

## World Is Saying This Is 'India's Moment': PM Modi



### Press Trust Of India

**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the success of India's democracy and its institutions is hurting some people and that is why they are attacking it, in an apparent swipe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his criticism of the state of democracy in the country.

When the country is full of confidence and resolve, and intellectuals of the world are optimistic about India, talk of pessimism, showing the country in poor light and hurting the morale of the country also takes place, he said at the India Today Conclave.

"When something auspicious is happening, there is a tradition to apply 'kaala tika', so when

so many auspicious things are happening, some people have taken the responsibility to apply this 'kaala tika'," Modi said, without naming anyone.

His remarks come amid a political slugfest over Gandhi's remarks during his recent visit to the UK, with the BJP accusing him of maligning India on foreign soil and seeking foreign intervention.

Modi said India has shown the world democracy can deliver.

He said, "The success of India's democracy and its institutions is hurting some people and that is why they are attacking it."

Modi said he is confident that despite such attacks, the country will move **More on P6**

## 4 Bihar Residents Killed In Pulwama Bus Mishap

### Press Trust Of India

**Srinagar:** Four people hailing from Bihar were killed and 28 injured when their bus overturned in South Kashmir's Pulwama district on Saturday, officials said.

The incident took place on the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway in the Barsoo area of the south Kashmir district, they added.

Four passengers, all residents of Bihar, were killed in the accident, the officials said, adding that 28 passengers were injured, of whom 23 were rushed to various hospitals for treatment.

Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha **More on P6**

## SIA Raids Sarjan Barkati, 7 Others

### Press Trust Of India

**Srinagar:** The State Investigation Agency (SIA) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police carried out raids at eight places on Saturday in a case related to collection of funds by Maulvi Sarjan Barkati, the face of "anti-national" protests in 2016, and using the same for personal gains, officials said.

The SIA, a subsidiary of the Crime Investigation Department (CID) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, registered a case against Barkati earlier this year to probe the collection of funds as well as his "anti-national" speeches.

According to the officials, it is alleged that more than Rs 1.5 crore were **More on P6**

## J&K Exported Handicrafts Worth ₹729 Cr In 3 Months: LG

### Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Saturday that the handicraft sector in Jammu and Kashmir has recorded an unprecedented growth in the last three months registering Rs 729 crore worth export despite the instability in the global market.

Presenting the UT level award to the artisans at Raj Bhavan auditorium here on Saturday, the LG said that his administration has taken several important steps to boost the handicraft and handloom sector. He also congratulated all the award winners for their commendable service to



preserve and promote price-less cultural and artistic heritage.

"We are committed to provide training, design, technology, financial and other

infrastructure support that will significantly contribute to the growth of this sector and earnings of artisans," he added.

Sinha said that an unprecedented growth **More on P6**

## 'Panel To Dispel Fears About Vaishno Devi Ropeway'

Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said a committee has been formed to dispel apprehensions of Katra residents over the proposed ropeway project at Vaishno Devi shrine. Sinha, who is also the chairperson of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), was speaking to reporters after **More on P6**

## Conman's Arrest Leads To Political Slugfest In J&K

### Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** The arrest of a Gujarati conman for posing as a senior official in the Prime Minister's office (PMO), who led to a political slugfest in Jammu and Kashmir with two major regional parties National Conference (NC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) mocking the Union Territory administration and questioning its competence.

Kiran Patel, the fraudster

hailing from Gujarat posed as an additional director (strategy and campaigns) in the Prime Minister's Office and enjoyed many perks, including a bulletproof car and security cover besides other hospitality.

Hours before Patel's arrest, three of his accomplices who were accompanying him had managed to escape.

Patel was on this third visit to the Kashmir Valley when he was nabbed by security officials on March 3. **More on P6**



## 'Seditious' Article

## Charges Framed Against Editor, University Scholar

### Press Trust Of India

**Jammu:** In a first, a designated court here has framed charges against a journalist and a university scholar for writing and publishing a "seditious" article on a news portal.

The case against arrested journalist Peerzada Fahad Shah and Kashmir University scholar Abdul Ala Fazili was probed by the State Investigation Agency (SIA), which successfully brought it up to the stage of framing charges, an official said.

He said the special judge

designated under the NIA Act, Ashwani Kumar, framed the charges against Shah and Fazili on Thursday.

The case pertains to information received by the CIJ police station (SIA-Jammu) on April 4 last year, along with a copy of an article titled "The Shackles of Slavery Will Break", written by Fazili and published in digital magazine (portal) 'The Kashmir Walla' through its editor-in-chief-cum-director Shah, according to the official.

"The duo, **More on P6**

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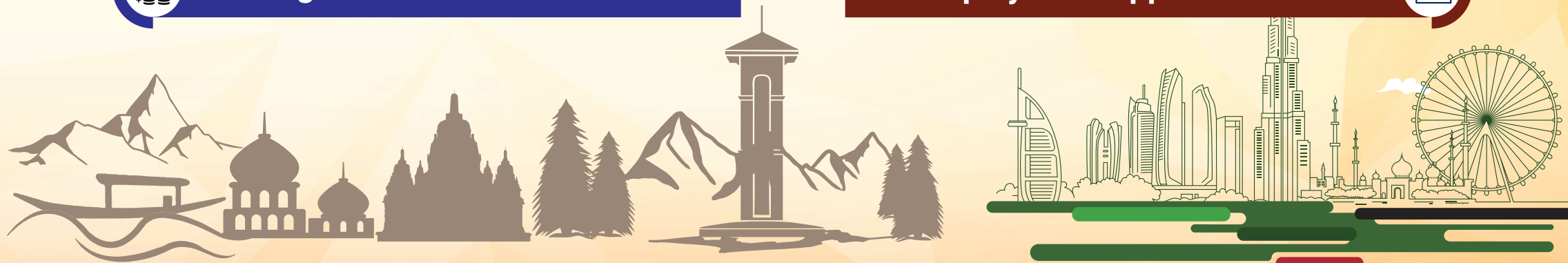


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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

E-NIT NO: 33/IDK/2022-23

For & on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor J&K U.T, e-tenders are invited (in single cover system ) "on Percentage basis" for the season 2023-24 from registered Contractors whose registration cards are valid in terms of standing rules for the following works:-

S. No.	Name of work	Advt. Cost (Rs.in lacs)	Earnest Money (Amt. in Rs)	Class of Contract	Time for Compl	Cost of tender Document	MHof Account	Tender Receiving authority
1	Restoration/checking of leakages on Nagam Ladi near RD 1050 mts by way of raising of lining wall, bed treatment and jacketing	0.60	1200	DEE	10 days	200/-	2702	Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Kulgam
2	Construction of lining wall on Kut Ladi at various spots	02.57	5140	DEE	12 days	300/-	2702	-do-
3	Clearance of silt from chrat Ladi	0.98	1960	DEE	10 days	200/-	2702	-do-
4	Clearance of silt from Kut Ladi	01.09	2180	DEE	10 days	200/-	2702	-do-
5	Clearance of silt from Dawak Ladi Chowgam including crate protection work at Khoshipora	02.92	5840	DEE	12 days	300/-	2702	-do-
6	Clearance of silt from Andrem ladi, Sopat Bang-hall ladi, Cheyan Adigam Ladi	0.66	1320	DEE	10 days	200/-	2702	-do-
7	Clearance of silt from Tethbui canal including clearance of silt from sumps of LIS Qasbi Devsar and Wangam Devsar	02.36	4720	DEE	10 days	200/-	2702	-do-
8	Clearance of silt from Razloo and Baytengoo Ladi	0.86	1720	DEE	10 days	200/-	2702	-do-
9	Clearance of mulba/ silt/ unhygienic materials and laying of crates on supply channel of levdoora ladi RD 0-2500 mts at spots	01.60	3200	DEE	10 days	200/-	2702	-do-
10	Re-sectioning and re-grading of Gurpai Ladi from 0 to 3500 mts at spots	02.60	5200	DEE	12 days	300/-	2702	-do-
11	Re-sectioning and re-grading of Yarhole Babapora ladi and Balhama Ladi Rd 0-1100 mts.	01.38	2760	DEE	10 days	200/-	2702	-do-
12	Silt clearance of Lov Ladi b/o Mav Khul at village laroo	0.624	1248	DEE	10 days	200/-	2702	-do-
13	Silt clearance of Phalikhun Mergladi b/o Mav Khul at village Sonigam	0.66	1320	DEE	10 days	200/-	2702	-do-
14	Silt clearance of paamarg ladi, b/o Mav Khul at village Bogam	0.35	700	DEE	10 days	200/-	2702	-do-
15	Restoration of cross bunds Awhatoo minor, Nun-mai Minor, Kadder Minor b/o Goorwan Khul	01.34	2680	DEE	10 days	200/-	2702	-do-
16	Silt clearance of watal minor b/o Dubji canal Dumble Parag b/o Sarbal canal pie khul b/o sarbal canal and Makie Khul b/o Sarbal Canal from Rd 0-850,0-900, 0-1000, 0-1800 respectively at spots.	01.24	2480	DEE	10 days	200/-	2702	-do-

Position of funds : Budgetary provision Available

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The bidding document and other details can be downloaded from the website: <http://tktenders.gov.in>

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), book of quantities (BOQ), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website: [WWW.tktenders.gov.in](http://WWW.tktenders.gov.in)

As per the Schedule of dates given below:

i.	Publishing date of NIT	10-03-2023
ii.	Download start date	10-03-2023 From 04:00 PM
iii.	Bid submission start date	10-03-2023 From 04:00 PM
iv.	Bid submission end date	20-03-2023 upto 04:00 PM
v.	Bid opening date	21-03-2023 at 11:00AM

2. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of tender document as specified in the table above and pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Kulgam. Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for six months after the opening of the bid. Bids will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Division Kulgam on 21-03-2023 at 11: 00 AM. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue in presence of the bidders who may wish to be present.

3. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents like Earnest Money in the form of CDWFT > Rltreasury challan (MH-0701/0702) GSTIN /Registration card duly renewed and the successful bidder i.e LI must submit the valid CDR/FDR/ Treasury Receipt, (in original) in the office of tender receiving authority after opening and declaration of successful bidder. Further the bidder must upload the contact details viz valid Phone No/ email ID.

