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From Gilded Cage To Terminal 3, Kashmir Between The Pages

Rhys Gonsalves

Following author-architect Hakim Sameer Hamdani's ambitious new book *Shi'ism in Kashmir: A History of Sunni-Shi'i Rivalry and Reconciliation* panning out Kashmir's polemic past, a bunch of new books are now adding some unknown details to Kashmir as a subject. Some of these volumes are highlighting different shades and shadows of the valley in context with the prevailing situation. Among the new tomes is Sandeep Bamzai's *Gilded Cage - Years that made and unmade Kashmir*.

As another political trip down the region's chequered history, the book is the third and final part of the trilogy on Kashmir. It chronicles the tumultuous years that resulted in the 'Kashmir issue' being made and unmade.

The book captures the emergence of Sheikh Abdullah in Kashmir politics to his arrest and the disillusionment of the masses with his leadership.

Kashmir has become a caged match, the author asserts, where things have caused and continue to cause consternation.

From Jinnah's Kashmir interest to Sheikh Abdullah's vehement hatred for the former,



the books notes Jawaharlal Nehru's understanding of the valley as a shop-window for his brand of secular politics

as well as mentions Maharaja Hari Singh's determination to remain independent in the face of both India and Pakistan.

Among the new releases is Dr. Sunaulah Pampori's *Shama-e-Irfan*—a book containing a message for young people. It's already being hailed as a "captive commentary" on the prevailing state of affairs.

The book reflects the existing issues of the society, such as drug addiction, technology dependence, and the avoidance of book reading.

It took a doctorate in Arabic who served in the Education Department in various capacities for 18 years to complete

the book.

In the league of new releases, Khwaja Abdul Ghani's *Sharda - The fountain head of Kashmir civilisation* - is also creating a lot of traction.

Translated by police officer Manoj Sheeri, Ghani's book entices readers to delve into the forgotten past and connect it to the present, highlighting the continuity of traditions and cultural practices in the subcontinent.

Apart from some sons of the soil, literary attempts made by non-Kashmiris are also fuelling the new release dates in the valley. For instance, Debasmita Dasgupta's *Terminal 3* [More on P6](#)

Widespread Rains To Lash J&K Today

Agencies

Srinagar: Amid forecast for widespread light to moderate rain and thunders in plains and light snowfall over upper reaches during the next 24 hours, the minimum temperatures recorded an increase in Kashmir Valley and a drop at most places in Jammu division on Friday.

A meteorological department official here said that scattered to fairly widespread light to moderate rain and thunders were expected during the subsequent two days.

In the last 24 hours till 0830 hours, he said, Srinagar, Qazigund, Pahalgam received traces of rain while Kupwara had 0.2mm, Gulmarg 0.8mm, Jammu 16.4mm, Banihal 2.4mm, Batote 2.8mm, Katra 21.8mm, Bhandarwah 1.1mm and Kathua 5.8mm.

Meanwhile, the minimum temperatures recorded an increase at most places and settled above normal in J&K.

The MeT official said that Srinagar recorded a low of 7.9°C against 6.6°C on the previous night and it was 1.8°C above normal for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 6.8°C against 4.6°C on the previous night while the famous hill station of [More on P6](#)

Muslims Help Perform Last Rites Of CISF Jawan

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Muslims in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district Friday helped perform the last rites of a Hindu CISF jawan who died of cardiac arrest, officials said.

Balbir Singh, 55, a Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) jawan died Thursday evening of cardiac arrest at his home in Karkan area of south Kashmir's Kulgam, the officials said.

Singh, posted in Amritsar, had taken leave to attend the first death anniversary of his brother who was killed by militants last year, they said.

Singh's family is the only Hindu Rajput family [More on P6](#)

Around 10K Pilgrims From J&K To Perform Haj-2023

Agencies

Srinagar: Nearly 10,000 people from Jammu and Kashmir will perform the sacred pilgrimage of Haj, as the draw of lots was held on Friday, officials said.

They said that 1320 people, above 70-years of age and 132 women who had applied without mahram, will also perform the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, one of the holiest places in Islam.

Haj Executive Officer, Abdul Salam Mir said that a total of 14271 applications had been received for Hajj-2023.

"For the first time, women without Mahram have been allowed to go for the pilgrimage. 132 female applicants without mahram

have been selected this year. 1320 people who are above 70 years of age have also been selected under Reserved Category," Mir said.

He said that 14,000 applications were received for Haj 2023 from the people of J&K.

Earlier, the Saudi government had barred the intending pilgrims above 70 years of age in view of the Covid pandemic in 2020 and 2021. However, the Saudi government recently announced that pilgrims above 70 years of age will be given priority and for the first time the Saudi government also allowed female pilgrims without mahram to perform the holy pilgrimage of Haj.

"The draw of lots through random digital selection [More on P6](#)



Located on the foothills of the Zabarwan range, Asia's largest tulip garden in Srinagar is in full bloom, attracting thousands of visitors daily from the country and abroad. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Donation Vans Roll On Roads As Ramazan Fervour Grips Kashmir

Auqib Javed

Srinagar: Dozens of vans fitted with a public address system and seeking donations for the orphanages and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have started rolling on the roads of Srinagar and elsewhere as the fervour of the holy month of Ramazan grips Kashmir Valley.

According to officials, the number of registered NGOs, including orphanages across the Valley is around 350. However, in the month of Ramazan, they said, NGOs pop up out of nowhere and start donation drives in all major towns and districts of the Valley.

An official from the social welfare department said that there are around 120 NGOs registered with the department. However, many of these, he said, are running illegally, or at least bypassing the rules and regulations laid down by the government.

"Kashmir has witnessed an unprecedented mushroom growth of NGOs and



orphanages over a few years. There are no checks on their activities, or the funds they collected," Mohammad Muneer, a businessman said.

Muneer, who runs a shop in the bust Lal Chowk, says that he witnesses around a dozen donation vans roaming around the city centre every day.

Sources told said that these NGOs run a huge network and have ample infrastructure and trained people to run donation

drives across the nook and corner of the Valley. Besides salary, they said, many of the volunteers receive incentives on their performance in collecting donations from the people.

