

Commitment To Retake PoK Will Be Fulfilled Soon: LG

Says Steps Will Be Taken To Regularize Colonies Of Displaced POJK Families

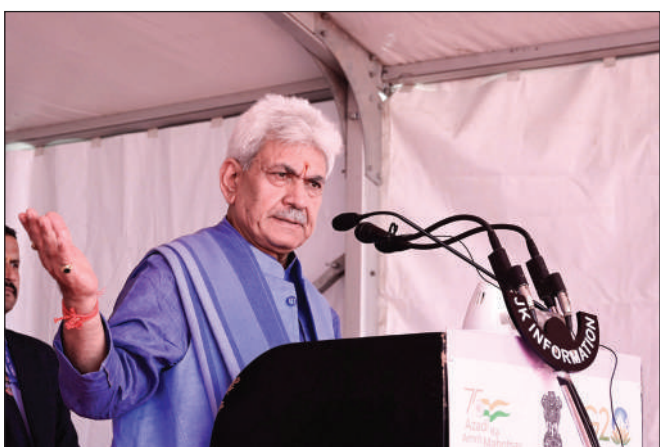
Observer News Service

Jammu: Asserting that Pakistan-controlled Kashmir (PcK) is an integral part of India, the Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Monday that the commitment made in Parliament regarding the other side of Kashmir will soon be fulfilled by the blessings of Mata Vaishno Devi and Baba Amarnath.

Sinha made these comments after inaugurating LG's Special Governance Camp for Displaced Persons of PcK at Sports Stadium, Bhour Camp here on Monday.

The drive aimed to take the welfare schemes to every house and ensure coverage of all beneficiaries under Centrally Sponsored Schemes & UT Schemes will be held at Udhampur, Rajouri, Jammu, Poonch and Kathua.

"Displaced families of PoJK have suffered a lot. Prime Minister Narendra Modi understood their sufferings and made arrangements for their financial support and settlement," he said.



The camp, the LG said, has been organized on the directions of Prime Minister to saturate social security schemes, handholding of youth so they pursue their dreams of becoming entrepreneurs and ensuring that they can avail all facilities like other citizens.

"Steps will be taken to regularize the colonies of displaced families," he said, adding that his administration will construct Smriti Bhawan in the memory of martyrs of PcK.

"Every effort will be made to

preserve and promote the culture & traditions of displaced families. Land has already been identified and soon the construction work will start," he added.

Paying tributes to the brave civilians killed in the October 1947 attack by Pakistan, Sinha said that their supreme sacrifices & understanding of the pain & sufferings of displaced families will always be remembered.

"It is our responsibility to secure their rights and build an enabling environment to fulfill the aspirations of **More on P6**

India Can Become 3rd Largest Economy By Skilling Youth: PM

Press Trust Of India

Ahmedabad: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said skilling the youth holds the key to India becoming the third-largest economy in the world from the fifth now and asserted his government is committed to ensure benefits of skill development reach all sections of society, including Dalits and tribals.

The PM said the focus of his government is to create maximum employment opportunities through infrastructure and development projects



and by giving fillip to manufacturing, while sectors neglected since the country's independence, too, are getting

covered under the Centre's push for job creation.

Virtually addressing a "Rozgar Mela", or employment fair, organised by the Gujarat government at the Mahatma Mandir convention centre in Gandhinagar, Modi said nearly 1.5 lakh youth were given government jobs in the state during the last five years and 25,000 more such positions will be made available in 2023.

The PM emphasised on the need to create a skilled workforce on a large scale to tap growing **More on P6**

Bhandari Posted As Principal Secy To LG

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Monday ordered transfer and posting of two Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers in the Union Territory.

According to an order, Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, IAS (AGMUT: 2001), awaiting orders of adjustment, is posted as Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor.

The order stated he shall also hold the charge of the post of Chief Executive Officer, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, in addition to his own duties.

"Dr. Syed Abid **More on P6**

Govt Mulls To 'Outsource' RSGC, PDP Flays Move

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir administration has proposed to "outsource" the famed Royal Spring Golf Course through public-private-partnership mode, inviting criticism from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

In a letter to the secretary, RSGC, the Managing Director of Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation said some properties of the corporation and Directorate of Tourism Jammu and Kashmir are proposed to be outsourced on a PPP mode.

"Royal Springs Golf Course (RSGC) has also been included in the list of outsourcing," the

letter said.

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said the assets of Jammu and Kashmir were being put on sale and the locals were being pushed out of every sector.

"The sale of Royal Spring Golf Course is another example of how the government is developing' this region post the August 5 (2019) decision (of abrogation of Article 370). Everything has been put on sale'. This is yet another step to sell our assets to non-local businesses," Mufti said in a statement here.

She said Kashmir is the oldest golfing destination not just in South Asia but perhaps east of Suez. **More on P6**

Admin Addressing Grievances Of KP Employees: Div Com

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Two days after Kashmiri Pandit employees suspended their 310 days long strike seeking relocation from the Valley following a spate of deadly attacks, the Divisional administration on Monday said that their issues will be addressed in the best possible way.

Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri said the administration has always been trying to address the issues of Kashmiri Pandit employees, appointed under Prime Minister's Special Package in the best possible way and that the efforts in this direction will continue in future as well.



"A delegation of PM Package employees today visited my office, as I often meet them and address their grievances. Our endeavor is to address their grievances in the best possible way and we do that," Bidhuri said.

On exemption of the poor masses from the anti-en-croachment drive being carried out against **More on P6**

6 FAMILIES FROM WEST PAKISTAN WERE FACING DISCRIMINATION FOR MANY DECADES. Several communities were denied voting rights and other rights of citizens as enshrined in the constitution. Many generations were treated as second-class citizens. After August 2019, they were given equal rights and equal opportunities are being provided to all."



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Ants Play An Important Part In Forest Regeneration: Research

ANI

Ants have a significant role in forest regeneration, according to a recent paper from Binghamton University, State University of New York.

Walk through an old-growth forest in early spring, and you'll be dazzled by wildflowers, their jewel-like tones shining from the forest floor.

But in newer forests, spring ephemerals such as trillium, wild ginger, violets and bloodroot are in shorter supply. The reason may lie with some less-flashy forest residents: Aphanogaster sp., or the woodland ant.

"Not a lot of people have heard of them, but they are the powerhouse of moving seeds and called 'keystone dispersers,'" explained Carmela Buono, a Binghamton University doctoral candidate in biological sciences.

More than 95% of New York state forests -- including the Binghamton University Nature Preserve -- are secondary forests, which sprung up on land once cleared for agriculture. While parts of these

regenerated forests, such as the overstory, have recovered well, they are missing other aspects of biodiversity -- particularly when it comes to understory plants such as native wildflowers.

Many plant species rely on a mutual relationship with ants to disperse their seeds. In fact, northeastern North America is one of the major hotspots of ant-plant mutualism, although it also happens in parts of Europe, Australia, South Africa and in northeastern Asia, Buono said.

"These plants evolved with seeds that have an appendage rich in fats attached to them, and that's very attractive to woodland ants," she said. "Ants need fats just as much as protein and sugar, and it's hard to find foods rich in fats in the forest." Shiny black and medium-sized, woodland ants are a native species that lives in logs, forest leaf litter and underneath rocks. Woodland ants take the seeds with fatty rewards back to their nests, protecting them from consumption by rodents and other organisms. Once the fatty appendages are consumed, the ants -- in a kind of insect housekeeping --

remove the seeds from the nest, dispersing them far from the original plant. It's a mutually beneficial arrangement.

"There are so many interesting, intricate parts of this interaction depending on the types of seeds ants prefer, so you can get this beautiful mixing of flower species in forests," Buono said.

How are old growth forests different?

Old growth forests are rare treasures that play an important role in preserving species diversity, Buono pointed out. Pockets of the Northeast's ancient forest cover remain in some areas, often on land deemed unsuitable for farming.

They differ from secondary forests literally starting at the ground level. Ground previously cleared for agriculture is flat, whereas old growth forests have a "pit and mound" topography.

"It's uneven, from years and years of trees falling over," Buono explained.

The pits are left from the roots of toppled trees lifted out of the ground, while mounds result from the extracted root and soil.

Species within the two types of forest are also different, with quick colonizers moving into younger woodlands. An established forest often features a greater number of shade-tolerant plants in the understory.

There are slightly fewer woodland ants in secondary forests, perhaps owing to their displacement during years of agricultural use. Differences in forest canopies and the amount of light that reaches the forest floor could also play a role, but that has yet to be explored, Buono said.

The real issue appears to be competition with invasive slugs, which are found largely in the regenerated woodlands and also have a taste for fatty seed appendages. Slugs often prefer forest edges, and secondary forests may be located closer to habitats that slugs prefer, such as open meadows or active farms, Buono said.

To restore newer forests to a healthier state, we need to look beyond the trees to the diversity of insects, which play a crucial role in the forest ecosystem, according to the researchers.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Faizul Manzoor S/O Manzoor Ahmad R/O Hyderpora have purchased Plot No.317 in Housing Colony Bagh-e-Mehtab from Khushboo D/O Fayaz Ahmad R/O Bagh-e-Mehtab, originally allotted in favour of Sh. Mohammad Sultan Bhat S/O Ghulam Hassan Bhat R/O Ganderbal. I have applied for transfer of leasehold rights of above said plot in my favour. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to the Managing Director, J&K Housing Board, Green Belt Park, Gandhinagar, Jammu within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice. However, no objection will be entertained after the expiry of the above said period.
Name: Faizul Manzoor
S/O: Manzoor Ahmad
R/O: Hyderpora nj

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In Hajin Municipal committee records I want to correct the D.O.B of my daughter's namely Saima Reyaz's from 01-04-2000 to 25-06-2005 and Abida Reyaz's from 02-03-2002 to 16-07-2007. In this regard anybody having any objections may contact Municipal committee Hajin Sonawari within 03 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained at all.
Reyaz Ahmad Wani
F/O. Saima Reyaz and Abida Reyaz
R/O. Hajin Sonawari Bpr. pnj

From The Office Of M/S Ishfaq Wani & Associates

Chamber No. 403
District Court Complex Mominabad Batamaloo Srinagar
Ref: PUB/ADV/HC/03/2023 Dated: 26.02.2023
Advocates, Solicitors, Conciliators J&K High Court
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In the case of:
1. Gulzar ahmad Shingloo S/o Ab Rahim Shingloo R/o Baba Demm, Srinagar
2. Rafiq W/o Gulzar ahmad Shingloo R/o Baba Demm, Srinagar