4. The date of CDR/FDR should be between the start of bid and bid submission end date. The EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR of the successful bidder will be retained as performance security deposit till expiry of defect liability period, whereas the EMD of unsuccessful bidders will be returned latest by 30 days after award of the contract.

5. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.

6. The tenders shall remain valid for 90 days from the date of opening of bid.

7. As soon as the contract is fixed with the successful bidder, he has to enter into an agreement with the department. However, non-drawl of agree-ment will not prevent the contract from being enforced upon him.

8. The earnest money shall be forfeited if:-

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

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

c) The successful bidder fails to start the work within one week from the date of fixation of contract.

9. In case of bid of the lowest bidder is found unbalanced, he has to produce additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG before fixation of contract as per following break up:-

S.No.	%age of unbalanced bid viz. advertised cost on account of low rates	Additional performance security
1	Upto & including 15% below	Nil
2	Greater than 15% upto 20% below	5%
3	Greater than 20% & upto 25% below	10%
4	Greater than 25% upto 30% below	15%
5	Greater than 30% below	20%

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

11. Watch & ward of depl. Material issued for the work (s) shall be exclusively the responsibility of the successful contractor/bidder & in the event of any loss/theft of the materials, the same shall be the responsibility of the bidder, the cost thereof shall be recovered from the bidder @ double the stock issue rates.

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

13. The taxes viz. Income tax, Service tax & Cess shall be deducted from the bidder's claims as admissible under rules.

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

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

16. If the bidder does not quote rate for any item of the BOQ, such item/items shall be deemed to be the part of the overall/total contract value and no rate shall be allowed for such item/items.

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

18. Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e- tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as LI after opening of financial bids as per the Finance department's No: Q.MNO; A/24 (2017) -651 Dtd; 07/06/2018

19. Contractor/ Bidder who fails to submit the hard copies for their uploaded tenders will be debarred from participating in the tendering process for a period of six months in the first instance. Their online tenders will not be considered for the said period and CDR / DD uploaded for the work shall be forfeited. (Circular vide Chief Engineer Kmrl & FC Deptt Srinagar's No 3155-90/13 Dt; 14/12/2013)

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

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

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

23. In case the executing agency shall fail to complete the work within the stipulated time, the penalty upto 10% of the contract value shall be imposed on account of delayed completion.

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

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No: 9142-51

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**R/o Pirbagh, Srinagar.**

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## From The Principal District Judge, Srinagar

Present : Mr. Jawad Ahmad

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**Widow of late mohd Shafi Teli**  
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V/S

1. **Shahid Shafi Teli**
2. **Sajid Shafi Teli**
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nj Principal District Judge Srinagar

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## Fire Damages Two Residential Houses in Narbal

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Two residential houses were damaged in an overnight blaze at Narbal area on the outskirts of Srinagar.

An official while confirming the incident said, fire broke out in one of the residential houses in Kali Mohallah Narbal during the night intervening Saturday.

Soon after noticing the flames, locals and police reached the spot and informed the Fire and Emergency Services department,

following which the fire tenders reached the spot and doused off the flames.

He said two houses belonging to Ali Mohammad Kaloo son of Mohammad Sultan Kaloo and Mushtaq Ahmad Handroo son of Abdul Wahaab Handroo were gutted in the massive blaze while property worth lakhs of rupees was reduced to ashes.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident and started an investigation to ascertain the cause of the fire.

## RPHQ Srinagar Organizes Civic Action Program For Specially Abled

Observer News Service

Srinagar: March 18: RPHQ Srinagar organized a program under civic action program (CAP) of J&K Police at Chotay Taray Foundation at Bemina for specially abled children by donating wheel-chairs, sewing machines, smart TV, School bags and stationary items.

On the occasion, DIG CKR Sujit Kumar-IPS along with SP South Gaurav Sikarwar, SDPO West Shahjahan, SHO PS Batamalo Sabzar and other ranks of RPHQ Srinagar were present. The officer interacted with these little angels and showed caring for them. The occasion brought joy on the faces of these children.

Speaking on the occasion, DIG CKR expressed love and affection for these children and observed that it is the first such function during the current year but the Police Department should make more such programs under CAP with specially abled children.

The Officer further expressed his resolve that he shall be taking up the matter with Police Headquarters to allocate more funds under CAP in future for specially abled children and also stated that he shall personally also make efforts to look after such children by taking it up with senior officers of the department for conducting more such functions under CAP.

## GDC Nawakadal Organizes Inter-College Qawali Competition

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Department of Music, Government Degree College (GDC) for Women, Nawakadal in collaboration with the Cultural Activities Committee today organized an Inter-College Qawali Competition.

The event was presided over by Deputy Director Information (PR) Kashmir, Bilal Mukhtar who was also chief guest on the occasion and renowned singer, Mehmet Syed was guest of honour.

Among others, Principal of the college, Prof. (Dr) Nee-lofar Bhat; and faculty members were present on the occasion, besides the students also participated in the event.

At the outset, Principal GDC Nawakadal felicitated chief guest and guest of honor with mementos and flower bouquets.

The program started with College Tarana sung by a group of students while the entire program was hosted by Prof. Mehvish Syed.

Renowned Singer and Composer Raja Bilal; Assistant Professor, GDC Eidgah, Dr Shah Faisal and Vocalist Muneer Ahmad Mir were the Judges on the occasion and were also felicitated by chief

guest and Principal GDC Nawakadal.

The students of Islamia College of Science and Commerce, Government Degree College Pampore, Government Degree College Nawakadal, Government Degree College Sumbal, Government Degree College Baramulla presented their performances and mesmerized the audience with their qawalis and aroused spiritual feelings.

Meanwhile, Raja Bilal, Mehmet Syed and Muneer Ahmad Mir also enthralled the audience by melodious ghazals and songs.

The soulful performances were pearled with Kashmiri songs and Rouf.

In the competition, GDC Nawakadal won first position while Islamia College secured second position and GDC Sumbal got third position. They were awarded trophies and appreciation certificates.

Earlier, Dr Asmat Ara presented a welcome address in which she welcomed guests, participants, faculty members and students, while at the conclusion of the program Dr Sabina Ahad presented a Vote of thanks.

## NCERT's 3-Day HOTS Workshop Concludes

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A three-day workshop on "Transformation of Assessment Practices at Secondary Stage" organized by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi, in collaboration with the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) at the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) auditorium, Bemina concluded here, today.

Besides the NCERT experts, the workshop brought together several school boards, teachers, and other stakeholders from across the country, who worked hard over three days to figure out how secondary assessment practices could be transformed in light of the NEP-2020 postulates.

Prof. P C Agarwal, Principal Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Bhubaneswar, Associate Prof Sukhvinder, NCERT, Dr Sandhya Sangai, NCERT and Kuldeep Agarwal, former Director (Academic and Vocational Education) from the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) who serves as an independent consultant to the NIOS, Dr Arif Jan, Deputy Director, Academics, JKBOSE, Anita Devraj, former Principal, DAV and Ekyimo Shitre, Joint Secretary, Nagaland BOSE were the prominent names who participated in the workshop.

In his welcome address, Mohammad Sharif Dehdar, Joint Director SCERT, urged the organisers to ensure that whatever is learned during these workshops and programmes is translated into action on the ground.



Tourists enjoying spin riding at SAARS Exhibition amid light rainfall on Thursday. KO Pic Abid Bhat

## DC Srinagar Chairs District Level Bankers Review Committee Meet

### Srinagar Attains 71 Percent CD Ratio

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A meeting of District Level Bankers Review Committee/District Consultative Committee (DLRC/DCC) was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammed Aijaz Asad here at meeting hall of the DC Office Complex to review the performance of the Banks and other Financial Institutions under various Government initiatives and sponsored schemes.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner assessed the sector wise performance of the Banks in implementation of different Government initiatives and reviewed the achievements of Banks in lending to Priority/Non Priority sectors under Annual Credit Plan.

On the occasion, the DC was apprised that an amount of Rs 2017.36 crore has been disbursed among 43197 cases in Srinagar District under different schemes thereby generating

self-employment opportunities for over 114943 unemployed youth of the District during financial year 2022-23.

The DC was informed that the target of generating 1.50 lakh Self Employment avenues for youth of Srinagar District is set to be achieved during the current financial year which is 3 times more than the 43000 accomplished during FY 2021-22.

While reviewing the bank-wise movement of CD Ratio in the District, the DC was informed that total Deposits of the District Srinagar stood at Rs 33024.07 Crore and Advance at Rs 23418.30 Crore constitute 71 percent CD Ratio in the quarter ended in December, 2022.


Besides, the banks operating in Srinagar have disbursed Rs. 4501.82 crore among 90904 beneficiaries under Annual Credit Plan for financial year 2022-2023, which includes Rs 1084.97 Crore under priority sector and Rs 3416.85 Crore in non-priority sector.

The DC was further apprised

that under Prime Ministers Mudra Yojna (PMMY) Scheme Banks operating in Srinagar have sanctioned Rs 593.46 crore among 18388 beneficiaries of the District as of February 28, 2022. Under the Pradhan Mantri Employment Generation programme (PMEGP), a total 1777 cases were sanctioned and an amount of Rs 96.49 crore was sanctioned among beneficiaries.

While reviewing performance under Mission Youth schemes, for providing self-employment, the DC was informed that under the MUMKIN scheme, a total 109 cases have been sanctioned so far involving an amount of Rs 6.91 crore. Similarly, under TEJASWINI scheme 95 cases have been sanctioned with an amount of Rs 3.49 crore.

Similarly, under Pradhan Mantri SVANIDHI schemes, the DC was informed that Rs 7.07 crore have been disbursed among 6043 Street Vendors and almost 100 percent of target has been achieved.