Pertinently, two years ago, police in Pulwama district arrested two persons and sealed an NGO over illegal adoption of Covid orphans.

The government then swung into action and asked the NGOs not to [More on P6](#)

AMARNATH YATRA-2023

LG Chairs SASB Meet, Takes Stock Of Arrangements



Observer News Service

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday chaired 44th meeting of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) and took stock of the preparations being made for the smooth conduct of annual pilgrimage set to begin in June ending.

The board members, including Swami Avdheshanand Giri Ji Maharaj, D. C. Raina, Kailash Mehra Sadhu, K. N. Rai, K.N. Shrivastava, Pitambar Lal Gupta, Dr. Shailesh Raina, Prof Vishwamurti Shastri and Manju Garg shared their valuable inputs and suggestions for improving the facilities for the pilgrims, an official spokesperson said.

The meeting held at the Raj Bhavan here, he said, discussed the ongoing works and future projects for smooth and hassle-free pilgrimage.

The spokesperson said that LG's Principal Secretary Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari made a detailed presentation and briefed the board on various aspects of the Yatra-2023, including registration process, provision of helicopter services, service providers, Yatra camps, langar/NGO services, insurance cover for pilgrims/service providers etc.

Bhandari, who is also CEO SASB, further presented the action taken report on the decisions taken in [More on P6](#)

THE LIST OF SUCCESSFUL INTENDING Haj Pilgrims shall be published next day (Saturday) besides uploading the same on the official website of J&K Haj Committee [www.jkshc.org.](#)"

KP MAN'S MURDER

Court To Decide On Trial Against Karate

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: A court here on Friday heard an application for the opening of a criminal trial against separatist Farooq Ahmed Daar alias Bitta Karate in the murder of Kashmiri Pandit businessman Satish Tickoo in 1990, and listed the matter for further hearing on May 4.



Advocate Utsav Bains, who has filed the application on behalf of Tickoo's family, told reporters they hope that they will get justice from the court.

Asked whether the video of Karate confessing to killing Tickoo was submitted in the court, the lawyer said it would be done in the course of arguments. "We will do it in the due course of the arguments because in that video Karate says that he [More on P6](#)

Govt Transfers Four JKAS Officers

The Union Territory government on Friday ordered transfer and postings of four Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officers with immediate effect. According to an order, Anshumali Sharma, JKAS, General Manager, J&K Medical Supplies Corporation, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Reasi, against an available vacancy. Irfan Bahadur, JKAS, Secretary, Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA), Srinagar, has been [More on P6](#)

2 Militants Held For Attacking YouTuber

Police on Friday claimed to have arrested two hybrid militants of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) involved in an attack on a YouTuber journalist in South Kashmir's Shopian district last year. Suhaib Reyaz and Anayat Ullah Iqbal, both residents of Saidapora Payeen were picked up by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the militant attack on a YouTuber journalist, a police spokesperson said. The duo, he said, admitted their involvement in the terror attack. [More on P6](#)

Old Mortar Shell Defused Near LoC



An old Pakistan mortar shell was recovered near Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Friday, according to sources. The shell was dug out during a construction work in Shahpur area of the district, they said. The shell has been defused, they said.

Prof Nath Is New VC Of CUK

Ministry of Education (MoE) Friday appointed Professor A. Ravinder Nath as Vice Chancellor of Central University of Kashmir (CUK) for a period of five years. Under Secretary to the Government of India (GoI) C.P. Ratnakaran in this regard issued an official communique. Ratnakaran said that he was directed to say that the President has appointed Prof A. Ravinder Nath as a VC for CUK. "The president in her capacity as the Visitor of [More on P6](#)

Two Interstate Drug Smugglers Held

Two interstate drug smugglers were arrested and recovered over Rs 16 lakh cash and heroin from them in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, police said on Friday. The accused, Harpreet Singh alias Raju alias Happy and Ranjeet Singh alias Kalu of Amritsar, have been booked under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, they said. A police party signalled a car bearing a Punjab registration number to stop but the driver tried to escape [More on P6](#)

12 Sheep, 2 Buffaloes Charred To Death

A poor family hailing from Thandapani Panjgrian village near Line of Control (LoC) in Manjakote Tehsil has suffered a massive loss after their cattle shed got damaged in a devastating fire. The incident, locals said, happened in the intervening night of Thursday and Friday in which the entire cattle shed was reduced to ashes. They told a local news agency KNO that besides damage to the structure, the poor family has also suffered loss of their livestock. Tazeem Begum, [More on P6](#)

SHORT TAKES

Environmental DNA Could Measure Coral Reef Biodiversity More Accurately: Study

Press Trust Of India

Environmental DNA, or eDNA, extracted from a litre of surface seawater, provides for a more effective and accurate means to measure coral reef biodiversity, according to a new research.

eDNA refers to the DNA that living creatures release into the environment, through skin, waste products, and mucus.

The research from Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (OIST), Japan, paved the way for large-scale comprehensive surveys of coral reefs to take place, rather than relying on scientific scuba diving or snorkeling for obtaining direct observations.

Scientific divers have confirmed the method to work through observations made in the same area of ocean.

The method is described in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences. Owing to global warming and other bleaching-causing factors, survival of many coral reefs has been threatened.

"Beautiful coral reefs in subtropical and tropical seas account for only 0.2 per cent of the entire ocean," said co-author Nori Sa-



toh, Principal Investigator of OIST's Marine Genomics Unit.

"However, they are the most biodiverse areas of the oceans, home to about 30 per cent of all marine life," said Satoh.

The first step towards the conservation and protection of coral reefs involves understanding the make-up of a coral and how it changes over time. By analysing the

eDNA extracted from seawater, without having to enter water, a clear picture of the organisms inhabiting that part of the ocean can be formed.

Previous methods involved scientific scuba diving and snorkeling to record the species and the changes over time, which were time consuming, expensive, and labour intensive.

The researchers tested the effectiveness and accuracy of these new tools by conducting a large-scale survey of the ocean surrounding Okinawa using both the eDNA method and scientific divers. Over a four-month period, from early September to late December 2021, 62 sites from around the main Okinawa Island were surveyed and two to four dominant coral genera at each reef were recorded.