Versus
Public at large

...Non-caveators

IN THE MATTER OF:- Caveat petition in terms of section 148-A of Civil Procedure Code for providing right of Prior opportunity of being heard to the Caveator before passing any orders, if the non-Caveator choose to file any suit/application or any other legal proceedings in the court of law against the Caveator.
M/S ISHFAQ WANI & ASSOCIATES
(Advocate's J&K High Court Srinagar.)
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ازعدالت سبج میو نیل مجسٹریٹ سرنیگر بالاجلاس مہرین مشتاق

رجسٹر اریٹس اینڈ ڈپٹنس
ایس۔ ایم۔ سی سرنیگر (سیول)

سائل اسماء
Mohd Amin
Mugloo

درخواست بغرن اندراج تاریخ پیدائش اوقات
نام: Abdul Aziz Mugloo

تاریخ وفات: 06-02-2004

معاملمندرجعنوان الصدمیں سائل نے عدالت ہڈائیں ایک درخواست بشمول حلفی بغرض
اندرج تاریخ اوقات
Abdul Aziz Mugloo S/o Noor Mohammad موروثہ 02-03-2023 پیش کی ہے۔ لہذا عوام الناس کو
R/o Mughal Mohalla Ranawari Sgr
بذریعہ اشتہار مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی عذریا اعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے
عذرات اشاعت اشتہار کے اندر دس یوم عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔ بعدگزرنے میا کوئی عذریا
اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آئندہ عدالت ہڈائیں 13-03-2023 کو قہر ہے۔
تحریر الصدمر

سبج میو نیل مجسٹریٹ سرنیگر nj

ازعدالت سبج میو نیل مجسٹریٹ سرنیگر بالاجلاس مہرین مشتاق

رجسٹر اریٹس اینڈ ڈپٹنس
ایس۔ ایم۔ سی سرنیگر (سیول)

سائل اسماء
Mohd Amin
Mugloo

درخواست بغرن اندراج تاریخ پیدائش اوقات
نام: Mugli

تاریخ وفات: 28-03-2020

معاملمندرجعنوان الصدمیں سائل نے عدالت ہڈائیں ایک درخواست بشمول حلفی بغرض
اندرج تاریخ اوقات
Mugli D/W/O Late Abdul Aziz Mugloo موروثہ 02-03-2023 پیش کی ہے۔ لہذا عوام الناس کو
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تحریر الصدمر

سبج میو نیل مجسٹریٹ سرنیگر nj

ازعدالت سبج میو نیل مجسٹریٹ سرنیگر بالاجلاس مہرین مشتاق

رجسٹر اریٹس اینڈ ڈپٹنس
ایس۔ ایم۔ سی سرنیگر (سیول)

سائل اسماء
Manzoor
Ahmad Wani

درخواست بغرن اندراج تاریخ پیدائش اوقات
نام: Mohammad Akbar Wani

تاریخ وفات: 08-07-2021

معاملمندرجعنوان الصدمیں سائل نے عدالت ہڈائیں ایک درخواست بشمول حلفی بغرض
اندرج تاریخ اوقات
Mohammad Akbar Wani S/o Late Abdul Rahim موروثہ 01-03-2023 پیش کی ہے۔ لہذا عوام الناس کو
R/o Batahar
بذریعہ اشتہار مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی عذریا اعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے
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سبج میو نیل مجسٹریٹ سرنیگر nj

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

(PROCLAMATION REQUIRING OBJECTION FROM GENERAL PUBLIC
CNR: JKSG0300588220 23
Date of tiling 01.03.2023

Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Mir S/o Abdul Ahad Mir
R/o Baghi Roop Singh Khanyar Srinagar

Applicant

Versus

Registrar, Births and Deaths, SMC Srinagar

Non-Applicant

WHEREAS an application has been made before me that Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Mir S/o Abdul Ahad Mir R/o Baghi Roop Singh Khanyar Srinagar has born on 25-02-1973 and the applicant has sought a direction from this court for registration of the Birth particulars, of Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Mir , in the concerned register of births and deaths. Proclamation is hereby made that the any person having any objection(s) to this application may appear before this Court (or before me) to file objections within 07 days of this publication.

Dated, this 31lh day of January 2023.

Sd/-

(AHTZAZ AHMED)

2nd Additional (JM/C), Srinagar

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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 DOB certificate/s issued as per below mentioned details:-

Name : Tabasum Ayoub

Father's Name: Mohammad Ayoub Ganie

Mother's Name: Gulshana

Regd: NI6441710030

Roll No/s :- 3141476 year & session Bi-annual 2018

Date of Birth:- 06-03-2002

Reuslt :- Pass

Residenc:- Chanderhama Pattan

According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate DOB 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 "DOB Certificate/s" bearing 18BIKAM-7007747 be treated as "CANCELLED")

No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)/KD/17

Dated 06-03-2023

FKO

Assistant Secretary

Certificates, KD.

University of Kashmir, Srinagar

Notice

The candidate whose particulars are given below has reported to the University that he / she has lost his/her University Certificate/s and has applied for issuance of duplicate certificate/s:

Name: Shameema Nabi

Paretnage:- Gh Nabi Pinchoo

Residence:- Kulhama Nadihal Bandipora

Registration No : 4760 bpb2015

Certificate/s lost:- Marks Sheet

Roll No/s:- 19416865

Session/ Year 2019

Before University will consider issuance of Duplicate Certificate/s in favour of the candidate, any person having any objection shall report to the undersigned within one week from the date of issuance of this notice. The original certificate/s issued to the candidate be treated as cancelled
No: F(Duplicate/) KU
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Assistant Controller

of Examinations (PG/UG/Prof

ازعدالت سبج میو نیل مجسٹریٹ سرنیگر بالاجلاس مہرین مشتاق

رجسٹر اریٹس اینڈ ڈپٹنس
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سائل اسماء
Bilal Ahmad

درخواست بغرن اندراج تاریخ پیدائش اوقات
نام: Misra Begum

تاریخ وفات: 25-04-2005

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اندرج تاریخ اوقات
Misra Begum W/O Khazir Mohammad موروثہ 28-02-2023 پیش کی ہے۔ لہذا عوام الناس کو
R/o Masjid Umar Hanfia Rose Lane Colony Chanapora
بذریعہ اشتہار مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی عذریا اعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے
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نام: Abdul Razaq Najar

تاریخ وفات: 28-04-1998

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سبج میو نیل مجسٹریٹ سرنیگر nR

Sessions Court Sets Aside Conviction Passed Against Managing Director Al Mehmood Builders.

Court of 4th Additional sessions judge Srinagar set aside the conviction passed against managing director of M/s Al Mehmood Builders Srinagar namely Sikandar Khurshed Dar after hearing an appeal against the order dated 5.5.2022 passed by trail court against him. Earlier the trail court vide order dated 5.5.2022 sentenced the Sikandar Khurshed to undergo imprisonment of one year (Including 6 months rigorous imprisonment) and also directed him to pay compensation amount of rupees 32,24000/= (Thirty two lakhs and 24 four thousand rupees) less by 4 lakh rupees which he had already paid during proceedings. The Appellate Court after hearing Advocate Abrar Ahmad Bhat counsel for M/S Al Mehmood Builders set aside the conviction order dated 5.5.2022 and observed that the matter was already settled before the trail court by virtue of order dated 26.4.2022 and in pursuance to settlement rupees 4 lacs were paid by the MD of Almehmood Builders to the complainant as such directed the appellant to pay rest of the outstanding amount to the complainant with direction to the trail court to recover the lump-sum amount of rupees 20 lakhs less by rupees 4 lakhs from the appellant.

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Public Notice

I have lost the Keys of my vehicle bearing Regd No: JK05J8708 From Palhallan to pattan. If anybody has found his/she is requested to return back.
Nazima Begum W/o Abdul Hameed Parray
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ازنیابت چہاں بالاجلاس نائب تحصیلدار صاحب چہاں

عنوان:- درخواست مخائب بشیر احمد ملک ولد محمد قاسم ملک سائل سلطان پورہ کوئی تحصیل اجرائی نوٹنگی سرٹیفکیٹ

اشہار ہرخاص وعام

معاملمندرجعنوان الصدمیں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول عطائی نوٹنگی سرٹیفکیٹ پیش کی ہے جو کہ برکاردانی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے سائل کا والد غلام غلامی ڈار موروثہ 1996-2-1 کو فوت ہو چکا ہے اب سائل نوٹنگی سرٹیفکیٹ لگانے کا خواہش ہے۔ سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کرا کر کسی شخص کو کوئی عزریا اعتراض ہو تو وہ بعد مشتمل اخبار سارسات دن کے اندر اندر اپنے عذریا اعتراض وادالت حذا کو دفتری ادقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعدگزرنے میا کوئی عذریا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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عنوان:- درخواست مخائب بشیر احمد ملک ولد محمد قاسم ملک سائل سلطان پورہ کوئی تحصیل اجرائی نوٹنگی سرٹیفکیٹ

اشہار ہرخاص وعام

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بشیر احمد ملک ولد قاسم 48 سال کا کناری خود
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ازنیابت چہاں

عنوان:- درخواست مخائب غنی بیگم زوجہ محمد عبدالرشید برہ سائل پکھلی پٹن نسبت اجرائی لیگل ریسرٹیفکیٹ باپت و اگر ادر فرم جمع شدہ بنیک

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عنوان:- درخواست مخائب محمد قاسم بیگم ولد غلام حسن بیگم سائل سلطان پورہ کوئی تحصیل پٹن نسبت اجرائی ڈیپنڈنٹ سرٹیفکیٹ

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KU To Invite Online Applications For PG Entrance Test Soon: VC

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofer Khan on Monday chaired the Admission Advisory Committee to review the varsity's preparedness for admissions to various PG programmes and other professional courses for the academic session 2023.

In her opening remarks, Prof Nilofer said the University's admission process is recognised in academic and social circles as completely transparent and it is therefore important to maintain this benchmark through and through, a statement issued reads.

Asserting that the standard of the admission process has a direct bearing on the reputation and image of the institution, the Vice-Chancellor emphasized the need to make greater use of technological advancements to ease the admission process right from submission of online applications by the aspirants to declaration of the results.