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## This Day In History

- 1984 - STS 41-C vehicle moves to launch pad
- 1991 - Gorbachev says the Soviet Union will cut its oil exports by nearly half
- 2002 - U.S. invasion of Afghanistan: Operation Anaconda ends (started on March 2) after killing 500 Taliban and al Qaeda fighters with 11 allied troop fatalities
- IraqInvasion of Iraq
- 2003 - Airstrikes by an American and British-led coalition signal the beginning of the invasion of Iraq, without United Nations support and in defiance of world opinion
- 2012 Wendy's overtakes Burger King to become the second best-selling hamburger chain
- 2013 - 27 people are killed and 14 are injured in a bus crash in Maharashtra, India
- 2013 - 16 people are killed by mudslides in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2013 - NASA's Mars rover Curiosity discovers further evidence of water-bearing minerals
- 2014 - Russia captures the Ukrainian naval base in Sevastopol

## From KO Archives

## Peace Road Carries Hopes Of Millions

Sheikh Mushtaq

KAMANPOST - The automatic rifles have given way to spades and shovels, heavy artillery to earth movers and soldiers to construction workers. Troops in divided Kashmir are working frantically to convert what was a mine-infested dirt track on one of the world's most heavily militarized frontiers into a peace road connecting the Indian and Pakistani sectors by bus.

The hopes of millions of Kashmiris are riding on the success of the project, one of the most tangible signs of a fledgling peace after decades of enmity.

Agreement to launch the bus service has stoked huge anticipation on both sides, with people separated from their families for decades lining up in their hundreds for travel permits to make 105-mile journey.

"I am really very excited," said Ghulam Mohammad Lolabi, 83, flashing a victory sign in Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistani Kashmir, after grabbing an application form for the permit.

"Many of my relatives' living there (in Indian Kashmir) have died," he said. "But I hope I can see those who are alive."

Construction of the road began after nuclear-armed India and Pakistan agreed in February to launch an historic bus service between -the two Kashmirs, divided by a half-century-old military cease-fire line. The service 'it is hoped, will bolster the peace process between the South Asian rivals, whose competing claims over Kashmir have led to two of their three wars since independence in 1947. They went to the brink of another war in 2002.

The 15-year insurgency in which tens of thousands of people have died in Kashmir has also held back peace efforts. India accuses Pakistan of aiding the Guerrillas but Islamabad says the insurgency is an indigenous movement

### RECONNECTING THE PAST

This month, Indian and Pakistani soldiers removed all land mines on the track, which was last used by a bus in 1948, ahead of the launch of the bus service on April 7.

"The entire road has been demined. It is now safe for journey," Lieutenant-General Hari Prasad, who heads the Indian army's northern command, said at Kaman Post, the last border post on the Indian side. "We look at it as a very good step toward normalization of relations between India and Pakistan," he said. This is going to be the biggest confidence-building measure so far. Buses will man between Muzaffarabad and Srinagar restoring a service cut after the first war over Kashmir in 1947-48. A heavily mined 460-mile cease-fire line has divided the scenic region ever since.

The bus service is the latest in a series of gestures between the neighbors to build trust since they embarked on a fresh peace drive in 2003. A cease-fire has largely held since that year.

This week, visiting journalists saw hundreds of Indian m Pakistani workers laying stones and rebuilding the last stretches of the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad road. The cease-fire line at Kaman Post is marked by a small stream surrounded by towering mountains. A wooden bridge over the stream was blown up during the 1947-48 war and the remaining four piers are a symbol of the regions lusted of division - two piers belong to India and two to Pakistan

Laborers of the two countries were strengthening the lira pillar on their respective sides ahead of building a new bridge. As workers raced to finish the job. Indian and Pakistani soldiers stood relaxed around the area, a far cry from the daily artillery and gunfire exchanges prior to the cease-fire.

"Everything will be ready before March 31, even before that," Sardar Mohammad Rahim, a senior government official in Muzaffarabad told Reuters.

(Kashmir Observer, 19 March, 2005)



# Facade of Development in Kupwara

Kamran Ashraf Bhat

Despite these challenges, the administration of Kupwara has chosen to prioritize small beautification projects over more pressing development needs. While these projects may make the area look more attractive, they do little to address the underlying issues that are affecting the lives of the people in Kupwara

KUPWARA is a district located in the Indian-administered state of Jammu and Kashmir. The district has a population of approximately 875,564 people, according to the 2011 census. Despite being a relatively large district, Kupwara has been plagued by poor development, which has negatively affected the lives of the people living in the area.

The administration of Kupwara has implemented several small beautification projects in recent years, in an attempt to improve the image of the district. These projects have included planting trees and flowers, painting buildings, and creating public spaces. While these projects may seem like a step in the right direction, they do little to address the root causes of underdevelopment in the area.

One of the biggest challenges facing Kupwara is the lack of access to basic services such as healthcare, education, and sanitation. The healthcare system in Kupwara is underfunded and understaffed, with only a handful of doctors and nurses serving the entire district. As a result, many residents are forced to travel long distances to access medical care, which can be prohibitively expensive for low-income families.

Similarly, the education system in Kupwara is in a state of disrepair. Schools lack basic amenities such as desks, chairs, and blackboards. Many schools have inadequate sanitation facilities, which can lead to the spread of diseases such as cholera and typhoid. As a result, many children are forced to drop out of school early, which limits their future opportunities.

The district suffers from poor infrastructure, which has a negative impact on the daily lives of the residents. Many roads in Kupwara are in a state of disrepair, which makes transportation difficult and dangerous. The lack of reliable electricity and water supply is another major challenge facing the district.

Despite these challenges, the administration of Kupwara has chosen to prioritize small beautification projects over more pressing development needs. While these projects may make the area look more attractive, they do little to address the underlying issues that are affecting the lives of the people in Kupwara.



Moreover, the selective approach taken by the administration in implementing beautification projects is exacerbating existing inequalities in the district. For example, the administration may choose to implement beautification projects in areas that are popular among tourists or wealthy residents, while neglecting other areas where the majority of the population lives.

The town of Kupwara boasts two bridges that have been adorned with faux flowers, multicolored lights, and wrapped with Zoolights. Regrettably, one of the bridges is presented so poorly that it not only lacks sensitivity toward nature but also fails to complement its surroundings. The responsibility of such immature decoration choices lies primarily with the Kupwara Municipality, which has been shown to be plagued with issues of contamination and mismanagement.

It is imperative to consider the underlying decision-making process

es that allowed for the decoration of these bridges. The Municipality of Kupwara must be held accountable for its flagrant disregard for environmental health and human rights, as evidenced by the intentional dumping of municipal waste into the rivers below the bridges using machinery. Such actions represent a clear violation of the law and illustrate a blatant disregard for the well-being of those who rely on the water body for sustenance.

This instance serves as a prime example of how administrations may resort to beautification tactics to conceal deficiencies and violations. The Municipality of Kupwara, by adorning the bridges with decorations, sought to create a false impression of the town's cleanliness and beauty. Meanwhile, they have neglected their duty to maintain the environment and have contaminated the rivers with their waste, which directly impacts the lives of those who depend on the water body.

This behavior is unacceptable and indicative of the Municipality's lack of concern and responsibility toward its citizens and the environment. It is crucial that such acts are addressed and remedied through appropriate legal and policy measures to prevent further harm to the environment and its inhabitants.

To address these challenges, the administration of Kupwara must prioritize the needs of the people over cosmetic improvements. The administration should invest in development projects that address the root causes of underdevelopment and mismanagement of resources. This includes investing in healthcare, education, and infrastructure.

The administration should involve the community in the decision-making process. By involving the community, the administration can gain a better understanding of the needs and priorities of the people. This can help to ensure that development projects are implemented in a way that benefits the community as a whole.

In addition, the administration of Kupwara should focus on sustainable development that considers the long-term impact of development projects on the environment and the community. This means that development projects should be designed to be environmentally friendly and socially responsible.

The small beautification projects may seem like a quick fix to the problem of poor development in Kupwara, but they do little to address the underlying issues facing the district. The administration must prioritize the needs of the people over cosmetic improvements, only then can Kupwara move towards a brighter future for all its residents.

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## Imran Khan Crisis Is Pakistan Facing Its Own January 6 Moment?

Amber Rahim Shamsi

The day and night of March 14, as police and Imran Khan's supporters clashed in Lahore – the air in the swanky Zaman Park residential area thick with tear gas, bricks, sticks and petrol bombs – there was a moment when I asked myself this question: “Is this the moment?”

Political observers have asked themselves this question several times in Pakistan's history. “The moment” could be martial law, countrywide rioting, a decisive operation that leads to more violence, or a stand down from a standoff. The question seeks clarity, either an escalation or a concession to follow the rules of politics or the law of the land.

The pitched battle happened because police were following a court order to ensure Khan's presence for a hearing. Members of the former prime minister's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party had been encamped around his Zaman Park residence in Lahore to protect him from arrest for months. The police were armed with tear gas and sticks. PTI supporters with petrol bombs and bricks.

In the end, more police officers were injured than supporters. “Khan is our red line” has been the rallying cry for months, while the police used brute force against Khan's followers during a protest on March 8, in which one political worker died.

Chaos is the new normal

Khan has been selective about which court summons to obey, citing se-

curity concerns since an assassination attempt last October. On Friday, March 17, Khan decided he would walk with hundreds of followers to the Lahore High Court to seek anticipatory bail.

Dozens of cases have been filed against Khan – some serious, most politically motivated. It is an excessive number of cases, even against a politician who has opted for the path of most resistance to being removed from power.

He is not the first in the country's history: Politicians and political parties that fall afoul of the military establishment are removed and they eventually find resistance is futile. But then Khan is not following the normative rules of politics in Pakistan.

Most political leaders will choose to go to jail. It is a colonial tradition carried over into a post-colonial state that has not been able to evolve into a fully functioning democracy, so it is seen as a political rite of passage through the decades – from Zulfikar Ali Bhutto to Benazir Bhutto, to her spouse Asif Ali Zardari, to Nawaz Sharif, to Maryam Nawaz Sharif.

The irony is that Khan has tried to use colonial resistance tactics to trigger elections – his chief demand since he exited the prime minister's office in April 2022 after a vote of no confidence. He ordered a “jail bhare tehreek”, or “fill the jails movement”, this February for workers and second-tier leadership. Dozens went to jail, while Khan got pre-emptive bails for his various court cases and the movement fizzled out.