"We found that the eDNA analysis matched that of the direct scientific observations with more than 91 per cent accuracy," said OIST Research Scientist, Koki Nishitsuji, first author of the paper.

"In fact, 41 out of the 62 sites were identical. The eDNA method indicated the presence of five dominant coral genera at all 62 sites surveyed. What's more the results of the environmental DNA method suggest the presence of corals never before recorded along the coast of Okinawa," said Nishitsuji.

The eDNA method requires complex sequencing information, and due to this, only 45 of the estimated 236 genera can currently be detected. With more information, the effectiveness of the eDNA method will increase, the study said.

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Office Of The Deputy Director Kashmir Horticulture (P&M) Rajbagh Srinagar.

e-AUCTION NOTICE AUC 16 OF 2023-24 Dated: 31-03-2023

For and on behalf of Market Administrative Committee e-Tenders are invited from public at large / NGO's having valid GST registrations for execution of Gate Entry Contract at F&V Market Zazna Ganderbal for the year 2023-24 commencing from 15-04-2023 to 31-03-2024. The minimum reverse bid is fixed at Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lac Only/-). The tender documents can be downloaded from <http://ketenders.gov.in>. The successful tendered shall have to collect the gate entry fee from various kinds of vehicles every time entering the market as per the description given below:-

Name of work	Minimum Reserve Bid per annum	Earnest Money in the shape of CDR	Cost of Tender Document	Period of Contract
Collection of Gate Entry Fee of Fruit and Vegetable Market Zazna Ganderbal for the year 2023-24 (w.e.f. from 00.00 hrs. of 15.04.2023 and shall terminate at 24.00 hrs. of the intervening night of 31.3.2024 and 01.04.2024)	Rs.100000 + GST / TCS & other taxes as applicable in the J&K Union Territory	Rs.3000/- (3% of Minimum bid amount) in favour of Market Administrative Committee Zazna Ganderbal	Rs. 500/- (Non-Refundable) in favour of Market Administrative Committee Zazna Ganderbal	12 Months (w.e.f. 15.04.2023 To 31.03.2024)

Critical Dates Table.

S.No.	Event	Date
1	Publishing Date	31-03-2023
2	Document Download/Sale Date	31-03-2023
3	Bid Submission start Date	31-03-2023
4	Bid Submission Closing Date	07-04-2023 (Up to 4:00 PM)
5	Bid Submission Opening Date	08-04-2023 (At 11:00 AM)

The committee will comprise of the following members:-
 1. Joint Director Horticulture (P&M) J&K : Chairman
 2. Deputy Director Horticulture (P&M) Kashmir: Member
 3. Executive Engineer-Horticulture (P&M), Kashmir: Member
 4. Member-Secretary Zazna Ganderbal : Member

The Gate Entry Fee for each type of vehicle (loaded / unloaded) / entering / leaving Fruit and Vegetable Zazna Ganderbal shall be as under:

S.No.	Type of Vehicle	Entry Fee Per Trip for 2023-24
1	Trolley: 20 Tyres, 14 Tyres	Rs. 240/-
2	Trolley: 12 Tyres, 10 Tyres	Rs. 190/-
3	Truck/Bus: 06 Tyres	Rs. 120/-
4	Matador/Tractor/Trolley/Jonga/ Tata	Rs. 40/-
5	Mobile/Tata Sumo/Tavera/Qualis/ Van	Rs. 10/-
6	Auto/Load Carrier-3 Wheelers	Rs. 10/-
7	Reda/Horse Cart	Rs. 10/-

TERMS AND CONDITIONS
 The Successful Tenderer shall have to enter into an agreement with the Member Secretary MAC F&V Market Zazna Ganderbal. The other terms and conditions of the agreement are as under:-
 1. The offer shall be super subscribed as Gate Entry tender document of Fruit & Vegetable Mandi F&V Market Zazna Ganderbal.
 2. The successful tenderer shall deposit the offered bid amount in the office of the MAC Fruit & Vegetable Mandi F&V Market Zazna Ganderbal in two installments 1st installment i.e. 75% of the offered bid amount at the time of allotment of contract and 2nd installment i.e. remaining 25% of the offered bid shall be paid by the successful bidder after three (03) months from the date of allotment of contract through assured payees account cheque or bank guarantee whichever is thought feasible in the interest of MAC F&V Market Zazna Ganderbal.
 3. The allotment to the successful bidder shall be given after two days of opening of tenders after depositing the first installment.

Sd/-
 (Naheed Mir)
 Deputy Director (K), Horticulture (P&M), Srinagar.

No: - 15 /DDK/HPM/2023/3945-46
 DIPK-19030/22 Dated:- 31-03-2023

Before The Hon'ble High Court Of Union Territory Of J&K And Ladakh At Srinagar

In the case of:-
 Sameeullah Wani
 S/O Sanauallah Wani
 R/O Hajin Sonawari Bandipora Kashmir

VERSUS
 Public at Large Caveator

...Non-Caveators

In the matter of:-
 Caveat Petition.
 May it please your Lordships:
 The petition is submitted as under:
 1. That the caveator is the permanent resident of J&K and is filing the instant petition for the protection of his rights.
 2. That the caveator apprehends that any person or persons may file any writ petition, appeal, application, or any other proceedings before this Hon'ble Tribunal and will get an ex parte order in his/her/their favour by suppressing the material facts.
 3. That in case any writ petition or any other proceedings comes up for consideration this Hon'ble Tribunal against the caveator, no orders be passed in ex-parte unless the caveator is put to notice.
 4. That since the caveator is not in a position to suggest the name as to who will file the proceedings against the caveator, as such, the caveator has published the same in the local newspaper copy of which is appended herewith.
 5. That this caveat petition is supported by an affidavit. In the premises, it is therefore, prayed that in the event of filing of any writ petition, appeal, application or any other proceedings by any person or persons against the caveator, the caveator may be put to notice before passing of any order.

Caveator
 Through Counsel Advat Ajaz Ahmed

Issuance Of Contract Card

I Mrs. Asmat Rehman, D/o Ab Rehman Rather R/o Awaneera has applied for Registration / Issuance of Contract Card in the Office of The Block Development Officer, Zainapora. It is noteworthy to mention that I am an unemployed and wants to work to earn my livelihood and have no affiliation with any organisation whatsoever. In this connection if anybody has any objection regarding the case he/she may submit the same to the Office of the BDO Zainapora within a week's time failing which no complaint may be entertained after given time frame.

