian Championships will serve as a selection of Indian athletes for upcoming Asian Games at Hangzhou, China this year.

"Ju-Jitsu Association of J&K feels immense proud and congratulate the players namely Anirudh

Verma,Koushal Garg,Zulfikar Ali, Rajesh Singh, Sabkat Malik and Umer Rasheed for their selection to participate in the said event. The whole team was trained under the expert guidance and leadership of Tarsem Sharma," the association said in a press release.

Ashwin Rises To 2nd Among Bowlers In Test Rankings



Press Trust of India

DUBAI: India's Ravichandran Ashwin rose a place to second, while his compatriot Ravindra Jadeja jumped seven rungs to be among the top-10 bowlers in the latest ICC Men's Test Player Rankings issued here on Wednesday.

Jadeja has progressed to the ninth position after his 10-wicket match haul in the second Test against Australia in New Delhi, the first time that he had broken in the top-10 since September 2019.

Injured pacer Jasprit Bumrah is the other Indian bowler in top-10, as he occupies the fifth spot. Veteran England seamer James Anderson leads the list but Australia captain Pat Cummins has dropped two places to third.

Axar Patel's late-order heroics have pushed him into the top five in all-rounders' list, which is being headed by Jadeja and Ashwin.

Australia's Marnus Labuschagne continues to top the Test batters list, followed by Steve Smith and Pakistan skipper Babar Azam.

India's Rishabh Pant, who is out of action for an indefinite period following a horrific car crash, is static at sixth, while skipper Rohit Sharma continues to be seventh.

England batters Ollie Pope (up six places to 23rd), Harry Brook (up 12 places to 31st) and Ben Duckett (up 13 places to 38th) have achieved career-best rankings, as have New Zealand's Tom Blundell and Devon Conway.

Blundell's first innings knock of 138 has lifted him four places to 11th while Conway's 77 has helped him move up five places to 17th.

Jay Shah Likely To Attend Women's T20 WC Semi Between IND-AUS: Sources

Agencies

CAPETOWN: Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah is likely to attend the Women's T20I World Cup semi-final match between India and Australia on Thursday to extend his support to Women in Blue.

Women in Blue will take on unbeaten Australia on Thursday in the Women's T20I World Cup semi-final match at the New-

lands in Cape Town. Shah has been spotted many times supporting team India in the ICC tournaments. So it won't be a surprise for many to see him in the stands cheering for the Indian team with all his might.

"Yes, Jay Shah will go there to attend the semifinl match of India vs Australia. He has decided to be there and motivate the girls and cheer for them through the stands," a source told ANI.

In the end, India made it



25th J&K Taekwondo Championship Concludes

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The closing ceremony of the 25th J&K Taekwondo Championships was held on Wednesday at Dogra Brahmin Pratinidhi Sabha, Parade in Jammu. The Championship was organised by J&K Taekwondo Association (Regd.) under the aegis of Taekwondo Federation of India (TFI).

The championship served as a selection process for the upcoming National Championships.

The championship used the latest sensor scoring system for a fair competition and all the referees/officials were from different states of India and the whole event was observed by Brinder Singh Manhas (TD, JKTA).

The competition hosted divisions with inclusion of the youngest age division (Pee Wee) and a massive skill show was witnessed between the Junior and Senior competitions. Around 400 participants from across 20 Districts participated in the tournament.

The organising committee was headed by Vinod Grewal (Overall Incharge). The referee committee was headed by Harish Tokas (PSS, In charge) and Zaheer Abbas (Sher-i-Kashmir Awardee).

Barca Without Pedri & Dembélé For Man United Game

Agencies

BARCELONA: Barcelona will be without some of its regular starters for the return match against Manchester United in the Europa League on Thursday (Friday IST), including playmaker Pedri and forward Ousmane Dembélé because of injuries.

Coach Xavi also won't be able to count on suspended midfielder Gavi.

The teams drew 2-2 in Barcelona last week in the first leg of the knockout playoffs. The former European champions traded leads in a thrilling back-and-forth second half at Camp Nou.

Barcelona, which traveled Wednesday to Manchester, heads to the match still reeling from the



public disclosure that it made payments of millions of dollars over several years to a company that belonged to the vice president of Spain's refereeing committee, igniting widespread criticism of the club across Spain. Barcelona has denied any wrongdoing, saying it paid for technical reports on referees but never tried to influence their decisions in games.

Muscle injuries have sidelined Pedri (right leg) and Dembélé (left leg).

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