Several days later after the Zaman Park clashes, the answer to the question “is this the moment” has been made clear – there is still no clarity, no easy

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Pakistan seems to be at a stage where anarchy is marking time between populism and authoritarianism. What form remains to be seen is, whether it is civilian, military-fronted or just the military

path out of chaos.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has offered a dialogue while Khan has indicated a willingness. But each is waiting for the other to make the first move. Over the last few years, ordinary political rivalries have morphed into deeply entrenched enmities. The normal arbiters – such as the military establishment and the higher courts – have become divided into politicised factions. Khan's party exited the lower house of parliament, where in a normal democracy, political contestations are sorted. Chaos is the new normal.

“Right-wing populism pokes away at the country's fragile compromises until they become active tensions,” says

Turkish writer Ece Temelkuran in her book How to Lose a Country. Pakistan seems to be at a stage where anarchy is marking time between populism and authoritarianism. What form remains to be seen is, whether it is civilian, military-fronted or just the military.

Who is in charge?

In an interview with Voice of America, Khan reluctantly conceded that the “one man” calling the shots is the current army chief, General Asim Munir. His reluctance emanates from a strategy where he seeks the approval of the army establishment behind closed doors but uses metaphors to attack military officers when it suits his political strategy.

The duality is a nod to the support he got from within the military during his ascent to the prime ministership in 2018, and an acknowledgement of where actual power lies in Pakistan.

For example, Khan was willing to offer a third extension in his tenure to former army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa in exchange for early elections last year. Elections are due in Pakistan this October. After Bajwa declined, Khan accused the former army chief of conspiring with the US to overthrow him and called for a court martial. While he was prime minister, Khan had described Bajwa as “the most democratic army chief”.

As commentator Raza Rumi has written: “The social classes that inhabit unelected institutions share Mr. Khan's weltanschauung which comprises exhibitions of public religiosity, hatred for traditional political elites, citing ‘corruption’ as the biggest issue, and a convenient, varying dose of anti-

Americanism. This is why Mr. Khan is a formidable foe for the ancien regime. He is their creature and nemesis at the same time.”

By using formidable propaganda tactics that tap into young Pakistan's sense of disenfranchisement, Khan has found an answer to traditional power centres, as evidenced by how his supporters resisted his arrest.

But what does this mean for the upcoming elections? Will they prove to be a magic cure-all? It does not seem likely given the lessons learned from Donald Trump and Jair Bolsonaro's supporters in 2020 and then in 2023. Perhaps the Zaman Park resistance was a foreshadowing. Given its fragile economy and divided polity, can Pakistan afford another disputed transfer of power?

In its editorial, the country's leading newspaper the Dawn wrote: “The democratic electoral process, which is supposed to act as the safety valve for the public's pent-up emotions, remains in limbo, and this may be why more people are feeling the need to act violently to assert their wishes in front of the state.”

The current breakdown of the political process is not normal. Therefore, before elections, past and present grievances need to be settled between political parties, the judiciary and the military with an understanding of the rules of the game by the constitution.

Without a grand reconciliation, elections will merely be performative.

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# RAMAZAN

## THE MONTH OF BLESSING



**THE HUMAN BODY CONSISTS OF PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, BIOLOGICAL AND SPIRITUAL PARTS.** A balanced mix of these can lead to excellence. The fasting during the month of Ramazan orients the observer to the art of balancing the spiritual essentials with other parts

Professor M. Aslam

**F**ASTING in one form or the other does exist in almost all the religions. However, fasting or 'Roza' as practiced by Muslims is an elaborate process of self-purification. The 'Qur'an says, "O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that ye may (learn) self-restraint (Qur'an, A – Baqara, 2:183.)"

The month of fasting or Ramazan involves a wide range of responsibilities on the part of those who observe fasting.

Normally the fast should not affect the daily avocations, and it should not be a pretext for neglecting normal duties. Islam never approves, much less demands, of keeping vigil during the whole night and passing the following day in sleep and indolence. Fast means a greater effort to perform all the usual duties and something else, more prayers and more charity, and all this in the absence of food and drink. Fasting should make one remember the hunger and starvation of the poor and develop empathy for the deprived



people. It is an opportunity to experience hunger so that people will understand the pain of the hungry and will go forward to help them. Ramazan fasting is also an exercise in self-discipline. For those who are chain smokers or who nibble food constantly, or drink coffee every hour, it is a good way to break the habit.

### PSYCHOLOGICAL DIMENSIONS

The human body consists of physical, emotional, biological and spiritual parts. A balanced mix of these can lead to excellence. The fasting during the month of Ramazan orients the observer to the art of balancing the spiritual essentials with other parts. It helps curb the animalistic tendencies originating from the stomach, in full. It is an effective tool for sobering of a mind and reconstruction of our spiritual faculties.

### HEALTHCARE BENEFITS

There are a number of healthcare benefits, which originate from the month of fasting. The basic among them being that Allah does

not encourage overeating, the root-cause of many diseases. Ramazan fasting is a sentinel against disease, provided the fast follows the strict dietary rule: eat is categorically stated, "...Eat and drink, but waste not by excess, for Allah loves not wasters." (Al-Qur'an, 7:31). We also have additional prayers prescribed after the dinner during the month of Ramazan. According to one estimate, using a calorie counter, the amount of calories burnt during the special night prayer of Ramazan (tarawih) amounted to 200 calories. It is stated that this form of prayer as well as the five daily-prescribed prayers use all the muscles and joints and can be considered a mild form of exercise in terms of calorie output.

### CONCEPTS OF HOSPITALITY, NEIGHBORHOOD AND CHARITY

The concepts of hospitality, neighborhood and charity are important virtues apart from self-purification, which the month of Ramazan is expected to imbibe among the followers of Islam. The Prophet had said, "Those who become happy on hearing the sound of

the footsteps of a guest, God will forgive their sins". It is thus a great incentive to practice the concept of hospitality.

The practice of the concept of neighborhood is equally important. It has wider connotations than its literal meaning. The Prophet had said, "One should behave decently with the whole of humanity and foremost among them is your neighbour." If one connects it with the concept of fasting, an immediate implication is that a true Muslim cannot see any human being hungry, even if it means having to sacrifice 'iftar' and to continue fasting for the next day. Similarly, a true Muslim cannot see a human being in pain or misery. It applies to both one's immediate neighborhood as well as humanity at large. What we are witnessing around us in the name of Islam is not Islam. In essence Islam in general and 'roza' in particular teaches a person to address human concerns and values.

On charity it is said that if one gives say a charity of rupees ten during the month of Ramazan, he will get 70 times more bless-

ings in return. This is a great motivation and in reality an average middle class Muslims do follow this more meticulously than others. The rich on the other hand do it for the sake of fame & name. A Muslim is also expected to take stock of his personal wealth both cash and kind, every year and calculate 'Zakat' which is to be earmarked for distribution among the poor and needy.

Of the greatest advantages of fasting in the month of Ramazan is that its true observance inculcates in a person a habit of speaking the truth – a commodity that is becoming very rare nowadays. If a person speaks the truth, practices the concept of hospitality and neighborhood and gives charity as advocated above, he will certainly be entitled to God's blessings and protection, which we all need so desperately in these modern times.

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# Navigating People at Work

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**H**ave you ever suffered through tales of greatness from a self-absorbed "friend" who reminds you of Michael Scott from "The Office" – and not in a good way? Have you been betrayed by a colleague out of the blue, undermined on a project by the office mean girl, or had a work friendship dropped altogether without explanation?

If any of these scenarios sound familiar, you may have been dealing with someone who has what psychologists term a "dark personality." These people score higher on three socially undesirable traits: narcissism, psychopathy and Machiavellianism.

As an organizational scholar, I've spent years studying personality traits in the context of the sales profession. In recent work, my colleagues and I focused on the ways people with these dark personalities succeed in sales organizations and the social factors that allow them to extend their successful tenures. Based on our research, here's a primer on these antagonistic personality types – and how you can unmask examples you encounter in your everyday life.

### DEFINING THE DARK PERSONALITIES

Narcissists have the most familiar type of dark personality. They aren't shy about letting you know exactly how highly they think of themselves. At work, you might find the narcissist bragging about their superior sales skills, even though their performance isn't much better than the average

salesperson. Conservative estimates of narcissism in the general population fall around 6.2%.

While narcissistic behavior can be annoying, it's usually more tolerable than what the other two dark traits tend to serve up.

Functional – meaning non-criminal – psychopaths are particularly disturbing. Psychologists estimate they comprise up to 4% of the general population. Psychopaths have no qualms about exploiting others for their own benefit. Stubbornly antisocial, functional psychopaths generally have little empathy for others. They're more concerned about "getting theirs" by any means necessary. Psychopaths are quick to deflect blame and throw others under the bus, even if it means telling lies. With their impulsive tendencies, psychopaths are prone to telling lies for no particular reason at all. If you find yourself in a group water-cooler conversation and hear someone telling lies that don't seem to serve any purpose, you might have stumbled on a functional psychopath.

In the workplace, at first a psychopath may seem charming. But eventually you'll likely find yourself either questioning their motivations, or becoming a victim of their destructive behavior. Though they can be harder to identify than narcissists with their nonstop bragging, psychopaths' egregious behavior tends to unmask them in the end.

Machiavellians are the most prevalent of the dark personalities, estimated to be about 16% of the population. They



get their name from Italian Renaissance statesman Nicolo Machiavelli, who believed the ends could justify immoral means. Less annoying than narcissists, less abrasive than functional psychopaths, Machiavellians are more subtle in the pursuit of their agendas. They forge ahead regardless of ethical considerations. Like lions, Machiavellians seem benevolent, watching their prey from afar – until they strike. They're adept at playing the long game – it's their stealth, patience and subtle manipulation that make them a particularly dangerous dark personality.

Compared with a psychopath's unnecessary lies, you're more likely to overhear the Machiavellian in the group telling little white lies that are strategically designed to further a future agenda. For example, you might hear them flattering the colleague you happen to know will be getting a big bonus in the near

future – the Machiavellian may be strategically laying the groundwork for being invited to help them spend it.

In short, targets of dark personalities likely find narcissists to be conspicuously and irritatingly self-centered, but generally innocuous. Psychopaths are less obvious in their bad behavior, but their transgressions can be quite severe. Machiavellians are less in-your-face than narcissists, and their nefarious actions are likely to be less severe than those of psychopaths. In the long run, though, a Machiavellian can leave you reeling from an unexpected betrayal to benefit their personal agenda.