Asmat Rehman
 D/o Ab Rehman Rather
 R/o Awaneera asmatrehman29@gmail.com fko

Before The Hon'ble District Judge At Srinagar

In the case of:
 Feroz Ahmad bhat, S/o Ali Mohd Bhat
 R/o Chotta Bazar, Karan Nagar, Srinagar, Kashmir

CAVEATOR/APPLICANT
 Versus Public At Large

NON-APPLICANTS
 In the matter of: Caveat Application in terms of Section 148-A CPC

May it please your Honour,
 The applicant most respectfully submits as under:
 1. That the applicant/ caveator is bonafide domicile of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.
 2. The applicant/ caveators are lawful owners in possession of land & kated at Chotta Bazar, Karan Nagar, District Srinagar, Tehsil Khas.
 3. That the applicant/ caveator apprehends that the nonapplicants may file a civil original suit against the applicant and may obtain orders in ex parte by suppression of facts and statement of false and untrue facts (suggesto falsi and suppressio veri).
 4. That the attendant facts and circumstances of the case warrant that the applicant/ caveator be heard before any orders are passed in the matter in ex parte.
 5. That in case the non-applicant succeeds in obtaining orders in ex parte, then the applicant/ caveator will suffer an irreparable loss and injury which cannot be compensated by any means whatsoever.
 In the premises it is therefore most respectfully prayed that this application be accepted and in the event of a Civil Original Suit or any other proceeding being filed against the applicant/ caveator, the applicant/ caveator be heard through his counsel first before any orders are passed in ex parte. The same would be in the interests of justice.

Applicant through Counsel
 Bisma Mir and Umer Rashid
 District Court, Chamber no 404,
 Phone 778086286

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Hanfia Islamic School Hardushoora

Zone Kunzer Baramulla Kashmir

List of managing body for the extension of recognition of school 2023-03-31

S. No	Name/parentage/ address	Qual.	Occupation	Post in
1	Abdul Majeed Ganie S/O Gulam Rasool Ganie R/o Hardushoora	M.A Bed	Private Teacher	Chairman
2	Mushtaq Ahmad Parry S/O Late Mohammad Sultan Parry R/o Hardushoora	10+2	Shopkeeper	Accountant
3	Aijaz Ahmad Najar S/O Gulam Mohammad Najar R/o Hardushoora	MA	Shopkeeper	Secretary
4	Aijaz Ahmad Gojri S/O Late Abdul Satar Gojri R/o Check Chraith Ram	MA Bed	Private Teacher	Principal
5	Shabir Ahmad Parra S/O Gulam Mohiuddin Parra R/o Hardushoora	MA Bed	Private Teacher	Parent Member
6	Mohammad Ashraf Sheikh S/O Late Gulam Rasool Sheikh R/o Hardushoora	MA Bed	Private Teacher	Parent Member
7	Mushtaq Ahmad Baba S/O Rashee Baba R/o Hardushoora	10+2	Private Teacher	Member

bmg Sd/- Chairman

From the office of the Advocate Waseem Ahmad Shah

licence no: JK-497/18

In the case of:
 Muhammad Hussain Mir S/o Ali Muhammad Mir R/o Rawthopora Chattergam Budgam

Versus
 Public at large (NON-CAVEATOS)

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-CPC
 The Caveator has reason to believe that Non-Caveators may file any Application, Petition, Appeal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seek in obtaining some relief/order at their back /in ex parte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveator be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

NJ Sd/advocate

University Of Kashmir

(NAAC Accredited Grade 'A')

RESULT NOTIFICATION
 DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
 Shahnawaz Gull S/O Gh Mohd Nengroo Bearing University Registration No. 27841-A-2001 who pursued Ph.D. programme on part-time basis in the discipline of Political Science vide result notification No. F(Ph.D-Political Science/Sec / KU/23) Dated: March 29,2023, Department of Political Science, School of Social Sciences, submitted thesis under the supervision of Dr. Peerzada Irshad Ahmad Shah, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kashmir, Srinagar is declared qualified for the award of Ph.D. Degree on March 20,2023.

MCB

Al-Mustafa (s.a.w) Educational Institute Singpora

List of Managing body of Al-Mustafa (s.a.w) Educational Institute Singpora

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2	Tahir Hussain Dar	Gh. Mohammad Dar	Jawahar Pora Narbal Budgam	M.A Political Science & Diploma in Tourism	Principal
3	Nisar Ahmad Dar	Mohd Qasim Dar	Gund Ibrahim Pattan	B.A	Organiser
4	Nayeema Ahmad	Gh. Ahmad Sofi	Baliharan Singpora	MSc. B.Ed.	Staff
5	Mohd Asif Rather	Gh. Hussain Rather	Gund Ibrahim Pattan	Graduate	Member/Parent
6	Shahbaaz Hussain	Mohd Qasim Bhat	Gund Ibrahim Pattan	10+2	Member/Parent

Fee Structure of Al-Mustafa (s.a.w) Educational Institute Singpora

S.No	Class	Fee
1	Nursery, L.K.G, U.K.G	300
2	1st and 2nd	400
3	3rd	450
4	4th and 5th	500
5	6th	550
6	7th	600
7	8th	700

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University of Kashmir, Srinagar

Notice

The candidate whose particulars are given below has reported to the University that he / she has lost his/her University Certificate/s and has applied for issuance of duplicate certificate/s:
 Name: Tahira Akhter
 Paretnage:- Khurshid Ahmad Dar
 Residence:- Ratnipora Shopian
 Registration No : 7024-SC-2009
 Certificate/s lost:- 3rd Year Marks Certificate
 Roll No/s:- 13843
 Session/Year : August -Sept 2013
 Before University will consider issuance of Duplicate Certificate/s in favour of the candidate, any person having any objection shall report to the undersigned within one week from the date of issuance of this notice. The original certificate/s issued to the candidate be treated as cancelled
No: F(Duplicate) 2023 Year/KU/2023
 dated: 09-03-2023 Assistant Controller of Examinations (PG/UG/Prof) sku