After threadbare discussions on various issues, the Advisory Committee decided that the University's Directorate of Admissions and Competitive Examinations (DACE) will invite online application forms for admission to all programmes offered through University of Kashmir in the 3rd week of March 2023, following which

the Entrance Test shall be conducted in the last week of April, 2023.

For convenience of aspirants hailing from far-off areas of Jammu and Kashmir, the Vice-Chancellor instructed that besides the main campus, the entrance examination shall be conducted at all satellite campuses of the University including South Campus (Anantnag), North Campus (Baramulla) and Kupwara Campus for the session-2023.

"Our endeavor should be to take the admission process to the doorsteps of the aspirants," she said.

Calling for close monitoring of the Entrance Test by observers on the entrance test days, Prof Nilofer instructed that efforts should be made to ensure that the entire admission process culminates within the set timelines so that the academic session starts in time and the degrees are eventually awarded to the students in time.

The meeting was attended by Dean Academic Affairs Prof F A Masoodi, Dean College Development Council Prof Khurshid A Butt, Registrar Nisar A Mir, Director Admissions Prof Farooq A Mir, Controller of Examinations Majid Zaman, In-Charge Director IT Dr Maroof Qadri, besides other members of the Admission Advisory Committee.

'Most Smart City Projects To Be Completed By April 15'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Biduri on Monday said that several projects being executed under the Srinagar Smart



City Mission will be completed before April 15.

While speaking to media about the ongoing projects being undertaken under the Srinagar Smart City mission, the Div Com said the upper deadline set for the projects

is April 15 and that several projects will be completed before this date.

"The upper deadline set for the projects being undertaken under the Smart City mission is April 15 and we are hopeful that several projects will be completed before this date," Biduri said.

Bidhuri stated that work on these projects is going on at night hours also, and they are continuously monitoring the work.

"Works on Smart City projects are on at full pace; people have to be little patient as they might face some inconveniences during this period. The G20 summit will be organized in a very good manner once all projects are completed," he said.

About the PM package employees, Div Com said he is in continuous touch with them and their grievances are being addressed with best possible assistance from the admin.

Workshop On Research Methodology Begins At NIT

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A Week-long Workshop on "Research Methodology" organized by Department of Humanities Social Sciences and Management began on Monday at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar.

The event was presided over by Vice Chancellor Central University of Kashmir (CUK), Prof. Farooq Ahmad Shah, while Director NIT Srinagar Prof. Rakesh Sehgal, Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Abdul Liman and Head HSSM Department Prof. (Dr.) Neyaz Ahmad were Guest of Honor on the occasion.

Prof. M.F. Wani Dean Research & Consultancy, HOD HSSM, Prof. Neyaz Ahmad Sheikh are Chairman of the weeklong workshop. Dr. Jaspeet Kaur, Associate Professor at Pearl Academy and Dr. Neeraj Kaushik, Associate Professor NIT Kurukshetra will be the experts of the workshop.

In his key address, VC CUK, Prof. Shah said that over the past several decades there has been significant change in conducting the research. As compared to the past, now there has been a

structural process, programs that tell people how to go for research.

"Our research should be impactful so that it can prove beneficial and bring positive changes in the society. Unfortunately our students have resorted to shortcuts that have impacted quality research."

Prof. Shah said the first and foremost thing that students should do is to select the area where they have intent to conduct the research. In case students have no idea, then they need to conduct an extensive review of literature."

"I have found in most of the dissertations, people make excessive use of statistical techniques due to which they are unable to interpret their research in a good way."

Prof. Shah said unfortunately students without understanding their research area; they straightway choose their topic, which is a dangerous trend.

"Your research should begin and end with literature review. If the students are writing the last chapter of the research, it is a lifeline for the entire research process." He said.



Intense Drive Against Eve-Teasing, Rash Driving To Be Launched Soon

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: A day after two youths were arrested for stalking and harassing a female in Dalgate area of the city, authorities on Monday said that an intense drive will be launched against eve-teasers and reckless driving in Srinagar in coming days.

Pertinently, two youths were arrested for stalking and harassing a girl in Dalgate area a day earlier while the registration of the two-wheeler used in the commission of crime was suspended as well.

Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Kashmir, Syed Shahnawaz Bukhari said that an intense drive will be launched against eve-teasers and rash driving in the city in coming few days and those found involved in any such activity will be dealt with sternly.

The RTO Kashmir said besides cancelling registration of vehicles, driving licenses of those found involved in eve teasing or reckless driving will be cancelled as well. He said the drive will be launched across Srinagar.

"Eve-teasing is a social malice and it's unfortunate that our youth indulge in such shameful activities, we did our job so did the police, now it is the collective responsibility of the society especially parents have an undeniable role in teaching concepts of good and evil and moral values to their children," he told the media, adding an intense drive against eve-teasers and rash driving will be launched in Srinagar soon.

The RTO Kashmir appealed to the youth to avoid indulging in evil activities like eve-teasing

as the same not only spoil the society but have a bad effect on their future as well. Bukhari said police, civil administration and mainstream media have a role to play to prevent the young generation from indulging in evil activities.

"These activities do happen in Srinagar including Bhagat, Rajbagh and several other areas. Our enforcement drive will be intense not only in specific areas but across Srinagar. Besides registration of the vehicle, the license too will be cancelled," he added.

Meanwhile Duty Officer (DO) police station Nehru Park, Mansha Beig appealed to the girls to come forward and register a complaint against eve-teasing. She said the victim girl brought the incident into the notice of police through social media, following which both the accused were arrested within less than twelve hours.

"I being a female myself, appeal to all girls to stand against this menace, come forward and register a complaint with the police. Police are committed to take stringent action against all those who indulge in eve-teasing like shameful acts," she added.

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This Day In History

- 1964 - Cassius Clay converts to Islam, and is renamed Muhammad Ali
- 1965 - US begins regular bombing & strafing of N Vietnam
- 1967 - A fire at a restaurant in Montgomery, Alabama kills 25 people.
- 1969 - Al-Fatah-leader Yasser Arafat becomes president of PLO
- 1971 - Switzerland votes for national women's suffrage in a referendum
- 1974 - Grenada gains independence from Britain (National Day)
- 1976 - World's largest telescope (600 cm) begins operation (USSR).
- 1977 - Soyuz 24 launches with 2 cosmonauts
- 1978 - Ethiopian offensive in Ogaden desert
- 1986 - Haiti's President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier flees to France Henri Namphy becomes leader of Haiti
- 1986 - Corazon Aquino defeats incumbent Filipino dictator Ferdinand Marcos but fraudulent returns gave the election to Marcos.
- 1987 - Police in South Korea make hundreds of arrests during protest demonstrations, the country's biggest for 6 years, after a student died in custody.
- 1990 - Karachi police kill 22 anti-nationalistic demonstrators
- 1990 - USSR Communist party agrees to allow opposition political parties
- 1991 - The IRA launches a mortar attack on 10 Downing Street during a cabinet meeting.
- 1992 - European Union becomes official under Maastricht treaties.
- 1994 - Jim Nabors undergoes a liver transplant.
- 1997 - US & Russia announce summit set for Helsinki, March 20-21
- 1999 - Crown Prince Abdullah becomes the King of Jordan on the death of his father, King Hussein.
- 2000 - Bahria University is established through Presidential Ordinance No. V of 2000 by the Government of Pakistan.

From KO Archives

People Line Up For Historic Bus Travel

Observer News Service

Srinagar - Hundreds of enthusiastic people lined up at Regional Passport Office in Srinagar on Friday for application forms for travel on the first bus in 57 years to other part of Kashmir separated by a military Control Line.

New Delhi and Islamabad agreed in February to start (lie bus service between two capitals of Srinagar and Muzaffarabad on either side of the divide.

Significantly both rivals dropped their rigid stances and agreed demands by Kashmiris to use simple permits instead of passports of either country for traveling from one part to another of the divided state which people here regard as a single entity.

Kashmiris will use special permits, issued by both sides, to cross the Line of Control, instead of passports and visas. On the first day the Passport Office, designated as issuing authority, provided 100 application forms to people wishing to travel on April 7 and 14.

"We have issued 100 application forms to people wishing to travel on the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus on April 7 and 14," said passport officer John Silshi. Sixty people will be allowed to make the trip on those dates after security and intelligence agencies check their applications.

"It's a great day. I heard an announcement on radio and came rushing. Thank God I got the form! Now I hope that I will get a permit as well," said Mohammad Shafi as he clutched the document.

However, many others were disappointed. Omar Imtiyaz from Baramulla said he could not apply for the permit. It wasn't immediately clear why.

"They should have issued more application forms," he said. "I have been waiting for this day since the service was announced. I am sad."

The 105-mile bus route culling through the scenic Kashmir valley along the river Jehlum was a major all-weather trade route till 1948.

Recent heavy snowfall which blocked Kashmir's only road link with India created severe shortages of essentials in the Kashmir valley besides stranding thousands for the weeks together leading to deaths of scores of passengers. The road has been since come to be known as a killer highway. The reopening of new road is being viewed as a major development ever since Kashmir conflict began nearly six decades ago.

(Kashmir Observer, 07March, 2005)

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Boom In Tourism

A record 2.5 lakh tourists visited Kashmir in the first two months of this year. Last year, over 1.6 lakh visitors were in the valley over these two months. The rising inflow of tourists follows the record number of arrivals last year. Around 27 lakh tourists, including 3.65 lakh Amarnath yatris and over ten thousand foreigners, visited Kashmir during 2022. The Jammu and Kashmir administration anticipates a 15-20 percent year-on-year increase in visitors to the Union Territory in 2023 and has planned 75 alternative destinations to lower footfalls at the most popular attractions.

Bollywood's return to Kashmir has also added to the prevailing atmosphere of normalcy and hopefully will bring more holiday makers to the Valley. Currently, actors Ranvir Singh and Alia Bhatt are shooting for Karan Johar's film Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani in Valley. Last year, filmmaker Onir shot in Gurez, close to the Line of Control in north Kashmir, for his Chahiye Thoda Pyaar movie.

The tourism department has said that an advertising campaign across major Indian cities and the opening of new destinations have helped. The UT government has also increased the options for tourists by developing more resorts. For example, Aharbal, Yusmarg, Tosamaidan, Gurez, historic old city in Srinagar, are finding a prominent place on the tourist map of Kashmir. These places need further development of tourist infrastructure and also wider publicity for people to visit. So current year could be hoped to see more tourists visiting the Valley.