As you consider these dark traits and how they show up in interpersonal relationships, you might sense a spark of recognition. Here are five tips for avoiding dark personalities in your own life or minimizing the harm they cause.

### 1. DON'T FALL FOR FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Dark personalities are experts at making great first impressions, drawing you in with humor and charisma. So, when you meet someone new, be wary of superficial appeal. Narcissists, with their tendency to talk themselves up, are the easiest to spot.

To identify the others, ask questions about past relationships and listen carefully for clues about who this person really is. Because dark personalities are almost always unmasked in the end, they're less likely to have long-standing friendships – an absence they may explain away by faulting others.

Just be mindful not to over-correct and ditch a potential new work friend based only on first impressions, either.

### 2. SHARE YOUR OWN (BAD) EXPERIENCES

When you encounter a dark

personality and the outcome is unpleasant, you might feel embarrassed for allowing yourself to be fooled or manipulated, or you might feel guilt or shame when you observe someone treating someone else badly. As a result, you might not want to talk about it. Dark personalities exploit that reluctance because your silence helps keep hidden their "core of darkness" – the antagonistic traits that define them.

So to help unmask the dark personality and keep others from meeting the same fate, sharing your experience, with discretion, is critical.

### 3. MANAGE UP TO CLUE BOSSES IN

Those with dark personalities are good at carefully managing the impressions they make on people in positions of power. So, at work, you can practice managing up to help your boss see the dark personality more clearly.

Share your experiences in a nongossipy way, such as expressing concern about incidents of incivility that you witnessed or requesting advice or guidance in dealing with a very boastful colleague who may be alienating prospects or customers. It may help your boss see through the facade and help you deal with the issue.

### 4. PLUG INTO YOUR NETWORKS

On the flip side, remember to also listen to others. To avoid falling into a manipulator's web, tap into the network of those around you who share a link to the person in question. See if you can gather references regarding their behav-

ior over the long term. Ideally, you can benefit from others' knowledge, without having to learn the hard way.

### 5. BE AWARE OF YOUR OWN BIASES

Don't underestimate the strength of a dark personality's machinations. When someone shares a personal story of betrayal, be wary of thinking, "that would never happen to me!" Dark personalities are experts in manipulating situations to serve their interests, and you may never notice you're ensnared until it's too late. Considering yourself too smart or savvy to ever find yourself in the same predicament is misguided. As you apply these tips in your life, you want to be wary of becoming an armchair psychologist. Anyone can have a bad day – and everyone has. Instead of diagnosing friends, partners and colleagues based on what you think might be their underlying personality traits, focus on any bad behaviors you personally witness, and respond to the actions – not what you think underlies them. Best leave that to the professionals.

If you are in charge of organizations or teams, consider having clear guidance and pathways of communication for individuals to report any concerning behavior they witness. By working together and sharing collective experiences, the rest of us can shine light on the workplace misdeeds of those with antagonistic personalities.

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# Punjab Cracks Down On Preacher Amritpal Singh; 78 Supporters Arrested

Press Trust of India

Chandigarh: The Punjab government on Saturday launched a major crackdown against radical Sikh preacher and Khalistan sympathiser Amritpal Singh, with police arresting 78 members of an outfit headed by him, officials said.

The elusive preacher himself, however, gave the police a slip and escaped their dragnet when his cavalcade was intercepted in Jalandhar district, even as authorities stepped up security at several places and suspended internet services in the state till Sunday noon.

The police said it has launched a "massive state-wide cordon and search operations (CASO)" in the state against elements of 'Waris Punjab De' (WPD), headed by Singh, against whom

several criminal cases had been registered.

During the operation, a total of 78 persons have been arrested so far, while, several others have been detained for questioning, it said.

Amritpal Singh and others are on the run and a massive man-hunt has been launched to nab them, a police spokesperson said.

Some supporters of 'Waris Punjab De' chief shared some videos on social media claiming that policemen were chasing them. A video also showed Amritpal sitting in a vehicle and one of his aides could be heard saying policemen were after "Bhai saab" (Amritpal).

During the state-wide operation, nine weapons, including one .315 bore rifle, seven rifles of 12 bore, one revolver and 373

live cartridges of different caliber have been recovered so far, the police said.

The police spokesperson informed that the WPD elements are involved in four criminal cases relating to spreading disharmony among classes, attempt to murder, attack on police personnel and creating obstructions in the lawful discharge of duties of public servants.

An FIR dated February 24 stands registered against WPD elements for the attack on Ajnala Police Station, he added. Last month, Amritpal and his supporters, some of them brandishing swords and guns, broke through barricades and barged into the Ajnala Police Station on the outskirts of the Amritsar city, and clashed with police for the release of one of Amritpal's aide. After the incident, in

which six policemen including a Superintendent of Police rank officer had suffered injuries, the AAP government in the state had faced severe flak and was accused of kowtowing to extremists.

A heavy deployment of security forces had been made near village Jallapur Khara in Amritsar, the native place of Amritpal Singh, for the operation.

Dubai-returned Amritpal Singh was last year anointed the head of 'Waris Punjab De', which was founded by actor and activist Deep Sidhu who died in a road accident in February last year.

Officials said Amritpal Singh has been maintaining close links with Pakistani intelligence agency ISI and terrorist groups based in foreign countries.

Amitpal Singh, who had even issued a veiled threat to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, has been trying to destabilise the situation in Punjab by indoctrinating and attracting Sikh youths into the fold of his outfit 'Waris Punjab De', sources said. Meanwhile, Punjab Police asked people to maintain peace and harmony.

"Request all citizens to maintain peace & harmony Punjab Police is working to maintain Law and Order. Request citizens not to panic or spread fake news or hate speech," it said in a tweet.

Earlier this month, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had called on Union Home Minister Amit Shah and discussed with him the prevailing law and order situation in the border state.

COLLEGIUM ROW

## CJI Chandrachud Says Best Available System; Appointment Of Judges Duty Of Govt: Rijiju

**New Delhi:** Amid the tussle between the judiciary and the government over appointment of judges, Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud on Saturday said not every system is perfect but the current Collegium system is the "best" mechanism developed by the judiciary to maintain its independence.

Justice Chandrachud put up a stout defence of the Collegium system of judges appointing judges to higher courts while speaking at the India Today Conclave, 2023, just hours after Law Minister Kiren Rijiju at the same forum again criticised the selection process, asserting that as per Constitution the appointment of judges is the duty of the government. Rijiju also said the appointment of judges was not a judicial work but "purely administrative in nature".

Justice Chandrachud's predecessor Justice UU Lalit also supported the Collegium process, saying it was the "ideal system" while another former CJI S A Bobde favoured primacy of judiciary but was of the view that the government's opinion was vital. The two former CJIs were also speaking at the same event.

"As the Chief Justice, I have to take the system as it is given to us... I am not saying every system is perfect but this is the best system we have developed. The object of this system was to maintain independence which is a cardinal value. We have to insulate the judiciary from outside influences if the judiciary has to be independent. That is the underlying feature of Collegium," Justice Chandrachud said.

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### World is Saying

forward to meet its objectives.

Targeting the Opposition, Modi said scams used to make the headlines earlier but now the "corrupt" joining hands over action against them is making news.

The world is stating that this is India's moment and this has been made possible because of the change of promise and performance in the country, Modi said.

The prime minister said all governments worked according to their abilities and got results accordingly, but his government wanted new results and worked on a different speed and scale.

"Today India is the fastest growing economy in the world, it is the number one in smartphone data consumers, it is the second biggest mobile manufacturer and has the third biggest startup ecosystem," he said.

Leading economists, analysts and thinkers of the world are saying in one voice that it is India's moment, the prime minister said.

### 4 Bihar Residents

expressed anguish over the incident and directed the district administration to provide all necessary assistance to the affected people.

"I am deeply anguished by the unfortunate bus accident in Awantipora today, in which precious lives have been lost and many others have been injured. I have issued instruction to the district administration to provide all necessary assistance to the affected persons," Sinha wrote on Twitter.

He said the district administration is in touch with the bereaved families in Bihar to provide all possible help.

"My heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased and I wish a speedy recovery to those injured," the LG added.

Meanwhile, on the directions of the LG, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Baseer Ul Haq announced an ex-gratia relief of Rs one lakh each for the next of kin of the deceased in the road accident.

He also announced relief of 25,000 for critically injured persons and 10,000 for minor injuries.

He later visited SMHS and Bone & Joint Hospital to inquire about the health of the persons who were injured in the bus accident in Awantipora.

DC ensured that best possible health care is being extended to the injured by the doctors and paramedical staff of different hospitals in Pulwama and Srinagar.

### SIA Raids Sarjan

generated through crowdfunding and from suspected militant sources, and utilised for personal benefits, profiteering and in furtherance of secessionist-militant campaigns.

Barkati and others are alleged to have made a huge amount of money by making emotional appeals to the public to support them for their day-to-day needs.

Under this garb, Barkati not only generated huge funds but prima facie, also laundered money coming from unidentified sources, suspected to have originated from militant outfits,

for further use in sustaining the secessionist-militant campaigns, the officials said.

In 2016, Barkati, a resident of Zainpura in Shopian, became notorious for mobilising thousands of people onto streets for a violent agitation through his incendiary oratory.

It is alleged that Barkati used to openly invite and incite youngsters to take to violence and pull down the Indian State in Jammu and Kashmir.

The SIA has so far identified 10 suspects whose involvement has surfaced in the initial investigation. The early morning raids spread over many districts of Kashmir are still underway.

With the seizures of electronic gadgets, incriminating material and other corroborative evidence, the SIA is hopeful that the searches would enable it to extract some vital leads, including on whether these funds had anything to do with militancy and Hurriyat finances.

Preliminary investigations have shown Barkati has diverted a substantial part of the funds for his personal benefits and purchased a piece of land worth Rs 45 lakh in Anantnag town in the name of his wife, which he subsequently sold for Rs 72 lakh, making a profit of Rs 27 lakh, and also built a palatial house using public money.