ازعدالت چیف جوڈیشل مجسٹریٹ سبج سرنیگر

تہذیب خان ہتھرنہ خان ساکنہ عیگا،
 رجنزار برٹھس اینڈ ڈھنٹھس
 سرنیگر بڈریو والدہ نامہ محمد خان
 ایس۔ ایم۔ سی۔ سرنیگر
 (مسل)

درخواست برآمد اندراج کرنے تاریخ پیدائش آزاد
 تہذیب خان تاریخ پیدائش 18-12-1988
 اشتہار برآء گائی ہرخاص وعام

معاہدہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد میں سائل اسانکے عدالت ہڈا میں ایک درخواست بشمول حلفی بغرض اندراج کرنے تاریخ پیدائش دائر کی ہے۔ لہذا انعام الناس کو بذریعہ اشتہار مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ نسبت درخواست سائل اسانکے منظور ہونے میں کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں عدالت میں آکر مورخہ 08-04-2023 تک پیش کرے۔ بعد گزرنے معیاد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
 تقریر الصد 27-03-2023
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ازعدالت چیف جوڈیشل مجسٹریٹ سبج سرنیگر

گلزار محمد صوفی ولد محمد سیمان صوفی ساکنہ نڈھیر
 رجنزار برٹھس اینڈ ڈھنٹھس
 ایس۔ ایم۔ سی۔ سرنیگر
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درخواست برآمد اندراج کرنے تاریخ پیدائش آزاد
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Youth Dies, Another Injured After 2 Bikes Collide Head On At Boulevard

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A 20-year-old youth died after two motorcycles collided head on at trendy Boulevard Road near Centaur Lake View Hotel here this evening, officials said.

An official said that two bikes collided head on at Boulevard road, result-

ing in critical injuries to two bikers.

He said both the injured were rushed to SKIMS Soura after the fatal accident, where one of them was declared dead on arrival.

The official identified the deceased as Momin Bhat of Hyderpora, while the injured was identified as Jibran Ahmad Bhat of Hyderpora.

2 MG Water Service Reservoir Inaugurated At Nishat

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Principal Secretary, Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra, inaugurated newly constructed two Million Gallon (MG) Water Service Reservoir at Nishat here today.

The reservoir has been constructed with a cost of Rs 611 Lakh which will feed areas like Nishat, Dal, Rainawari, Jogi Lanker and most parts of downtown which are currently fed by old 1.7 MG reservoir which was constructed in 1895 and was leaking profusely.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal Secretary highlighted that the reservoir has been equipped with state-of-the-art tech-

nology to ensure that water quality is maintained. He added that the reservoir will ensure that the water reaches every household.

Kabra further said that construction of the water reservoir is yet another step in their efforts to ensure access to ensure clean water for every citizen.

Among others, Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission, Dr. G N Itoo, Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Department Kashmir, Basharat Jeelani Kawoosa, Technical Advisor JJM, Superintendent Engineers of Srinagar, Baramulla, Budgam, Pulwama and Shopian and other senior officers of Jal Shakti department were also present on the occasion.

Surge In Crimes Due To Drug Abuse Alarming: NC

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference on Friday expressed shock and anguish over the incident in which a drug addict man allegedly killed his mother in Dargopora, Sopore.

In a joint statement released from the party headquarters Nawa-e-Subha, Party's Provincial President Nasir Aslam Wani, senior leaders Choudhary Muhammad Ramzan, Mir Saifullah, Qaisar Jamsheed lone, Qafilul Rahman said the brutality and monstrosity of the act are beyond comprehension and sordid manifestation of rising epidemic of drugs abuse in the society.

"Incidents like these are

a chilling reminder of the vulnerability we as a society are confronted with in wake of the rising graph of drug addiction/ substance abuse. Theft, burglary, and murders of this beastly nature are interrelated with the wanton drug menace plaguing our youth," the leaders said.

The government should employ a multi-pronged approach that includes robust awareness, counselling and state of the art rehabilitation centres, the leaders said. "There is a need to address the underlying maladies that push our skilled, and educated youth towards drug addiction. Unemployment, and insecurity that is wearing down our youth, have to be addressed on a priority basis.



A group of female tourists posing for picture at Asia's largest tulip garden on Friday - KO Pic Abid Bhat

Doctors List Health Benefits Of Ramadan Fasting

'Fasting Detoxifies Body, Decreases Risk Of Diabetes, Metabolic Disorders'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The month of fast along with blessings brings health benefits for people, experts said.

Doctors said that fasting helps in weight loss, improves blood sugar and decreases inflammation.

Dr Fayaz Ahmad Bhat Assistant Professor Department of General Medicine at SKIMS Soura said that fasting creates discipline and patience besides decreasing chances of developing diabetes and other metabolic syndrome disorders.

He said there remain fewer chances of metabolic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, fatty liver and other diseases in people who fast as compared to people who don't.

Recent studies suggest that fasting lowers chances of neurological diseases and cancer, he said, adding that it has been also found that people who eat less have good memory besides good overall neurological status

and their lifespan is more as compared to those who eat more.

"Fasting helps in regeneration of stem cells that helps in making of any tissue or organ in the body besides that mental stability and it can help you in getting rid of dementia," he said.

"Stem cells play an important role in regeneration because they can develop into many different cell types in the body and renew themselves millions of times," he said.

He said that fasting promotes blood sugar control by reducing insulin resistance, promotes better health by fighting inflammation, may enhance heart health by improving blood pressure, triglycerides and cholesterol levels, may boost brain function and prevent neurodegenerative disorders and aids weight loss by limiting calorie intake and boosting metabolism.

Dr Fayaz said that fasting helps in cancer prevention and increases the effectiveness of chemotherapy

besides fasting helps in the detoxification process of the body and reboots the immune system of individuals.

Noted doctor S M Qadri told KNO that studies suggest that fasting helps in reduction of weight mainly among men besides that it helps in reduction of LDL (low-density lipoprotein) cholesterol, sometimes called "bad" cholesterol that increases your risk for heart disease and stroke.