The growing tourism has gone a long way to shore up Kashmir economy and bring back employment lost to the successive security and Covid-19 lockdown. The boom the sector is also having a positive spillover effect on other sectors. The sector forms 6.8 percent of Kashmir's GDP and employs over two million people.

Over the last two years, a combination of factors has made the tourism boom possible: There is now a perception across the country that after the revocation of Article 370 J&K has been fully integrated into India and finally ushered in peace - which it no doubt has. The union territory, a recent MHA report said, witnessed "a 54 percent reduction in terrorist incidents, a 22 percent drop in recruitment of militants and 84 percent decline in the deaths of security forces." In real terms, the militancy related violence has decreased from 417 incidents in 2018 to 229 in 2021 while the number of slain security personnel dropped from 91 in 2018 to 42 in 2022. Here's hoping that this trend continues this year as well, a prerequisite for not only bringing more tourists to the valley but also helping the growth of the local economy overall.

OTHER OPINION

Why India needs a Green Revolution 2.0

The fact that the country produces more foodgrains now during the rabi (winter-spring) than in the kharif (post-monsoon) season is testimony to the role of irrigation in drought-proofing. But what can farmers do with mercury spikes in February and March? These threaten rabi harvests, which were hitherto considered assured and immune from rainfall vagaries. While rabi crops were always vulnerable to spring thunderstorms and hail, the risks from them pale in comparison to that on account of shorter winters and advanced onset of summers.

The impact of temperature surge was seen in March 2022, when the wheat crop had just entered its final grain formation and filling stage. The heat stress led to early grain ripening and reduced yields. This year, February recorded the highest-ever maximum temperatures, thanks to the absence of active western disturbances that bring rain and snowfall over the Himalayas, whose cooling effect percolates into the plains. Currently, both minimum and maximum temperatures are ruling 3-5 degrees Celsius above normal in most wheat-growing areas. The next couple of weeks or more are going to be crucial. So long as the maximum remains within 35 degrees, there should be no danger of March 2022 repeating itself. But it only highlights how much of a "gamble on the mercury" agriculture has become.

Climate isn't the only risk farmers are confronting. Even as the prospects for wheat are uncertain, prices of onion and potato have crashed. Mustard, too, is trading below its minimum support price with the arrival of the new crop — a far cry from the situation a year ago when edible oil inflation had peaked following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The dual risks from climate and prices may not be new; the difference lies in their frequency, volatility and intensity. Farmers, scientists and policymakers have to adapt to this reality. Green Revolution 2.0 has to be about varieties that can withstand extreme temperature and rainfall variations, while yielding more, using less water and nutrients. This should be accompanied by better crop planning and market intelligence: Farmers must know what to plant, how to manage their crop at various stages under different stress scenarios, and when to sell. Agriculture for today and tomorrow cannot be the same as it was yesterday.

The Indian Express

Why Isn't Mental Healthcare Act 2017 Being Implemented In J&K?



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

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Dementia isn't the only problem that plagues J&K's mental health scenario. Anxiety disorders, depression and PTSD are prevalent in the Kashmiri population in high numbers. Year after year, reports have kept mapping the deteriorating condition of mental health in Kashmir

The crisis of mental health issues in Jammu and Kashmir is quite evident. Over the years, the figures coming out of J&K have only painted a picture which is getting grimmer by the day. In a recently published report which quoted from a joint study published recently by the University of Southern California and All India Institute of Medical Sciences AIIMS- New Delhi, a considerably high percentage of people (11%) suffer from dementia in Jammu and Kashmir. Of these 11%, over 60% are prone to getting affected by Alzheimer's disease as well. In fact, dementia is not a single disease but encapsulates a range of disorders affecting the brain.

Dementia isn't the only problem that plagues J&K's mental health scenario. Anxiety disorders, depression and PTSD are prevalent in the Kashmiri population in high numbers. Year after year, reports have kept mapping the deteriorating condition of mental health in Kashmir. The uptick in suicides, especially during covid-19 pandemic, had also raised an alarm about a crisis that keeps getting worse. Very recently, a young 16-year-old from Sopore died by suicide. Yet another 21-year-old college student from Sugan Khag district in Budgam also died by suicide recently.

Non implementation of Mental Healthcare Act 2017

While much has been talked about the crisis, one aspect that is often overlooked is that of legislation. One would have assumed that after the abrogation of Article 37 in August 2019, central laws pertaining to mental health would have been implemented in J&K. However, this is not the case. For instance, Mental Health Care Act 2017, a central law has not been working optimally. Interestingly,

the act was extended to J&K even when the article was intact.

In Jammu & Kashmir, the obsolete Mental Health Act 1987 is being followed by the authorities at helm of affairs. The Mental Healthcare Act 2017 which repealed the Mental Health Act 1987 is not being followed. This law was enacted to conform with the United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) which is an international human rights convention which sets out the fundamental human rights of people with disability.

As per the provisions of the Mental Healthcare Act 2017, the Government has to constitute Central Mental Health Authority, State Mental Health Authorities and Mental Health Review Boards. The state mental health authorities are to be set up even in UTs with a legislature like J&K. The State Mental Health Authorities have been entrusted to supervise all mental health establishments of the State including UTs with legislature. In most of the Indian states, including J&K, these authorities are not functional.

Functions of State Mental Healthcare Authority

As per the section 55 of the Mental Healthcare Act of 2017 the State Mental Healthcare Authority shall

(a) Register all mental health establishments in the State except those referred to in section 43 and maintain and publish (including online on the internet) a register of such establishments

(b) Develop quality and service provision norms for different types of mental health establishments in the State.

Supervise all mental health establishments in the State and receive complaints about deficiencies in provision of services.

(d) Register clinical psychologists, mental health nurses and psychiatric social workers in the State to work as mental health professionals, and publish the list of such registered mental health professionals in such manner as may be specified by regulations by the State Authority.

Train all relevant persons including law enforcement officials, mental health professionals and other health professionals about the provisions and implementation of this Act.

(f) Discharge such other functions with respect to matters relating to mental health as the State Government may decide. The Mental Healthcare Act 2017 says that the mental health establishments in the State before the commencement of 2017 Act, under the Mental Health Act, 1987 or any other law for the time being in force, shall be deemed to have been registered

Conclusion

In a place with concerning figures on mental health issues, as a welfare state, the Government has failed to enforce Mental Healthcare Act 2017 and doesn't have a defined Mental Health Policy. In fact, only three states: Karnataka, Kerala and Meghalaya have a mental health policy. The J & K administration must urgently make the State Mental Healthcare Authority operational and must also start drafting its Mental Health Policy in consultation with experts and civil society.

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Horrors in the Ways of Women Commuters in Kashmir

I'm writing this with profound grief, but it was very important to put this issue in public domain, again. The most common issue "Sexual Harassment".

Not that we are not aware of this already but we have normalized this issue like it doesn't exist.

I am a local transport commuter and to be honest I experience a lot of sexual harassment in its diverse forms, just like all other girls do. But today when I left for the office in the

morning, I was waiting at the stop for the transport when a very traumatic incident happened.

While standing there, other than unnecessary honking and gazing that were making me uncomfortable. I saw an altogether different side of that man who initially honked to an extent where he made it noticeable for me to look up at him. The guy had the audacity to stop his car in front of my feet, rub off his fogged window and invited me into his car while

smirking at my miserable startled self. I got numb, couldn't even move my body to run, or even confront the man for his sheer shamelessness. Somehow I mugged up my courage and went past him. It was only after I boarded a vehicle that I could understand what had happened and an unmatched anger rushed in my blood. But all I could do was convert every ounce of that anger into a tear.

People might say that my crying showed my cowardliness or weak-

ness but the truth is that I didn't cry for only this incident but for all other such incidents I experience on an everyday basis or other girls do, irrespective of their age, religion, clothing etc.

Being a girl was not made difficult by the Creator, but we humans have constructed a society where it becomes difficult for her to exist.

Samina Rehman*

This New Flu Virus Is Plaguing India

Know All About Causes, Symptoms And Treatment

Sushmita Panda

Flu outbreak in India: with symptoms like nagging and persistent cough, India is currently engulfed in a wave of flu. People across the country are suffering from a long cough that lasts for days and sometimes weeks.

According to doctors, the current flu is because of influenza A (H3N2). The doctors told Financial Express.com that there has been a significant rise in influenza infections. Currently, every other person across the country is down with fever, cough, loss of voice, and breathlessness.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the surge in flu cases in the country the spike in flu cases in the country is similar to the surge in the West between September and January.

"Doctors at Primus Hospitals in New Delhi are seeing an increase in instances of seasonal diseases, including viral infections like H3N2 influenza and other seasonal infections, as a result of the rapid shift in weather from cold to warmer temperatures. It is no secret that weather has a significant influence on overall health. Throughout the winter, as the number of cardiovascular illnesses grows, the number of viral infections climbs as well. When winter fades and summer arrives earlier, the number of patients reporting viral fever, cold and cough, and severe throat infections is fast growing," Prof Dr. SK Chhabra, Head of Department -Pulmonary, Sleep and Critical Care Medicine, Primus Hospital, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi told Financial Express.com.

A study published in the Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA) last month revealed that the surge was caused by low immunity among people and a decline in flu vaccination.

"Influenza virus infections declined globally during the Covid-19 pandemic. Loss of natural immunity from lower rates of influenza infection and documented antigenic changes in circulating viruses may have resulted in increased susceptibility to influenza virus infection during the 2021-2022 influenza season," the report stated.

The influenza A(H1N1)pdm09, A(H3N2), and influenza B viruses occurred in a number of nations, as per WHO.

In India, influenza vaccines or flu shots are supposed to be taken every year never gained popularity.

According to WHO, there are four types of seasonal influenza viruses, types A, B, C, and D. Influenza A and B viruses cause seasonal epidemics of disease. The Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) maintains that influenza cases in India usually peak during monsoon season, June to September with secondary peaks during winter.

According to ICMR figures, H3N2, a subtype of the influenza virus, is in wide circulation for the last two-three months—slightly more than the swine flu virus.