He has also purchased five kanals of land to establish a madrassa, which according to credible information is meant for making money and providing a platform to anti-national elements and also aimed at being a breeding ground for luring youngsters towards terrorism.

A large chunk of such ill-gotten money has allegedly been deposited in several FDRs in the name of Barkati's family members.

Not only has the accused breached the public trust through emotional blackmailing by building a personal fortune with the funds donated to him by people for daily sustenance, he also camouflaged money coming from suspicious sources under the garb of crowdfunding for the furtherance of the secessionist-militant campaigns, the officials said.

### J&K Exported

has been recorded in the last three months and this sector has registered Rs 729 crore worth export despite the instability in the global market and it shows the collective efforts of artisans and handicraft department.

"More than 3 lakh artisans are registered with the department. Number of steps like enhanced financial assistance, 7% interest subvention, training, assistance to 3000 Self Help Groups and cooperative societies have been taken to accelerate the development of this sector," he said.

The LG also spoke about the other efforts of the administration such as GI tagging, labeling, brand building, incentives to increase exports and ensure access to the global market.

"The Department has launched e-commerce platforms to empower the artisans," he said, adding "Under the guidance of the Prime Minister, J&K has set a new record in Village Industrial Unit. In the last financial year, 1.73 lakh new jobs were generated under PMEGP alone."

On this occasion, Sinha directed the

Department of Handlooms and Handicrafts to develop a mechanism for further increasing the export in the sector and changing the lives of artisans and craftsmen.

Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Principal Secretary Industries & Commerce Prashant Goyal, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Biduri, other senior officers of Handicraft & Handloom Department, besides large gathering of awardees and artisans were present on this occasion.

### 'Panel To Dispel

dedicating the newly constructed Durga Bhawan having the capacity to accommodate 3000 pilgrims per day near the sanctum sanctorum.

Responding to a question about the resentment among the residents of Katra over the proposed ropeway project, Sinha said his administration is open to suggestions and wants them onboard while executing the project which would help people with disabilities to visit the shrine.

"There are apprehensions among the Katra residents (over the loss of livelihood opportunities after the construction of the ropeway). We want to dispel those apprehensions and want them to be on board," the LG said.

Katra town, the base camp for pilgrims visiting the shrine, witnessed massive protest against the construction of the proposed ropeway on February 28, a week after Sinha announced that the project is in the final phase of tendering and will be undertaken with utmost sensitivity to safeguard the interests of the local businessmen.

SMVDSB has recently approved a Rs 250-crore passenger ropeway project between Tarakote Marg to Sanji Chat along the 12-km track to facilitate elderly persons, medically unfit and disabled people who are not able to offer their prayers at the shrine.

"It (ropeway project) is still in the pre-consultation phase. We have framed a committee comprising Divisional Commissioner (Jammu), CEO shrine Board and other officials who will hold talks with the people and note their suggestions," Sinha, who paid his obeisance at the shrine and also participated in a special prayer, said.

"I am sure the issue will be resolved to the best satisfaction of the people who will be benefited (from the project)," he said.

People with disabilities and other health issues across the country wish to visit the shrine but are not able to pay their obeisance, he said, suggesting that the facility was meant to facilitate such devotees.

"Once the issue is resolved, we will come out with the construction and inauguration date of the service as well," he said.

Lauding the shrine board for completing the five-storey Durga Bhawan in 18 months braving challenging weather conditions and topography, the LG said the administration is duty-bound to ensure better facilities for the pilgrims.

"The Dugra Bhawan can accommodate 3000 pilgrims per day and it will provide ease and comfort to the seekers besides, ensuring effective crowd management," he said, adding

the work is also nearing completion on other vital projects including the Skywalk near the Bhawan.

According to the officials, work on widening of Atka Aarti complex is likely to be completed soon and will increase the sitting capacity from 200 to 550, while the Skywalk will be completed by June.

### Charges Filed

under an active conspiracy and Pakistan's support, resurrected a platform reviving the narrative in support of the terrorist and separatist ecosystem. They were spreading an anti-India narrative by exploiting digital platforms under a concealed and camouflaged set up with the help of illicit funding received from hostile foreign agencies and proscribed terrorist organisations," he said.

After hearing the contentions, the court found sufficient material collected by the SIA against the accused and framed charges against Fazili and Shah.

Fazili has been charged under sections 13 (unlawful activity) and 18 (conspiracy, advocating, abetting, inciting, facilitating a terrorist act or any preparation to commit a terrorist act) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and sections 121 (abetting waging of war against the Government of India), 153B (imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration) and 201 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Shah has been charged under sections 13 and 18 of the UAPA, IPC sections 121 and 153B and sections 35 (accepting foreign contribution in contravention of provisions of FCRA, or any order or rule therein) and 39 (violation of FCRA by a company tantamount to contravention by the persons incharge or responsible for business of such company) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, the official said.

He said the probe has established that the accused were in touch with secessionists across the border and also with some local terrorists.

"Through their publications, they have brazenly advocated terrorism and glorified terrorists with the sole intention to radicalise youngsters in Jammu and Kashmir and entice and incite them in joining secessionist and terrorist organisations," the official said.

He said the SIA filed a chargesheet in the case in the special judge's court on October 13 last year after procuring the requisite government sanction.

### Conman's Arrest

Purported videos of Patel surveying the snow slopes of Gulmarg with a posse of armed security personnel around him and of a convoy of vehicles accompanying him weaving through a Valley town have been circulated widely across social media platforms.

He had even visited the last post at Uri in north Kashmir, posing for pictures at a bridge treated as a Line of Control between India and Pakistan.

Addressing a party function here in the south Kashmir district, Omar Abdullah said, "My colleagues are not providing security even after so many requests. When they have to travel and

seek an escort, the police say they do not have any vehicle or personnel... It is fine that you do not have a vehicle, we cannot complain. But when a fraudster comes from outside, then you have the vehicle available."

A person came from Gujarat and said he was an officer in the PMO but no one verified his claim, the NC leader said.

"They should have called the PMO to verify his credentials or a letter would have come from there. We understand that you (J-K administration) were befooled once, but what incompetent government is this that you were befooled four times," he said.

The former J&K chief minister said the fraudster was provided with a bulletproof vehicle, an escort at the front and the other at the back, a room in a five-star hotel, and held meetings with officers every evening.

Referring to Patel's photographs and videos which have gone viral on social media, the NC leader said Patel went to Gulmarg to inspect hotels there and even visited the Line of Control (LoC) in the Uri sector where confidential information may have been shared with him.

"He went to Uri, to LoC and was given a tour of the border. We do not know what he was told there and what confidential things were told to him. What kind of government is this?" Omar Abdullah asked.

He said fingers were being pointed at a deputy commissioner, but the reality is that the security was sanctioned by the police headquarters.

"A retired officer was made to write that it is the fault of a DC (deputy commissioner). I was a chief minister myself, a DC is no one to provide security. That decision is taken at the police headquarters. An ADGP decides whether to provide security or not. The decision to provide a vehicle is taken in the secretariat.

"A DC does not provide for the bill of a five-star hotel, the finance department and the (hospitality and) protocol department clears that. If this is not incompetence, then what is?" he asked.

Lashing out at the Jammu and Kashmir administration, the National Conference vice-president said this administration was not for providing succour to the people, but only to please the PMO.

"This one (Patel) was arrested. But we do not know how many frauds must have come here. We do not know which hotel they stayed in. Some say three came here and then left. Is this a government?"

"This government is not to provide succour to the people but to please the PMO. This is the difference between an elected government and one thrust from the above," Omar Abdullah added.

Echoing similar views, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said that common were enjoying government patronage but common Kashmiris were being "harassed".

"Common, whether outsider or local, enjoying government patronage & hospitality, are given protocol, security & access to powerful babus. Compare this to common Kashmiris viewed suspiciously & harassed in every way possible (sic)," she wrote on her Twitter handle.

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## Frauds Are Benefiting From J&K Administration: Omar

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**SRINAGAR:** National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah said on Saturday that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was afraid of facing the people of Jammu and Kashmir, which is why elections were not being conducted in the Union Territory.

Interacting with reporters after the party function, the former chief minister also alleged that only the frauds are benefiting from the Jammu and Kashmir administration.

"No genuine person has benefited from this government. People are distraught. People agitated in both Jammu as well as Kashmir and forced them to cancel the (JKSSB recruitment) examinations which were to be conducted by Aptech — a fraud company.

"But, why did they bring such a blacklisted company? The companies are frauds, the officers are frauds. There is no justice for the honest, and the youth," the NC leader alleged.

He claimed the BJP was afraid of facing the people of Jammu and Kashmir, which is why elections were not being conducted.

"Elections can be held. There is no reason that they cannot be held. The Union home minister regularly said the security situation is conducive for elections, and we have to wait only for the weather.

"Now, the weather has changed. If you ask whether elections can be held or not, my



answer is yes they can surely be held," Omar Abdullah said.

"But, if your question is whether the elections are going to be held or not, then I can only say that if the BJP is afraid of facing the people, then elections will not be conducted. If they are ready to bravely face the people — which I do not feel they are — but if they are, then yes, the polls will be conducted," he added.

About the ban on religious seminaries in Assam, Abdullah said there should not be any ban on any religion.

"The country's constitution treats every religion equally. When the country's leaders visit other countries, they talk about India's secular character, and about Mahatma Gandhi. They say India rejected the two-nation theory.

"Right now, there is a talk about G-20. There are those countries in G-20, which want justice with every religion. This is why I am saying there should not be any ban on any religion either in Assam or anywhere else, especially if there is no unlawful activity going on. They (seminaries) are giving education to poor children. What is wrong with that?" he asked.

## PIB Jammu Organizes Media Workshop 'Vartalap' In Rajouri

- ▶ Media Being The Fourth Pillar Of Democracy Acts As Eyes And Ears Of The Government: Vikas Kundal
- ▶ Media is the most powerful tool for dissemination of information: Ayushi Puri



Observer News Service

**RAJOURI:** Press Information Bureau (PIB) Jammu on Saturday organized Media Workshop 'Vartalap', aimed at building a direct interface between PIB and the journalists working at district and sub-district levels, in district Rajouri.