Dr Owais from GMC Anantnag said that fasting has several health benefits as it helps in decreasing chronic inflammations that may be involved in the development of chronic conditions, such as heart disease, cancer, and rheumatoid arthritis.

It also helps in weight loss by limiting calorie intake and boosting metabolism and may also help in better brain functioning, he said.

He said that fasting increases growth hormone secretion, which is vital for growth, metabolism, weight loss, and muscle strength.

Srinagar Police Bids Farewell To 11 Officials On Superannuation

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The city Police on Friday bid farewell to eleven officials, who attained superannuation, during a ceremony held at Srinagar police headquarters.

Senior Superintendent of Police

Rakesh Balwal appreciated the officials for their dedicated services to the police force and the community. During the ceremony, SP headquarters was also present.

In recognition of their service, the officials were presented with appreciation certificates and retirement gifts as tokens of

gratitude for their work.

The officials were given recognition for their commitment, sacrifice, and contributions for maintaining law and order in the region. Meanwhile, Srinagar Police expressed gratitude to the officials and wished them well for their future endeavors.

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HIGHWAY STATUS

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

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This Day In History

- 374 - Comet 1P/374 E1 (Halley) approaches within 0.0884 AU of Earth
- 527 - Byzantine Emperor Justin I names his nephew Justinian I as co-ruler and successor to the throne
- 705 - Greek pope John VII chosen as successor to John VI
- 1515 - Portuguese fleet under Afonso de Albuquerque captures the Persian fortress of Ormuz, renaming it the Fort of Our Lady of the Conception
- 1865 - Battle at Blakely Alabama
- 1873 - British White Star steamship Atlantic sinks off Nova Scotia, 547 die
- 1924 - Hitler sentenced to 5 years labor for "Beer Hall Putsch" but General Ludendorff acquitted
- 1927 - 1st automatic record changer introduced by His Master's Voice
- 1931 - Earthquake devastate Managua Nicaragua, kills 2,000
- 1939 - US recognizes Francisco Franco's government in Spain at end of Spanish civil war. Pope Pius XII congratulates Generalissimo Franco's victory in Spain
- 1941 - Pro-German Rashid Ali al-Ghailani grabs power in Iraq
- 1942 - Allied air raid on harbor city Kupang Timor
- 1943- Jan Dieters, Dutch politician and resistance fighter who was the head of the Communist Party of the Netherlands, is arrested by the Nazis
- 1944 - Japanese troops conquer Jessami, Eastern India
- 1945 - World War II: Canadian troops free the Dutch cities of Doetinchem, Enschede, Borculo and Eibergen
- 1945 - World War II: The Ruhr Pocket of German forces are encircled by the US Ninth Army and US First Army, eventually leading to the capture of 317,000 German troops
- 1945 - Battle of Okinawa: US ground forces invade Okinawa during World War II in the largest amphibious assault of the Pacific theatre
- 1952 - Big Bang theory proposed in Physical Review by Alpher, Bethe & Gamow
- 1954 - Earthquake/tsunami ravage Aleutians, 200 killed

From KO Archives

Autonomy Committee Report 'Soon': Farooq

Asks Centre To Honour Recommendations

Observer News Service

Jammu- Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah today reiterated his commitment to get the maximum autonomy restored to Jammu and Kashmir and expressed the hope that new government at the centre would honour the state's recommendations on this issue. The report of high level state committee and the other concerning regional autonomy though delayed, would be tabled in the state legislature as, soon as possible, Farooq told legislative Assembly during question hour.

The report, after being discussed in the two houses of the state legislature, would be submitted to centre for final decision chief minister said adding that restoration of autonomous state to Jammu and Kashmir will solve many a problems faced by the state, Abdullah said.

The main objectives of the state committee on autonomy was to examine and recommend measures for the restoration of autonomy consistent with the instrument of accession, the constitutional application order, 1950 and Delhi agreement of 1952. The committee on the issue of regional autonomy with Balraj Puri as its chairman was set up to examine the issue of granting internal autonomy to the three regions of the state, Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. The committee has also been asked to recommend any change in the state's constitutional structure, for this purpose, Abdullah said in his reply.

Chief Minister said that functioning of the state committee was affected following the resignation of its chairman, Dr. Karan Singh. However the committee, now headed by Works minister Mohiuddin Shah, had held 14 meetings so far while 19 meetings were held by regional autonomy committee, he added.

(Kashmir Observer, 01 April, 1998)

Public Notice

My mother's name has been wrongly written in my school records Roohi Jan while her correct name Roohi Bilal which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the JKBOSE Bemina within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Name: Azhar Bilal.
Class: Appeared in 8th examinations
Father's Name: Bilal Ahmad Malik.
Mother's Name: Roohi Bilal.
Address: Magraypora Khanda.

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Before The Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal (Cat) At Srinagar.

In the case of:- Sameeullah Wani S/O Sanaullah Wani R/O Hajin Sonawari Bandipora Kashmir

VERSUS Public at Large

...Caveator

...Non-Caveators

In the matter of:- Caveat Petition.

May it please your Lordships: The petition is submitted as under:

1. That the caveator is the permanent resident of J&K and is filing the instant petition for the protection of his rights.
2. That the caveator apprehends that any person or persons may file any writ petition, appeal, application, or any other proceedings before this Hon'ble Tribunal and will get an ex parte order in his/her favour by suppressing the material facts.
3. That in case any writ petition or any other proceedings comes up for consideration this Hon'ble Tribunal against the caveator, no orders be passed in ex-parte unless the caveator is put to notice.
4. That since the caveator is not in a position to suggest the name as to who will file the proceedings against the caveator, as such, the caveator has published the same in the local newspaper copy of which is appended herewith.
5. That this caveat petition is supported by an affidavit.

In the premises, it is therefore, prayed that in the event of filing of any writ petition, appeal, application or any other proceedings by any person or persons against the caveator, the caveator may be put to notice before passing of any order.