"There are a lot of patients coming with post-flu prolonged cough. Majority of patients are getting infected with flu causing



virus like influenza, RSV, adenovirus, rhinovirus etc. Post viral cough is a well known entity. A secondary bacterial throat infection usually occurs after getting flu which needs more care and treatment. The probable reasons for prolonged cough are air pollution hampering respiratory immunity, new mutant pathogens which need research, post nasal drip, allergic airway, reflux diseases (acidity), irrational use of antibiotics etc.," Dr Akshay Budhraj, Senior Consultant, Respiratory and Sleep Medicine, Aakash Healthcare told Financial Express.com.

In the last one month of 31 January, more than 451 cases and nine deaths have been reported, as per media reports.

"The current flu is caused by Influenza A from H3N2 strain. The patient suffers with high grade fever for 4 to 5 days along with sore throat for 7 to 10 days. This is often followed by productive cough producing sputum which last for 2-3 weeks. In these cases the patient has to be given either inhalation or oral steroids to recover. It is a threat to elderly patients with co-morbid heart conditions if they suffer from this virus and could lead to heart failure," Dr Samrat Shah, Consultant Internist at Bhatia Hospital Mumbai told Financial Express.com.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

According to doctors, flu signs and symptoms usually come on suddenly. People who are affected with flu experience the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Uncontrollable cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches



A SECONDARY BACTERIAL THROAT INFECTION USUALLY OCCURS AFTER GETTING FLU WHICH NEEDS MORE CARE AND TREATMENT.

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- Headaches
- and fatigue among others.

WHICH AGE GROUP IS MOST AT RISK?

According to doctors, school-going children are at the most risk as they have resumed going to school. Those above 60 years with comorbidities like COPD, diabetes, asthma and heart disease are also very vulnerable.

"The increase in the number of patients complaining of viral infections and chest congestion demonstrates how seasonal change is having a negative influence on people's health. Pollution is also playing a significant influence in increasing the number of patients affected by viral diseases. The elderly, children and pregnant women are the most vulnerable to infection. As a result, they must exercise extreme caution while walking outside. Apart from asthmatic patients, there are many additional individuals who have serious lung infections and are having difficulties breathing," Prof. Dr.

Chhabra told Financial Express.com.

Dr. Chhabra also maintained that patients are experiencing similar issues as a result of climate change.

"Individuals with chronic illnesses, such as asthma, must exercise special caution during such weather shifts since they might provoke severe respiratory difficulties and asthma episodes. At this period, even small respiratory problems must be reported to a pulmonologist or a physician to avoid the condition from worsening," he added.

DIAGNOSIS

According to WHO, the majority of cases of human influenza are clinically diagnosed.

"Laboratory confirmation of influenza virus from throat, nasal and nasopharyngeal secretions or tracheal aspirate or washings is commonly performed using direct antigen detection, virus isolation, or detection of influenza-specific RNA by reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR),"

the global health agency stated.

TREATMENT

WHO has outlined the following guidelines for influenza infection:

Patients that are not from a high risk group should be managed with symptomatic treatment and are advised, if symptomatic, to stay home in order to minimize the risk of infecting others in the community.

Treatment focuses on relieving symptoms of influenza such as fever.

Patients should monitor themselves to detect if their condition deteriorates and seek medical attention. Patients that are known to be in a group at high risk for developing severe or complicated illness, should be treated with antivirals in addition to symptomatic treatment as soon as possible.

Patients with severe or progressive clinical illness associated with suspected or confirmed influenza virus infection should be treated with antiviral drug as soon as possible.

Treatment is recommended for a minimum of 5 days, but can be extended until there is satisfactory clinical improvement.

HOW TO PREVENT INFLUENZA INFECTION?

According to Dr. Budhraj, the best way to avoid getting flu is by avoiding crowded places, practice good hand and respiratory hygiene, annual flu shot, keeping indoor air quality under control, wearing a pollution mask when outdoors and avoiding home remedies without consultation.

- The most effective way to prevent the disease is vaccination. Injected inactivated influenza vaccines are most commonly used throughout the world.
- Among healthy adults, influenza vaccine provides protection, even when circulating viruses do not exactly match the vaccine viruses.
- Regular hand washing with proper drying of the hands
- Good respiratory hygiene – covering mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, using tissues and disposing of them correctly
- Early self-isolation of those feeling unwell, feverish and having other symptoms of influenza
- Avoiding close contact with sick people
- Avoiding touching one's eyes, nose or mouth

WHO RECOMMENDS ANNUAL VACCINATION FOR:

- pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy
- children aged between 6 months to 5 years
- elderly individuals (aged more than 65 years)
- individuals with chronic medical conditions
- health-care workers.

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Lucky Girl Syndrome

Lowri Dowthwaite-Walsh

If you're looking for ways to bring more positive changes into your life, TikTok recommends jumping on the "lucky girl syndrome" trend. The hashtag links countless videos, all claiming this new form of positive thinking can help you achieve your goals.

If you haven't already come across one of these videos, many of them involve young women declaring themselves to be "so lucky" – using affirmations such as: "I am so lucky, everything my heart desires will come to me."

Many of the videos give examples of recent fortunate events that have occurred on the back of using these positive affirmations: they may have received an unexpected windfall of money, got a golden job opportunity or enjoyed the holiday of a lifetime. But while this trend may have started with the best of intentions, it could actually do more harm than good.

Lucky girl syndrome is just the latest interpretation of the "law of assumption", which proposes that when we act as though what we want is already our reality – and believe it – then we are rewarded with the things we most desire in life.

The law of assumption is quite similar to the popular law of attraction which emphasises the power of thoughts and beliefs – so what you believe becomes your reality. So if I believe that I'm successful and behave as a successful person, then I will be successful.

This type of "you-are-what-you-think" ideology is very persuasive



LUCKY GIRL SYNDROME IS JUST THE LATEST INTERPRETATION of the "law of assumption", which proposes that when we act as though what we want is already our reality – and believe it – then we are rewarded with the things we most desire in life

and popular because it's reminiscent of ancient wisdom. For example, Stoic philosophy suggests that the way we think about our situation determines our psychological state, not the situation itself. But unlike lucky girl manifesting, stoic philosophy also advocated for recognising that sometimes things don't go our way – and that this is an opportunity in itself to learn and grow.

Thinking your way to success sounds simple and its simplicity is appealing. But this is also the flaw of lucky girl syndrome. Although



research has found that successful people do have a positive mindset, it's not only their mindset that sets them apart.

For instance, a study of successful women leaders found they also work very hard, often sacrificing more pleasurable pastimes in favour of pursuing their goal. They also invest in relationships with others and prioritise learning and further education. So it isn't just luck that gets them to where they are.

Yet on the other hand, research does show that believing you're a lucky person is associated with a more

positive state of mind and a greater tendency for seeking out opportunities. People who consider themselves lucky are more likely to approach new situations with confidence and a sense of control and optimism.

This study also suggested that this sense of being lucky promotes positive goal-oriented behaviour, such as a commitment to working towards your desired future.

Misplaced optimism

There is perhaps more of a dark side to lucky girl syndrome, which is hinted at in its name – seeing as it's called a syndrome not an ap-

proach, and particularly because it's aimed at women. Most videos on the topic talk purely of manifesting through thinking – there isn't much emphasis on action.

They suggest that what you put out to the universe is what you will get in return. So if you think you're poor or unsuccessful, this is what you'll get back. Obviously this is quite an unhelpful message, which likely won't do much for the self-esteem of people who don't feel particularly lucky – let alone those facing significant hardship.

Future daydreaming, fantasy

and visualisation is a normal and healthy thing we all do. According to research, we think about our futures twice as much as we think about our past. Thinking about our future allows us to explore and visualise all sorts of possibilities, predict our future based on our past experiences and plan strategies to meet our goals.

No doubt we can all benefit from creating a more positive, healthy mindset that will help us create a better future for ourselves.

But instead of asking the universe for more wealth, success and power, perhaps we should ask for more compassion, kindness and support from ourselves and for each other. Focusing on these human qualities is associated with greater life satisfaction than striving purely for material gain.

Instead of "lucky girl syndrome", if you want to change your mindset and be more positive, why not try loving kindness meditation.

This form of meditation encourages you to focus on compassion towards yourself, others and the world. Studies have found that engaging in compassion-focused meditation increases positive emotions, social connectedness and self-awareness.

Studies have also found that connecting with others and sharing our hopes for the future can lead to better goal attainment and personal success. So instead of sitting alone manifesting, get out there and share your dreams with others.

By arrangements with The Conversation

Mere Breach Of Contract Cannot Give Rise To Criminal Prosecution For Cheating: SC

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court has said a mere breach of contract cannot give rise to criminal prosecution for cheating and dishonest intention has to be shown right at the beginning of the transaction.

A bench of Justices A S Oka and Rajesh Bindal said only the allegation of failure to keep a promise will not be sufficient for initiating criminal proceedings.

"A breach of contract does not give rise to criminal prosecution for cheating unless the fraudulent or dishonest intention is shown right at the beginning of the transaction. Merely on the allegation of failure to keep up promise will not be enough to initiate criminal proceedings," the bench said.

The court made the observations while setting aside an order of the Punjab and Haryana high court which had refused to quash an FIR against a man under Sections 420 (cheating), 120 B (criminal conspiracy) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code in a case of sale of land.

The top court was hearing a plea filed by Sarabjit Kaur challenging the high court order.

Kaur had entered into an agreement to purchase a plot of land on May 27, 2013 with Malkit Kaur, wife of Surrender Singh.

She then entered into an



agreement to sell the same land to the wife of Darshan Singh for which she received a sum of Rs 5 lakh and later another Rs 75,000.

After the agreement was not executed, Darshan Singh filed a complaint against property dealers Manmohan Singh and Ranjit Singh.

In the complaint, Darshan Singh made reference to two other transactions entered into by him and sought recovery of Rs 29,39,500 from the property dealers.

The complaint was investigated and in 2016, finally, it was held that the dispute being civil in nature no police action was required.

Darshan Singh made another complaint with the same allegations without disclosing the fate of his earlier complaint and later, an FIR was filed against appellant Sarabjit Kaur, Manmohan

Singh and Ranjit Singh.

The top court said from the facts available on record it is evident that Darshan Singh had improved his case ever since the first complaint was filed in which there were no allegations against Sarabjit Kaur.

The apex court said the entire idea seemed to be to convert a civil dispute into a criminal dispute and put pressure on the appellant for returning the amount allegedly paid.