The workshop, organized at Dak Bungalow Rajouri, was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal in presence of Joint Director, Central Bureau of Communication (CBC) J&K, Ghulam Abbas and Deputy Director PIB Jammu, Ayushi Puri.

In his inaugural address, Kundal appreciated the efforts of PIB Jammu for organizing the media workshop 'Vartalap' in district Rajouri which he termed as the best platform for a dialogue between media and the government. He said that media being the fourth pillar of democracy acts as eyes and ears of the government and such coordination is essential to obtain necessary feedback and address the concerns regarding implementation of the schemes and programmes of the government at the ground level.

Ayushi Puri, in her address, said that media is the most powerful tool for dissemination of information. Besides focusing on investigative journalism, media should also focus on development journalism, she added. She later stressed on media ethics and code of conduct for journalists before

reporting on various issues.

Addressing the gathering, Abbas said, the media units of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in Jammu and Kashmir are playing a pivotal role in the dissemination of information of the government schemes and programmes at the grass root level through different programs organized throughout Jammu and Kashmir by PIB, CBC, AIR and DD.

District Information Officer, Rajouri, Narinder Raina in his address highlighted the achievements of the district under various schemes and programmes of the government. He also stressed that media code of conduct for journalists must be kept in mind before reporting on an event.

Assistant Director, CAPD, Mohamad Arif Lone in his address said that media, being the best interface between the government and the citizens, can play a vital role in consumer sensitization.

Sheikh Mudasar Amin, Media & Communications Officer, PIB Jammu welcomed media and the guests and also presented vote of thanks.

The technical sessions were followed by an interactive question-answer session in which journalists expressed their grievances, talked to the experts and cleared their doubts regarding various issues pertaining to them. The journalists also thanked PIB for organizing the workshop and expressed hope that more such workshops would be conducted in future.

## After Rains, Mercury Drops At Most Places In J&K



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Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Rain lashed plains in last 24 hours, leading to slight drop in mercury at most places, while as weather department on Saturday forecast more precipitation in Jammu and Kashmir till March 20.

Quoting a meteorological department official, news agency GNS reported that received 1mm of rain in 24 hours till 0830 hours, Qazigund 3.8mm, Pahalgam 2.1mm, Kupwara 00mm, Kokernag 28.4mm, Gulmarag 0.6mm, Jammu 1.4mm, Banihal 41.8mm, Batote 23.2mm, Katra 5.8mm, Bhaderwah 6.3mm and Kathua 7.4mm.

Regarding temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 6.8°C against 6.6°C on the previous night and it was 2.1°C above normal for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 3.8°C against 4.5°C on the previous night and it was 0.2°C above normal for the gateway town of Kashmir.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of 2.1°C against 1.6°C on the previous night and it was 2.0°C above normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Kokernag recorded a low of 2.1°C against 4.6°C on the previous night and it was 1.4°C below normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarag recorded a low of 0.5°C, the same as on the previous night and it was 2.8°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 4.8°C against 4.3°C on the previous night and it was 1.7°C above

normal for the north Kashmir area.

Jammu recorded a low of 15.2°C against 14.3°C on the previous night. It was 0.3°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal, he said, recorded a low of 4.4°C (below normal by 0.5°C), Batote 6.1°C (below normal by 0.6°C), Katra 13.0°C (0.4°C above normal) and Bhaderwah 7.0°C (3.1°C above normal).

Ladakh's Leh, he said, recorded a low of minus 3.4°C. "Intermittent rain and thunderstorm accompanied by gusty winds at scattered places is expected whereas snowfall is likely over higher reaches from March till 20," the official said, adding, "there is no forecast of any heavy rain and snow during the time."

He said farmers are urged to postpone spraying of orchards during the period.

### BUDGAM MURDER CASE

## DLSA Directs SSP To File FIR Against Persons Involved In Uploading Pictures, Videos Of Victim

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The District Legal Services Authority Budgam on Saturday directed police in to lodge FIR against the persons who have uploaded the videos and pictures of the lady killed brutally in the district.

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), District Court Complex Budgam in an order has directed Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Budgam to lodge FIR against the persons, who have uploaded and circulated the pictures and videos of victim.

"It has been observed that the media and general public have been circulating the vid-

eos of the recent victim of Soibugh Budgam, who was murdered brutally. Moreover, the pictures of the victim and the videos of her autopsy have also been uploaded and circulated by a number of persons, thereby violating the right to privacy of the victim and her family. Such actions of the above persons and agencies are against law wherein the identity of the victim is revealed and even her private videos have been uploaded and circulated including the video of the autopsy of the deceased victim, which is punishable under law," the order reads.

It added that as such, the media and general public is

informed through to stop revealing the identity of the victim and also circulating her pictures immediately, failing which, the violators shall be booked under law.

"Hence, the SSP Budgam is directed to lodge FIR against the persons who have uploaded and circulated the pictures and videos of the Victim," it added.

Further, Id. Special Mobile magistrate Budgam is requested to direct the concerned social media agencies to remove the pictures and videos of the victim from all social media platforms and also block the accounts of such violators, it added.

## Mehbooba Demands Capital Punishment For Accused

**SRINAGAR:** Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti Saturday demanded capital punishment for the accused in the killing of a woman whose body was cut into several pieces and hidden at different locations in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mehbooba visited the family of the woman in Soibugh in Budgam district of central Kashmir and expressed her condolences.

"The police have done a good job and I hope that (trial in) the case will be fast-tracked. The accused should be hanged sooner so that other girls do not have to face this," she told reporters.

She said the incident reflects where our society has reached. "It reflects where our thinking has reached... I think vio-

lence against women has increased and our people, our men, should think about it and this should not happen because such violence also takes place inside our homes," she said.

The woman was killed earlier this month and her body chopped into several pieces. The police have arrested a man who confessed to the crime and identified the locations where he had hidden the woman's body parts.

Meanwhile, taking to Twitter, the former chief minister referred to Kiran Bhai Patel who posed as a PMO official and enjoyed various perks before being arrested, and said common men were enjoying government patronage but common

Kashmiris were being harassed.

"Common whether outsiders or local enjoying government patronage & hospitality, are given protocol, security & access to powerful babus. Compare this to common Kashmiris viewed suspiciously & harassed in every way possible (sic)," she tweeted.

Patel, hailing from Gujarat, posed as an additional director (strategy and campaigns) in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and enjoyed many perks, including a bulletproof car and security cover, besides other hospitality.

Patel was on his third visit to the Kashmir Valley when he was nabbed by security officials on March 3.



## Azad Urges LG Admin To Release Youths, Scholars From Jails

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** Democratic Progressive Azad Party Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday appealed to the Jammu and Kashmir administration to release youths and religious scholars from the Union Territory languishing in jails across the country ahead of the holy month of Ramzan.

Addressing a public meeting in the city's Eidgah area, Azad said, "If the situation has normalised in Kashmir, the youths and these scholars should be released immediately and allowed to live a normal life.

"They deserve a second chance and a normal life like others. I urge the Lt Governor's administration to ensure all are released ahead of the holy month of Ramzan."

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said his politics is based on inclusiveness, development and peace.

Azad said unlike other parties who try to divide people for political gains, he aims to develop Jammu and Kashmir inclusively "where every person — irrespective of religion, caste and creed — feels politically and socially empowered".

"I had never thought that after leaving the Congress, the people of Jammu and Kashmir will receive me with this kind of warmth and love," the Democratic Progressive Azad Party



(DPAP) chief said.

Claiming that more and more people are joining his new party, Azad said, "It gives me more responsibilities and challenges to meet the expectations of the people. People feel dejected and disappointed with the present governance system."

Azad added that those politicians who have "no vision resort to communal and divisive politics" but he aims to build a better and progressive Jammu and Kashmir where the future of youths is secure.

If the DPAP is elected to power, Azad said he will bring a revolution of massive development across the Union Territory. Besides, he will continue to fight for the people's rights.

"Be it statehood, land or jobs, I will lead my people from the front to secure their rights," he told the gathering. Every issue that matters to the common people will concern him, Azad said.

"My people are my priority. I have come back to Jammu and Kashmir only for my people. Otherwise, I had all the opportunities I could ever desire in my life," he added.

## Two Day Workshop On PM Gatishakti Concludes In Srinagar



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The two-day third regional workshop for Northern zone ended on Saturday in Srinagar.

More than 250 Officials from Central ministries, States/UTs and industry players participated in the workshop for Northern Region. The theme of the workshop for day two was National Logistics Policy.

Throwing light on the proceedings of the workshop, Sunita Dawra, Special Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India said that logistics is about development of both infrastructure and services related to logistics.

She said that to complement the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP), the National Logistics Policy (NLP) was launched to address the components of improving efficiency in logistics services and human resource through streamlining processes, regulatory framework, skill development, mainstreaming logistics in higher education and adoption of suitable technologies.

Dawra added that NLP lays down an overarching interdisciplinary, cross-sectoral and multi-jurisdictional framework for the logistics sector and provides a comprehensive policy framework for all sub-sectors in the logistics ecosystem that are critical for efficient logistics.

During day two of the workshop, presentations by states/UTs including Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir were made on their respective State Logistics Policies. According to these presentations, it was observed that fiscal and non-fiscal incentives have been drawn out under these policies that will facilitate ease of doing business and attract investments in logistics sector. Certain States/UTs like Punjab, J&K have accorded 'Industry' status to Logistics, to enable concessional financial access to logistics industry.

During the proceedings of the workshop, it was revealed that the broad targets of the NLP are to: (i) reduce cost of logistics in India to be comparable to global benchmarks by 2030; (ii) improve the Logistics Performance Index ranking — endeavor is to be

among top 25 countries by 2030, and (iii) create data driven decision support mechanism for an efficient logistics ecosystem.

In order to bring about a holistic focus on Logistics at State level, State/UT logistics policy has been notified by 18 States/UTs. Development of Logistics Ease Across Different State (LEADS) 2023-24 report has also commenced which has the objective of analyzing the logistics ecosystem of various States/UTs as per a framework, and rank States/UTs on logistics ease.

As part of the workshop, it was emphasised upon States/UTs to conduct inter-department meetings to create awareness on PM GatiShakti principles and efficient logistics ecosystem. State Engagement with all Departments, urban bodies, districts and panchayati raj institutions to plan efficiency in logistics was also stressed upon.