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Caveator Through Counsel Advat Ajaz Ahmed



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Possession Notice

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

Whereas Mr. Arjun Singh Rathore, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 26/12/2022 thereby calling upon the Borrower namely M/S Essa Brothers, a partnership firm of ;

1. Mohd Shafi Zaroo S/o Ghulam Mohd Zaroo 2. Sabiya Begum w/o Rafiq Mohd Zaroo 3. Sumaira shafi D/o Mohd Shafi Zaroo 4. Ghulam Mohd ud Din S/o Ghulam Mohd Zaroo 5. Ghulam Hassan Zaroo S/o Ghulam Mohd Zaroo 6. Mohd Ishaq Zaroo S/o Ghulam Mohd Zaroo (all residing at Lake Castle Nigeen Srinagar-190006 to repay an amount of Rs. 54,93,374.03/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lacs Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Four & Three Paise Only) being the balance outstanding as on 30.11.2022 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 23rd March of the year 2023.

The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount aggregating to Rs. 54,25,293.80/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lac Twenty Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Three And Paise Eighty Only) together with future interest thereon from 01.03.2023 and other charges incurred or to be incurred. The borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

(As per the schedule provided in mortgage deed/latest particulars including any accreditations)
1. One three storeyed & one single storeyed, tin roofed residential houses.
2. Other buildings comprising of office complexes including godown, showroom and garage, with land underneath & appurtenant thereto measuring Eight Kanals Ten Marlas (08 Kanals 10 Marlas), bearing Khasra Nos 778 (2 Kanals 05 Marlas), 784 (05 Marlas), 785 (01 Kanals 05 Marlas), 786 (01 Kanal), 787 (02 Kanal 09 Marlas), 788 (03 ½ Marlas), 774 (05 Marlas 03 Sarsai), 775 (17 Marlas 46 sft) Khatta Nos. 2057 and 2059, Khewat No. 388 min and 650min, situated at Nigeen, Mouza Nandpora, Hazratbal, Srinagar.

Dated: 23.03.2023
Place: Srinagar

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Unfair Compensation

Ring Road affected people seeing a new ray of hope as they meet Union Minister Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat



Locals are ready to give their land but want just and fair compensation. However, they are being told that their land would be acquired under the repealed J&K Land Acquisition Act 1934 (samvat 1990). How can the Govt invoke an obsolete and outdated law which is not operational anymore?

When the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) report was prepared for the Srinagar Semi Ring Road project around 2016-17, the Government of India had decided to acquire land under the National Highways Act 1956 which was applicable to Jammu & Kashmir even before the abrogation of Article 370. However, when the actual land acquisition process started, thenotification was issued under Jammu & Kashmir Land Acquisition Act 1934 (samvat 1990), thus depriving people of fair compensation. Interestingly, according to EIA and EMP reports, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) had suggested acquiring the land under the central law (NH Act 1956). The appendix page 15, Serial No XIVII (compliance of TOR) clearly mentions that affected families of Srinagar Semi Ring Road whose land or property comes under the alignment of the project will be paid compensation as per National Highway Act 1956. Yet this act was not invoked even as this law was applicable to J&K even before the revocation of Article 370.

Sequence of events

National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has acquired hundreds of acres of farmland for the Srinagar Ring Semi Road project in Kashmir. In Budgam district alone, more than 600 acres of farmland (4800 Kanals) have been acquired. Hundreds of families have been affected as they lost a major chunk of their agricultural land. The affected districts are Budgam and some parts of Srinagar, Baramulla and Pulwama. When the initial notification for land acquisition was issued in 2017 by J&K Govt, the central government's Right to Fair Compensation Act and Transparency in Land Acquisition Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (RFCTLARR Act) was not applicable to Jammu & Kashmir.

The Government failed to provide compensation to many affected farmers within the two years stipulated time under this law. Therefore, the notification issued by the government in 2017 technically lapsed.

However, the Government invoked the obsolete J&K Land Acquisition Act, 1934, (Samvat 1990) which was repealed soon after J&K's special status was withdrawn on 5 August 2019, to carry on this process. Even in 2023, this 90-year-old law enacted by the then Maharaja of Kashmir Hari Singh is applicable for acquiring left out land in BK Pora Tehsil and Mamath area of Budgam district which makes it evident from the fact that the authorities at helm do not want to give the benefits of the Right to Fair Compensation Act, 2013, to the affected farmers of J&K, particularly those affected by the Srinagar Semi Ring Road project.

Fruit Trees Axed Uprooted

The apple, pear, and plum trees falling within the areas designated for the road are to be axed but in this matter too, the government prepared a compensation plan as per the rates that were applicable in 1995.

The final compensation for fruit trees was fixed at Rs. 16 per kilo for apple trees, Rs. 13 per kilo for plum trees, and Rs. 14 per kilo for pear trees. This was unacceptable as cultivators wanted valuation to be done according to the prevailing market rates. Their trees were uprooted and axed last year in March and they were not even given a notice or chance to replant these as there are ways to do the same.

On 13 August 2020, the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) issued a communication (letter No: FC-LS/LA-4577/2017) conveying to the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, approval for the rates at which land would be acquired in six villages of Budgam district, namely, Gund-e-Kuzwera, Wathoora, Jawaharpura, Ichgam, Dharmuna, and Waterwani.

The Financial Commissioner (Revenue), who has been made the "competent authority" in the matter, approved the rates under the repealed 1934 Act. He did so after the awards were prepared by the Collector Land Acquisition, Budgam. This approval was given by the "competent authority" after a gap of almost three-and-a-half years, which violates the repealed J&K Land Acquisition Act 1934 (Samvat 1990) and the Right to Fair Compensation Act, 2013, applicable in the Union Territory of J&K ever since the abrogation of Article 370.

Ironically, the approved rates are much lower than even the government's stamp rates for 2020. Section 11 of the J&K repealed Act mandates the acquiring authority to complete acquisition proceedings within 02 years of declaring an intent to acquire the land under section 6 of the Act. If it fails to do so, the notification and proceedings lapse according to section 11-B of the 1934 Act (now repealed).

For instance, the notification under section 4 was issued on 20 March 2017 regarding village Wathoora in Budgam and the declaration under section 6 was made in August 2017. It was thus mandatory for the Collector, Land Acquisition, Budgam, to finalise the acquisition process and make an award before August 2019.