"The criminal Courts are not meant to be used for settling scores or pressurise parties to settle civil disputes. Wherever ingredients of criminal offences are made out, criminal courts have to take cognizance," it said.

The apex court said the complaint in question on the basis of which FIR was registered was filed nearly three years after the last date fixed for registration of the sale deed.

CBI QUESTIONING OF RABRI DEVI

Oppn Parties Attack Govt, BJP Says, RJD Prez 'Reaping What He Has Sown'

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New Delhi/Patna, Mar 6 (PTI) The questioning of former Bihar chief minister Rabri Devi by the CBI at her residence in Patna on Monday triggered furious reactions from the opposition parties which accused the BJP of "suppressing" the voice of opposition, while the saffron party said RJD president Lalu Prasad was "reaping what he had sown".

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also alleged that the opposition leaders who are not ready to bow before the BJP are being "harassed" through the Enforcement Directorate and the Central Bureau of Investigation.

"Today Rabri Devi ji is being harassed. Lalu Prasad ji and his family have been harassed for years because they did not bow down," Priyanka Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi.

BJP wants to "suppress" the voice of the opposition, she alleged.

Lashing out at the government, Rabri Devi's son and Bihar Deputy chief minister Tejashwi Yadav said the CBI team's visit to the residence of his mother was a result of his family's "relentless opposition to the ruling BJP at the Centre".

"It is an open secret that probe agencies are acting against political opponents of the BJP and helping those who



agree to align with that party. Examples of Ajit Pawar in Maharashtra and Mukul Roy in West Bengal are proof," the RJD leader told reporters outside the Bihar assembly.

He, however, declined to comment about the "timing" of the CBI action that came a day after nine opposition leaders wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, protesting the arrest of Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia and alleged misuse of central probe agencies. Tejashwi Yadav was also a signatory.

Denying any political vendetta, the BJP asserted that the CBI was "doing its job as an independent agency" and Prasad was "reaping what he had sown".

Jibesh Kumar Mishra, a BJP leader and a former minister, said, "Lalu Prasad was first convicted in a fodder scam case in 2013, when the Congress-led UPA, of which his party was a

part, ruled the Centre."

"The CBI is an independent agency doing its job. Allegations of political vendetta are baseless. Lalu Prasad and his family are reaping what he has sown (jaisi karni vaisi bharni)," the BJP leader added.

The CBI questioned Rabri Devi and has issued notice to her husband and former railway minister Lalu Prasad in connection with the further probe in the land-for-jobs scam case, officials said.

At a press conference here, Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinete said, "we condemn the CBI raid at Rabri Devi's residence because it is no coincidence that ED cases have increased four times since 2014 and 95 per cent cases are against the Opposition leaders."

"Your ED, CBI, Income Tax department, Department of

Revenue Intelligence, do not visit (Gautam) Adani's residence. No notice is served on Adani. Lakhs of crores worth of drugs are found in Mundra port and no Narcotics Control Bureau raid takes place, there is no discussion," she said.

Former Congress leader, Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal said the questioning was a means to harass Tejashwi Yadav.

"CBI heat on Lalu. We all know the fragile state of his health. To pressurise Tejashwi. The more the government does this, the more the people will turn against this government," he said in a tweet.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal termed the CBI action "humiliating".

"Raids going on members of the opposition are humiliating...This is becoming a trend in states governed by the opposition, to halt their working. They use ED, CBI & Governor to trouble them...A nation can only move forward when everyone works together," he said while responding to a question on CBI action against Rabri Devi.

Another BJP leader Nitin Nabin, a former state minister, said the RJD leader's brush with the central agency was a long one.

"Lalu Prasad's brush with the CBI has been long. The fodder scam cases in which he has been convicted were lodged much before the BJP came into the picture," he said.

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Commitment To

the young generation from the community," he said.

"PoJK is an integral part of India. Commitment made in Parliament regarding PoJK will soon be fulfilled by the blessings of Mata Vaishno Devi and Baba Amarnath," he added.

Maintaining that the development of new J&K is incomplete without complete integration of PoJK displaced persons in the mainstream development, the LG said that his administration is committed to ensuring the welfare and well-being of all so they can realize their true potential & contribute in nation building.

"We had started outreach programmes in 2021 for families living outside UT so that no one is left behind in any welfare scheme & focusing on skilling, self employment, social assistance, scholarships, sports, financial inclusion to aid economic development & financial stability" he said.

Sinha also lauded Prime Minister's Mantra of "Vanchito ko Variyata" saying it was the guiding force of his developmental journey.

"In the last 30 months, we have ensured governance is inclusive, transparent, effective and accountable and provides equal benefit & equal opportunity to all, he added.

Referring to the abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, the LG said that the PM on August 5, 2019 ended the decades-long injustice, and provided equal opportunities to Valmiki, Gorkha, Safai Karamcharis communities and displaced persons.

"Families from West Pakistan were facing discrimination for many decades. Several communities were denied voting rights and other rights of citizens as enshrined in the constitution. Many generations were treated as second-class citizens. After August 2019, they were given equal rights and equal opportunities are being provided to all," he added.

The LG also expressed gratitude to the Home Minister for making 7 sub-schemes an Umbrella Scheme under "Relief and Rehabilitation of Migrants and Repatriates" and extending the welfare schemes till 2025-26.

"More than 21,000 domicile certificates were issued through camps in Delhi, Chandigarh, Himachal, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand. We will continuously run such camps in Jammu Kashmir and other states/UTs so that all the affected families can get the benefits of government welfare schemes," he said.

"Under 'One Time Central Assistance' for the Displaced Persons of PoJK, 33,636 cases were approved and an amount of Rs 1452.33 crore was distributed. This scheme ended on 30 March last year. Somehow, more than 5000 families could not submit the claim within the time frame. The issue will be taken up with the Central Government" he added.

Assuring that all pending issues of PoJK's displaced families will be resolved, Sinha urged the talented youth to avail the benefits of youth-oriented programmes run by the government.

"Mission youth will extend benefits of all 17 schemes. The Sports Council will provide opportunities and all possible help to the promising players in various sports disciplines," he added.

India Can Become

opportunities in various sectors.

"For the new opportunities being created in the country, we need to create skilled manpower on a large scale. India can achieve the target of becoming the third-largest economy only by skilling its youth," he said.

India became the world's fifth-largest economy last year.

"We are trying to see that benefits of skill development reach each and every section of society, be it Dalits, tribals or women. We are focussing on how everyone gets equal opportunity to grow," he said.

According to Modi, his government's "holistic approach" of development is creating a large number of jobs in the country.

"Today, nearly 90,000 start-ups are functioning in the country, that too in tier-II and tier-III cities. Apart from creating new employment opportunities, these start-ups are inspiring lakhs of youths to take up self-employment. The government is providing them financial

assistance without any bank guarantee," the PM pointed out.

In his address to the gathering through video conference, Modi highlighted schemes like Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana and Stand-Up India and said they have helped in promoting self-employment in the country.

The PM said the focus of this government is to create employment opportunities even in those sectors which have remained neglected after the country's independence.

Turning his attention to his home state, Modi said nearly 18 lakh youths received jobs through employment exchanges during the last few years in Gujarat, ruled by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

"During the last five years, the Gujarat government gave jobs to 1.5 lakh youths. Moreover, nearly 18 lakh youths received jobs through employment exchanges during the last few years in Gujarat... I am told the Gujarat government has planned to give government jobs to 25,000 youths this year," said the PM.

At "Rozgar Mela", attended by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, more than 2,500 newly inducted youths were handed over appointment letters for Class 2 and class 3 government posts.

Modi said "Keeping in mind the changing nature of jobs, we are constantly preparing our youth. And, ITIs (Industrial Training Institutes) are playing a crucial role in this endeavour."

"In Gujarat alone, nearly 2 lakh youths are being trained in various skills in nearly 600 ITIs. This training programme has been updated as per requirements of the industry. I am happy that ITI placements were fairly good in Gujarat," he stated.

The PM asserted the Centre and states ruled by the BJP and its allies are squarely focused on providing employment.

"I am happy that all departments of the central government along with state governments of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) are working tirelessly to provide employment to the maximum number of youths," Modi said in his address.

The PM said the focus of his government is to create a maximum number of employment

opportunities through infrastructure and development projects, by promoting manufacturing, creating a suitable environment for self-employment, giving financial assistance to youths without bank guarantee and skilling them.

"In Gujarat alone, the central government's projects worth Rs 1.5 lakh crore are under progress. In this year's Union budget, we have allocated Rs 10 lakh crore for developing infrastructure. This investment is creating lakhs of jobs. Experts from across the world believe that India will become the world's biggest manufacturing hub," said Modi.

Gujarat will play an important role in making India a global manufacturing hub, he said.

An upcoming railway locomotive factory in tribal-dominated Dahod district and a new semiconductor manufacturing facility near Ahmedabad will create thousands of new jobs, said the Prime Minister.

Bhandari Posted

Rasheed Shah, IAS (AGMUT:2012), Administrative Secretary, Culture Department, holding additional charge of Chief Executive Officer, Economic Reconstruction Agency, J&K, is transferred and posted as Administrative Secretary, Tourism Department relieving Sarmad Hafeez, IAS, of the additional charge of the post."

It reads he shall also hold the charge of Administrative Secretary, Culture Department and Chief Executive Officer, Economic Reconstruction Agency, J&K, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Govt Mulls

"Gulmarg, Kashmir Golf clubs are the second oldest after Calcutta. Our golf clubs are not merely real estate as GOI (Union government) is treating the state but an essential part of our identity and heritage," she added.

If the present administration finds its maintenance difficult "because of its inherent inefficiency and agenda", it should focus on improving the organisation running golf courses and hire experts from anywhere, Mufti said.

The PDP chief said whether in Jammu or in

Kashmir, "selling" golf courses is unacceptable "as we have witnessed that this outsourcing generally ends up in ownerships and (is) irreversible".

She said on one hand, poor people "are being hounded" out of what has been their assets for generations, and on the other, premier assets are up for sale.

"The August 5 decision led to rampant exploitation of land resources, jobs, and rivers in the region, with outsiders being given preference over locals. This has resulted in a rise in unemployment, drug abuse, mafia activities, environmental degradation and above all dispossession and disempowerment of locals," Mufti said.

Admin Addressing

the land grabbers, he said, the government is committed to protect the poor and that the people need not to panic at all.