The participants were also encouraged to form inter-department logistics related services improvement group that reports to the Network Planning Group headed by the Chief Secretary, to take the initiatives forward. States were also asked to establish city logistics committees and develop city logistics plans for efficient freight flow management and reduction in city congestion.

Participants of the workshop were also asked to formulate action plans for bringing down logistics cost by duly identifying priority areas for taking up multimodal infrastructure related interventions. Development of tunnels/terminals for trucks outside cities; dual usage logistics facilities and trunk infrastructure were also suggested to be covered under the scope of logistics policies. Attracting private investments in logistics related infrastructure and involving startups for solution to promoting logistics efficiency were also discussed during the deliberations.

Use of technology and green initiatives while planning the logistics ecosystem, which will include both (i) planning for infrastructure development for new India and (ii) developing an efficient logistics ecosystem were also stressed upon. Participants were also encouraged to interact with business associations to understand the interventions needed for both infrastructure and logistics.

## Consultation Workshop On Forest Rights Act Held In Budgam

Observer News Service

**BUDGAM:** A consultation workshop on Forest Rights Act (FRA) was organised by Action Aid India on Saturday in Chadoora Budgam. The meeting was attended by senior officers from Tribal Affairs Department, Forest & Revenue Departments. Members of village Forest Rights Committees (FRCs) and prominent citizens from Doodh Ganga forest range in Budgam also participated in the meeting.

While speaking during the consultation workshop Special Secretary Tribal Affairs Department

Mohammad Haroon Malik said that people had rights like the Forest Rights Act in past also when Sir Walter Lawrence did land settlement in J&K around 1890, but after enactment of FRA these rights have been properly identified and people have not only individual and community forest rights but they have rights over the local non forest timber produce (NTFP) as well. He said that Govt of India has launched a scheme called Van Dhan Yojna wherein J&K Tribal Affairs Department has made a MoU with the Cooperatives Department for setting up Self Help Groups

(SHGs) for Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFDs).

These SHGs can collect the minor forest produce at their own level and process the same. The Tribal Affairs Department will help in market linkages as well so that they get better returns from the same of these products" said Mohammad Haroon Malik

Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Chadoora P N Hamid who is also the Chairperson of Sub Division Level Committee under Forest Rights Act in Chadoora Budgam in his address said that tribals and

other traditional forest dwellers must focus on the education of their children. He said that under FRA several community forest rights have been already given to people in Doodh Ganga forest range especially and the administration was working to remain more focussed on this in future.

SDM Chadoora said that he will be happy to hold more such workshops in future. Range Officer Doodh Ganga Range Tariq Nazir spoke about FRA in detail and the rights which people are entitled. He said that subsidized timber was being provided to forest dwellers

and they were working to make sure Individual and Community rights are given to people.

Chairman RTI Movement Dr Raja Muzaffar who also spoke during the workshop appreciated the role of Tribal Affairs Department, Forest Department and SDM Chadoora for their support and co-operation on FRA implementation. He thanked Action Aid India and Khyber Girls School Chadoora for the event. Social activists Mush-taq Ahmad, Dr Rouf Malik, Ajaz Ahmad, Shah Nawaz Sultan, Syed Farhat, Basharat Chopan, Sameer Chopan also attended the meeting.



## Jammu To Host Senior National Table Tennis Championship



Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Jammu is all set to host the 84th Senior National Table Tennis Championship from March 20.

"It is a matter of great honour and privilege to be hosts of yet another major event in the sports calendar of the country," Secretary, Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Sarmaad Hafeez said at a press conference on Saturday.

The championship is being organised by J&K Table Tennis Association in coordination with J&K Sports Council.

Flanked by Sanjay Wahli, President J&K Table Tennis Association (JKTTA) and N. Ganesan, Competition Manager of the event, the Secretary said that successful conduct of Veteran Masters National Table Tennis Championship in Srinagar last year has consolidated the claim of J&K to be one of the most sought after sports destinations in the country and the al-

lotment of 84th Senior National Table Tennis Championship-2022 by Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) only substantiates the claim.

He said that J&K is hosting Senior National Table Tennis Tournament after a gap of almost 25 years.

Many former International stars and Arjun Awardees like Monalisa Mehta, S.Raman and Kamlesh Mehta will witness the event, Sarmaad Hafeez added.

President JKTTA, Sanjay Wahli, said that many prominent paddlers of the country shall take part in the event which includes star players like Sharath Kamal, Manika Batra and Sathiana Ganaesekaran who collectively bagged six gold medals in recent Commonwealth Games.

The event is set to extend over a period of eight days in which more than 750 players and officials from 34 States, Union Territories, Sports Boards and Institutions are taking part. The championship carries a total cash prize of Rs. 16 lakh rupees.

## WPL: UP Warriorz End Mumbai Indians' Winning Run

Press Trust of India

**NAVI MUMBAI:** UP Warriorz snapped formidable Mumbai Indians' winning run in the Women's Premier League with a five-wicket victory, after the Uttar Pradesh side extracted more out of a tricky pitch here on Saturday.

On a surface where the ball turned a lot and was also holding up, England's star left-arm spinner Sophie Ecclestone (3/15) led the way with her excellent

bowling as UP Warriorz bundled out Mumbai Indians for 127.

When MI batted, 18 of the 20 overs were bowled by spinners, a WPL record.

In reply, UPW faced some obstacles before competing the task with three balls to spare. Grace Harris (39) and Tahlia McGrath (38) were the main contributors with the bat for UPW, while Deepti Sharma (13 not out) and player of the match Ecclestone (16 not out) also played vital knocks.



## India Has Big Clout: PCB Chief On Asia Cup Hosting Issue

Press Trust of India

**LAHORE:** PCB Chairman Najam Sethi on Saturday said that support of other members of Asian Cricket Council (ACC) will be important on the issue of hosting the Asia Cup but conceded that India, which wants the tournament to be held elsewhere, enjoys big clout in the continental body.

ACC chief and BCCI secretary Jay Shah had earlier announced that India will not travel to Pakistan for the Asia Cup scheduled later this year and the tournament will be moved out of Pakistan.

"It's important to see how other members (of ACC) look at our stance on Asia Cup. What they think is important, but in the end we must realise how much clout the BCCI with its financial power carries in world cricket," said Sethi at a press conference, ahead of his departure for Dubai to attend ACC and ICC meetings.

"I have been in contact with senior members of ACC. I have informed them about our problems and we will try and find honourable solutions to the problems," he added.

Sethi said he had not only taken legal opinion but also



held informal consultations with the foreign office and government officials on the issue.

"I have held informal consultations and taken the government opinion as well and this time we have also taken all legal advice for what stance we can take at these meetings," he said.

Pakistan has been insisting that India should come to Pakistan to play in the Asia Cup in September and if they don't come and the tournament is moved elsewhere, the PCB will be forced not to send its team

to India for the 50-over World Cup in October-November.

"I will also be talking to the BCCI secretary and ACC President, Jay Shah.

"I will see how the meetings go and then come back and after consulting relevant authorities take a final decision on whether we will send our team to India for the World Cup." Sethi said if Pakistan team goes to India (for the 50-over World Cup), it would expect the highest standards of security for the players and also easy access for the Pakistani media and fans.

## CSK Eyeing Stake In Major League Cricket's Texas Team

Press Trust of India

**CHENNAI:** Chennai Super Kings (CSK) could be eyeing a stake in the Texas team, one of Major League Cricket's (MLC) six sides.

The four-time IPL winners on Saturday revealed that they will soon make a "major announcement" with regard to their association with the new T20 tour-



namment in the US.

San Francisco Unicorns, Los Angeles, New York, Seattle Orcas, Texas and Washington DC are the six teams competing in the T20 tournament, scheduled to be begin on July 13 this year.

MLC had announced on Friday that another IPL franchise Delhi Capitals, co-owned by GMR Group, will partner with Seattle Orcas to "help build and operate a world-class cricket team".



## Inter-State Volleyball, Kabaddi Competitions Conclude At Kathua

Observer News Service

**KATHUA:** Under J&K Government's Rural Sports initiative, Volleyball and Kabaddi competitions at Panchayat Taryara (Barnoti) were organised by DDC/BDC/PRI in collaboration with Department of Youth Services and Sports (YS&S) J&K here. Hundreds of young sports enthusiasts participated in the competitions.

Director, YS&S J&K, Subash Chibber who was the chief guest on the occasion appreciated the

efforts of co-organisers for channelising the sport's talent of young blood through such activities.

"Sports has a vital role in eradicating bad behaviour in youth and it works as a supplement for inculcating discipline and a sense of responsibility in people. Current dispensation under the able leadership of LG is committed to engage youth in sports activities across J&K and we are seeing a visible change in youth towards Games and Sports," Director YS&S added.

## Important We Recover Properly To Perform Better: Shami

Press Trust of India

**MUMBAI:** Ace pacer Mohammed Shami has stressed on the importance of recovery after bowling India to a five-wicket win against Australia in the first ODI at the Wankhede stadium here.

The right-arm quick returned with figures of 6-2-17-3 on Friday as India restricted Australia to 188 in 35.4 overs and then returned to overhaul the target in 39.5 overs.

"The plan was to keep it simple. We had discussed in team meeting as well to make a good start, to keep the ball in good areas and stick to our line and length," he said in conversation with fellow pacer Mohammed Siraj in a video posted on BCCI.tv. "The heat was also an issue. When we bowled the first spell it was hot but later it got a bit better to bowl when the wind started blowing."

The 32-year-old had missed the training for the first ODI to recover from the fourth and final Test against Australia in Ahmedabad.



"After 40 overs of the Ahmedabad Test, I needed 1-2 days to recover. I completed that recovery and came here for the match," he said.

"The management accepted that I needed recovery. We have played so many matches that we know our skills and ability. So it is important that we recover properly to perform better."

Siraj also claimed three wickets for 29 runs to play a huge role in India's win.

"When I get the new ball, I try to bowl inswing. Like when there is a left-hander, I try to bowl inswing. I wanted to take as many wickets in the powerplay. I got one wicket," he said.

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