Div Com said the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha is on record as having said that the poor masses will not be touched.

"Why do people cast doubts if things stand clarified? The LG has said on record that poor masses will not be touched. It means nothing will happen. Administration is committed to protect the poor and we appeal to people not to panic at all," he added.

Regarding the inconvenience people face due to the ongoing work being undertaken in Srinagar as part of the Smart City project, Div Com said: "People will have to face a little bit of inconvenience till April 15, which has been set as a deadline for all the ongoing projects under Smart City ahead of G-20 Travelers Track meeting to be hosted in Srinagar"

Bidhuri said the work on Smart City projects is carried out in night shifts as well to make sure the inconvenience that people face at the moment is minimized.

"We appeal to people to bear and cooperate with the administration till all the projects being undertaken as part of Smart City mission are completed. They might face difficulties till the situation gets better on the ground," he added.

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

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Amshipura Staged Encounter

Mehbooba Welcomes Army Court Recommendation

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SRINAGAR: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti Monday welcomed an Army court's decision to recommend life imprisonment for a captain of the force in connection with the killing of three labourers in a "staged" encounter in Amshipura area of Shopian district in 2020.

She expressed hope that an impartial probe would also be ordered into the Lawaypora and Hyderpora encounters that took place in 2021.

Retweeting a news report on the development, the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said, "Recommended punishment of life imprisonment for Captain involved in Amshipura fake encounter is a welcome step towards creating accountability in such cases. Hope an impartial probe is also ordered in Lawaypora and Hyderpora encounters to prevent the repetition of such ghastly incidents (sic)."

Completing general court-martial proceedings in less than a year, an Army court has recommended life imprisonment for a captain in connection with the killing of three men in a "staged" encounter in Amshipura in south Kashmir in July 2020, officials said Sunday.

Captain Bhoopendra Singh was subjected to court martial after a Court of Inquiry and Summary of Evidence found that troops had "exceeded" powers vested under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), they said.

The life sentence is subject to confirmation by higher army authorities, the officials said.

Later, while discussing the Army court's recommendation with various party leaders, Mehbooba said it is a positive step towards upholding the rule of law and ensuring justice for the victims.



"It sends a strong message that such acts of violence and abuse of power by those in uniform will not be tolerated," she added.

For ensuring accountability and inculcating a proactive will for responsibility and justice among security forces, Mehbooba said this case highlights the need for better accountability and oversight mechanisms within the armed forces to prevent such incidents from happening.

"Going forward, it is crucial that the armed forces take concrete steps to ensure that their personnel adhere to the highest standards of professionalism and ethical conduct," she said.

That the accused was able to commit such a heinous crime and pass off innocent civilians as militants raise serious concerns about the "culture of impunity and lack of accountability that often pervades within the military", the PDP chief said.

To build trust between the civilian population and the military and work towards a peaceful and just society, Mehbooba sought conducting thorough investigations into Lawaypora and Hyderpora encounters and holding the perpetrators accountable for their actions.

She also pinned her hopes on the investigating agencies to probe the recent case, in which the body of Rashid Dar of Kunan village in Kupwara was found in a forest "after he went missing in army custody two months earlier".

Rs 3.96L Cash Seized From Gamblers

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police on Monday claimed to have arrested 10 gamblers and recovered an amount of nearly Rs 4 lakh from their possession in South Kashmir's Pulwama district.

A team of cops from Pulwama police station carried out a raid in Chewa Kharud village of the district and arrested 10 gamblers from the spot, a police spokesperson said. Besides playing cards, he said, an amount of Rs 3, 96,200 cash was recovered

from the gamblers.

Police identified the accused as Mohd Ashraf Bhat, Gulzar Ahmad Bhat, Imtiyaz Ahmad Bhat, Mushtaq Ahmad Wani, Feroz Ahmad Malik, Ashiq Ahmad Sofi, Mehraj Ahmad Malla, Anwar ul Haq, Tariq Ahmad Sheikh and Younis Ahmad Zargar.

"Accordingly, the spokesperson said, a case vide FIR No. 45/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Pulwama and further investigation has been initiated.

DC Kulgam Reviews Progress On Implementation Of ABDP

Observer News Service

KULGAM: In order to review the progress made with regard to implementation of Aspirational Block Development Programme (ABDP) in Manzagam and D. K. Marg blocks, a meeting was held Monday under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, here.

At the outset, the DC took a detailed sector wise review of the activities being carried out by the concerned Departments in both the Blocks under ABDP based on 10 performance indicators covering various aspects of Poverty, Health, Nutrition, Education and Basic Infrastructure development of the concerned Block.

The DC exhorted upon the officers of line departments to work more efficiently to bring improvements on key indicators of development in these two nominated blocks of the district.

He further asked the concerned Departments to adopt best practices to get tangible results on ground in a time bound manner.

The DC directed departments to achieve 100 percent satura-



tion of individual beneficiary schemes, besides, covering the scope of other welfare schemes of different departments.

During the meeting, an effective mechanism for timely collection of data and other aspects of APDP for Aspirational panchayats was also discussed.

The DC instructed BDOs and other concerned to register young volunteers for formulation of youth clubs. He said these Youth Clubs provide an opportunity for the young generation to contribute to society and achieve self-growth under Mission Youth initiative. As energetic and vibrant partners of Panchayats and District Administration, these clubs are ensuring that governance effectively reaches to the grassroots level, DC added.

Avalanche Alert In Bandipora

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Management Authority (JKDMA) on Monday issued a 'low' danger level avalanche warning over higher reaches of north Kashmir's Bandipora district for next 24 hours.

The DMA said that a 'low'

danger level avalanche is likely to occur above 2400 metres above sea level in the district.

People living in these areas have been in the meantime advised to take precautions and avoid venturing in the avalanche prone areas till further orders.

Tenants, Domestic Workers Under Lens In Doda

Admin Seeks Details Of All Outsiders Residing In The District

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In an aim to maintain peace in the district, the authorities in Doda on Monday ordered all outsiders, including tenants and domestic workers to register themselves at the local police station.

These directions were passed in a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan with Magistrates and police officers here on Monday to review the law and order situation in the district, an official spokesperson said.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Abdul Qayoom, Additional Deputy Commissioners (ADCs), SDMs, SDPOs, Tehsildars and other concerned officers also attended the meeting.

The spokesperson said that the officers of civil and police administration gave detailed feedback to the DM and SSP about the basic concerns of the people in their respective jurisdictions.

"The meeting held threadbare discussion on various issues with regard to the security measures and decided to formulate an action plan to maintain peace in the district," he said.

Besides, he said, retrieval of government land illegally occupied by encroachers was



also discussed and the stakeholder departments were asked to ensure the maintenance of the possession of the retrieved land.

"Measures to fight drug menace, prevention of bovine smuggling and maintaining communal harmony and peace in the district were discussed in detail. Keeping a close check on illegal constructions, illegal mining, and intensifying anti encroachment drives was also stressed upon," the spokesperson said.

Mahajan, he said, instructed to seize the vehicles used in the illegal activities, keep track of history sheeters and initiate strict action against violators of restrictions imposed under Section 144 Cr PC and other sections by the authorities.

The Magistrates, the spokesperson said, were asked to check the schools, health insti-

tutions, and other offices and take action against malpractices in exams, absenteeism, and corrupt practices.

"He ordered for registration of beggars/ donations collectors, sadhus from outside the district. He further directed to get the complete details of tenants, domestic helpers and other outsiders residing in the district," he added

According to the spokesperson, the SSP stressed on addressing and keeping an eye on the small social and other kinds of issues to avoid law and order situations.

"He laid emphasis on maintaining close coordination between police and civil administration for eradicating social evils and efficient tackling of law and order situation, including drug addiction/ trafficking in the district," he added.

Scrutiny Of Ration Card Holders Falling In AAY, PHH Category Begins

Verification Process To Be Completed In One Month: Dir FCS&CA

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The government on Monday said that the process to scrutinize over seven lakh ration card holders falling in the category of AAY and PHH in the Valley.

Director Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Abdul Salam Mir said that the process to identify the undeserving families who have been categorized in AAY and PHH has been started. "We have directed the officers to complete the process across Kashmir within the period of one month," he said.

He added that a total of 1.5 lakh families fall in AAY cate-



gory while nearly 5 lakh families fall in PHH category. "We have been identifying the families, who don't deserve to be

in AAY and PHH categories and they are accordingly added in APL category," he said.

Director FCS&CA further said the employees who are found involved in providing AAY and PHH ration cards to the undeserving families are also being taken to the task.

He said in case any family does not deserve for AAY and PHH category, they should voluntarily surrender their ration cards to ensure that the poor families are benefitted. "Surrendering the ration cards voluntarily will not only save our time, but would also help in ensuring benefits to the poor and downtrodden families within the society," he said—(KNO)

President MC Handwara Faces Probe For 'Misconduct'

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In a significant move, the Jammu & Kashmir Government has ordered an enquiry into the alleged misconduct of the president Municipal Committee, Handwara.

In an order, the Housing & Urban Development Department has ordered an enquiry into the alleged misconduct of the president of Municipal Committee Handwara.

The enquiry has been ordered under section 26 of Jammu & Kashmir Municipal Council Act-2000 which em-

powers the Government to remove a president or vice-President from his office on the ground of abuse of his powers or of habitual failure to perform his duties.

Earlier, Jammu & Kashmir Government had removed president Municipal Committee Awantipora after an inquiry confirmed allegations against him.

According to the order, the government has ordered If-tikhar Ahmed, in-charge, Chief Town Planner, Town Planning Organisation to conduct a detailed inquiry into the alleged

misconduct of President MC Handwara.

"As a principle of natural justice, a reasonable opportunity of being heard shall be afforded to the president concerned," the order states.

The inquiry officer has been directed to submit his report within 15 days of issuance of the order.

In September last year, the J&K Government removed Bilal Ahmad Bhat, President, Municipal Committee, Awantipora from his office on the grounds of abuse of his official powers—(KNO)

Molester Held In Kishtwar: Police

JAMMU: A young man has been arrested in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on charges of molestation and hooliganism, after he allegedly made a false claim of being abducted by cops, police said on Monday.

The arrest of a twenty year old followed an investigation into a video on social media in which he was heard claiming that some police officials beat him up and snatched his mobile phone and Rs 20,000 cash, an official spokesperson said.

He said Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Khalil Poswal took serious note of the video and constituted a special squad to probe the allegation.

During the inquiry, the official said, it was found that accused had actually been booked for molestation on a complaint from a resident of Lalpatan village and had made the video to save his image by concocting a story that he was kidnapped by some policemen.

UP Resident Killed In Accident

SRINAGAR: A 21-year-old from Uttar Pradesh was among two persons succumbing to their injuries caused in separate road mishaps in Bijbehara and Sopore, officials said on Monday.

Quoting an official, news agency GNS reported that one Sonu Ansari, son of Riyasat Ansari, a resident of Uttar Pradesh, at present at Bijbehara was fatally hit by a tempo vehicle on Sunday at Sangam in Bijbehara area of Anantnag.

The man was evacuated from the site to a nearby hospital, from where he was referred to SKIMS Soura where he succumbed to his injuries this morning, they said.

Confirming it, a police official said that they have registered a case into the incident even as having arrested the accused driver.

In another such incident, a resident of Baramulla, who had sustained injuries on Sunday, succumbed to his injuries this morning.

The deceased has been identified as Fayaz Ahmad Shagoo, a resident of Azad Gunj Baramulla.

Kupwara Residents Asked To Update Aadhaar

Observer News Service
KUPWARA: Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray on Monday asked the officials of district administration to conduct mass awareness about the general public regarding updation of Aadhaar cards who have not updated them since last 8 years.

The DC asked officers, including District Programme Officer, ICDS, Kupwara; all Tehsildars and BDOs of the district, Chief Executive Officer/ Executive Officers of MC Kupwara, MC Handwara and Langate to conduct mass awareness about Aadhaar card updation, an official spokesperson said.

"It has further been informed that people can update their Aadhaar with valid supporting documents viz. proof of identity, proof of address, mobile Number and email Id, either online through My-Aadhaar Portal or offline by visiting the nearest Aadhaar Centre," he added



Mohammad Aslam Takes Charge As Jt Director Info Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Mohammad Aslam (JKAS) on Monday assumed the charge of Joint Director Information Kashmir in presence of Deputy Director (PR) Srinagar, Bilal Mukhtar and other senior officers/ officials of divisional office at Srinagar.

The officers and officials extended warm welcome to the Joint Director on assuming the charge of the division.

Mr. Mohammad Aslam has previously served as Project Officer Wage Employment, (ACD)

Anantnag; Deputy Director Estates, Kashmir and Joint Director Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Kashmir.

After assuming charge, the incumbent Joint Director held an introductory meeting with officers and officials of the department during which he took overview of the functioning of the department.

Speaking on the occasion, he impressed on the employee to ensure punctuality and regularity in duty, besides, he also asked them to perform their assigned work with vibrant attitude and dedication.

LG, Advisor Bhatnagar Greet People On Holi

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha and his advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Monday greeted the people on the joyous occasion of Holi.

In a message, the Lt Governor said that the festival of colours symbolises the spirit of togetherness and harmony.

"Holi inspires us to rejoice in the grandeur of existence and in all its varied colours. May the joy and colour touch the lives of all, strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and usher in peace, prosperity and

happiness for all," the Lt Governor said.

LG's Advisor also greeted people on the occasion of Holi.

In his greeting message, Advisor Bhatnagar said that this festival heralds the onset of spring season and reflects cultural mosaic of our country. "Holi is an occasion to rejoice in the glory of nature in all its vibrant colours and symbolizes our nation's spirit of unity, harmony and cultural diversity", Advisor said.

The Advisor also prayed for peace, progress and prosperity of entire Jammu and Kashmir.

'International Women's Day' Celebrated At Baramulla

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: In connection with International Women's Day, the District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) Baramulla in collaboration with District Administration on Monday organised a colourful

istration in implementation of these schemes. He also highlighted various steps taken by the district administration towards women empowerment.

During the function, various speakers while highlighting the significant role played by women in social, economic,



function at Dak Bungalow here to mark its celebration.

The function was presided over by the Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Baramulla, Safeena Beigh as chief guest.

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Baramulla, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf; Chief Education officer Baramulla, Balbir Singh Raina besides Women participants from ICDS, Education, Health and Sports were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC Chairperson highlighted the role of women in nation building. She also threw light on the rights of women and discussed various centrally sponsored women centric welfare schemes that are aimed at providing hand-holding to the women to make them self-reliant and urged the female folk to avail benefit of these schemes.

Safeena Beigh highlighted the role of Panchayat Raj Institutions in creating awareness about these schemes at grassroots level so that more females are empowered by these schemes. She asserted that the economically independent women is the first major step towards empowerment of women and urged the females to avail benefit of schemes aimed for establishing their own income generating unit.

ADDC while speaking on the occasion sought support of PRIs in creating awareness regarding women specific schemes besides assured full support from district admin-

political, educational and judicial fronts said that mass awareness about the rights of women and to acknowledge their achievements is the need of the hour.

Meanwhile, a felicitation ceremony was organized to felicitate and honour the female mates who have shown exemplary services in different fields. A good number of Women were given certificates of appreciation along with mementos.

Later, the Chairperson DDC Baramulla in a separate meeting with all district and sectoral officers took a holistic and sector wise review of all developmental works taken up under the Area Development Plan (ADP) and other schemes of the Rural Development Department (RDD).

On the occasion, the Chairperson DDC took a comprehensive and scheme wise review of all the works wherein the concerned officers briefed the chair about the current physical and financial position.

During the meeting, the status of works allotted, tendered, taken up and completed so far under PRIs, BDCs/DDC Grants were discussed with the chair.

After taking a thorough review, the Chairperson DDC directed the officers to scale up efforts and put extra energy for completing all ongoing work well within the stipulated time frame. She also set a fixed timeline for completion of some of the works and applauded some of the officers who had achieved their targets within the set time.



Downtown Heroes Name Hilal Paray As New Head Coach

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Downtown Heroes FC have acquired veteran coach Hilal Rasool Paray as their new head coach, the club announced on Saturday.

Hilal is the only pro-licensed coach in J&K and has contributed largely towards the success of football in the region.

As Downtown Heroes recently qualified for the 2nd Division I-League, Hilal's goal would be to help them make a mark in the very first season. Hilal also coached the team through the 2nd Division qualifiers earlier this year.

Shakib Shines As Bangladesh Deny England Clean Sweep

Agencies

Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan delivered with bat and ball as they beat England by 50 runs in the third one-day international to earn a consolation win and deny the tourists a clean sweep in Chattogram on Monday.

After top scoring with the bat to score 75 runs and help Bangladesh post 246, he returned with the ball to finish with figures of 4-35 as the 35-year-old became the first Bangladesh player to take 300 ODI wickets.

England's openers Jason Roy and Phil Salt laid the foundation for the run-chase with a 54-run partnership before the tourists lost three quick wickets.

James Vince, Sam Curran and Jos Buttler also got starts but wickets fell at regular intervals as Shakib dismissed three of the top four batsmen.

Shakib almost capped his performance with a five-wicket haul when he trapped Jofra Archer lbw with his final delivery but the England pacer successfully reviewed the decision before Chris Woakes became the last wicket to fall in the next over.

England will next play Bangladesh in three Twenty20 matches starting on Thursday.

4th Test: Smith To Lead Australia As Cummins Stays With Unwell Mother



PM Modi To Attend 4th Test Alongside Aussie PM

Press Trust of India

AHMEDABAD: Steve Smith will lead Australia in the fourth and final Test against India as regular captain Pat Cummins remains with his unwell mother back home.

Smith had captained the side in Indore in Cummins' absence. Cummins had flown back home after the Delhi Test to be with his mother who is in palliative care.

Cricknet.com.au reported that Cummins will remain in Sydney.

Three ODIs follow the final Test and a decision on Cummins' participation in those games will be taken later.

Smith had captained Australia to a nine-wicket win in Indore last week. India lead the series 2-1 and need a win to qualify for the World Test Championship final.

With the win in Indore, Australia secured their qualification for the WTC summit clash in London in June.

Smith, who captained Australia to their first win in India in six years, had enjoyed leading the side but said it was very Cummins' team.

"My time is done. It's Pat's team now. I've obviously been able to stand in this week, obviously in tough circumstances with Patty going home. Our thoughts are still with him back home.

"But India is a part of the world I love captaining ... it's probably my favourite place in the world to captain. Every ball is an event and therefore can dictate what happens after, which is something that I really love and you've got to be ahead of the game.

"So I thought I did it well this week and it was good fun," Smith had said after the nine-wicket win in Indore.

The website also reported that Nathan Ellis has replaced injured Jhye Richardson in the Australia squad for ODIs beginning March 17.

Hearing & Speech Impaired Bandipora Youth Inspires Others

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Amir Rouf, a native of Bandipora in north Kashmir who is hearing and speech impaired, has not allowed his physical limitations to prevent him from achieving his aspirations, setting an example for individuals who desire to pursue their dreams. He attended the Deaf and Dumb School in Rambagh Srinagar, central Kashmir, where he completed his 10th grade.

Amir now lives in the Bemina neighbourhood of the city, where his grandfather migrated from Bandipora. Amir believes that handicaps should not be an impediment to achieving one's goals. He is driven to succeed

ter that, he got admission to an Auto CADD course at the Government Polytechnic College, Gogji-Bagh, Srinagar.

Aside from academics, Amir participated in sports activities to instil passion, stamina, and the will to achieve goals.

"I participated in Taekwondo championships in early childhood. I represented Jammu and Kashmir and later India in the Deaf & Dumb Cricket team," he said.

He also said, "Besides participation in the Deaf and Mute IPL 2014 in Jalandar (Punjab), I represented J&K in cricket, volleyball, chess, and skiing in Gulmarg, Kolkata, Punjab, Delhi, Hyderabad, and Bangalore."



and is aware of the secret talents God has bestowed upon him.

"Either in academics or in curricular activities, I have never given up before my disability. I want to rise, shine and become a torch bearer for those who have left their hope due to disabilities," Amir said.

Amir did his 12th from Shri Pratap Higher Secondary School, MA Road, Srinagar. According to Amir, he represented India in the OC-19 Winter Deaflympics held in Valtellina, Italy. To make ends meet, Amir is currently employed as a computer operator with the Cable Car Corporation Gulmarg Gondola.

"I have been working here since 2013 on a temporary basis," he said. However, being skilful, Amir deserves better than where he stands today. (ANI)

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