Letter from DC Budgam

On 18 May 2020, an official communication (No: DCB/LAS/20/300-10) was sent by the Deputy Commissioner, Budgam to the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir. The letter contains a comprehensive village-wise status report about the acquisition of land for the construction of the Srinagar Ring Road.

The DC Budgam clearly discloses in his communication that in several villages, no approval of the award has been received from the competent authority. He also admits that the land acquisition proceedings for these villages have lapsed due to efflux of time.

The Deputy Commissioner Budgam then seeks instructions from the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir to initiate fresh proceedings under the Central Land Acquisition Act in the following terms:

"Guide if the land acquisition matters of villages detailed at (a) of the communication are to be initiated afresh as per the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013."

The DC's request was bypassed and awards were passed in 2021. This was challenged in the High Court who ordered in an interim order that fresh awards be passed but that was not done. In at least 4 cases the J&K High Court declared awards null and void which had been passed after efflux of time in the case of Abdul Salam Bhat v/s J&K Govt, Abdul Rahim Bhat v/s J&K Govt, Kishen Singh Bishen Singh v/s J&K Govt and IUST Awantipora land acquisition case. In all these orders, the High Court directed that fresh notification be issued under central law (RFCTLARR Act 2013).

time, article 370 had been repealed and central law was extended to J&K (RFCTLARR Act). The Revenue department referred the matter to the Department of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs for advice and opinion. The Law Department vide U.O. No. Law-Opn2/48/2022-10 dated 19.04.2022 advised that central law (RFCTLARR Act 2013) be applied. The Revenue Department later on issued a fresh notification which read:

"In terms of Clause (14) of Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2019, anything done or any action taken under any law (repealed now) shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of the Central Laws now extended and applicable to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Land Acquisition Act, Svt. 1990 (repealed Act) shall be deemed to have been initiated under the corresponding provision of the Central Laws i.e. "Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition Act, 2013".

Therefore, the department is advised that any new action including withdrawal/de-notifying land in question may be taken under Section 93 of the Central Act, 2013".

Contradictions and Biases

Denial of Fair Compensation



“If aggrieved parties in big states like Gujarat, Maharashtra or Karnataka get four times more compensation than market value of land, why aren't affected people in J&K getting even the market value of the land?”

NHAI: Pay compensation as per RFCTLARR Act

On 4.10.2017 the Project Implementing Unit of NHAI in their communication addressed to Deputy Commissioner Budgam had agreed to pay compensation to affected people under Right to Fair Compensation Act 2013 as private negotiation (PNC) was not possible for bulk land acquisition but it was unclear why J&K Govt didn't adopt that law that time.

Land acquisition around Rakhi Shalina

The land falling under survey numbers 1994 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 2000 in village Rakhi Shalina, Tehsil BK Pora, District Budgam was demarcated by Collector land acquisition Budgam in August 2022 in the presence of all land holders for the construction of Semi Ring Road. Locals are ready to give their land but want just and fair compensation. However, they are being told that their land would be acquired under the repealed J&K Land Acquisition Act 1934 (samvat 1990). How can the Govt invoke an obsolete and outdated law which is not operational anymore? On the other hand, the Semi Ring Road phase 2 from Shadipora to Wuyan Ganderbal notification was issued under National Highway Act 1956 some months back. Why isn't land in Rakhi Shalina also acquired under the same notification?

Shahadara Sharief case

In Shahdara Sharief in district Rajouri around 8 kanals (1 acre) land was to be acquired by Govt for some public purpose (expansion of Ziyarat Sharief). The declaration to acquire land was made under J&K Land Acquisition Act samvat 1990 some years back. The alignment was changed later and the intending authority wanted some other patch of land. By this

As the land holding of J&K is less than half acre and agricultural land is shrinking day by day, the aggrieved people should be compensated proportionately. The landowners and farmers affected by the Srinagar Ring road have held several protests in the past but they've been ignored. Even when the High Court gave several orders and judgements, they were not implemented.

If aggrieved parties in big states like Gujarat, Maharashtra or Karnataka get four times more compensation than market value of land, why aren't affected people in J&K getting even the market value of the land? In Jammu district, land which valued Rs 40 to 50 lakhs per kanal was acquired for mere Rs 1.50 to 4 lakhs per kanal in Malikpura and surrounding areas of Bishnah on the Jammu Ring Road project. The reason is the stamp duty of the area is very less. Why wasn't National Highways Act 1956 invoked to acquire the land even as EIA and EMP of Srinagar Semi Ring Road project clearly said that land would be acquired under this act?

As the affected people met with the Union Minister Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi recently, they are now seeing a new ray of hope. They have demanded that a high level committee be appointed by the Union Minister to look into these grievances considering all the social, legal and geographical aspects.

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How Did the Sahabas Spend Their Ramadan?

SUAD KAMARDEEN

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, “The best people are those of my generation, and then those who will come after them (the next generation), and then those who will come after them (i.e. the next generation), and then after them, there will come people whose witness will precede their oaths, and whose oaths will precede their witness.” [Bukhari]

Who better to learn from than those declared to be among the best people by the Prophet (ﷺ)? Each year, as we near Ramadan, we hear about how the sahaba prepared for Ramadan six months before its arrival and made dua for its acceptance for six months afterwards. With this level of steadfastness, one can already imagine how they actually spent the blessed month. They did not view it as a month to stop their normal routine or activities; there were instances when they went to war while fasting. Rather, they spent more time in worship, sacrificing sleep and spending their time solely on what matters.

In the post, we share hadiths and narrations showing how the sahaba occupied their time in Ramadan and strove to excel in all acts of worship including: prayer, Qur'an recitation, charity, and much more.

HOW THEY WELCOMED THE MONTH

The ability to witness Ramadan, a month in which Allah gives us a chance to revive our hearts and renew our souls, is a blessing the sahaba never took for granted.

It's narrated that Ibn Umar (RA) used to say when Ramadhan started, “Welcome to the month that purifies us from the sins.”

Yahya ibn Abi Kathir, may Allah have mercy on him, would supplicate when the month of Ramadan arrived, “O Allah, secure me for Ramadan, secure Ramadan for me, and receive my deeds with acceptance.” [Hilyat al-Awliya' 3/69]

FASTING

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, “Fasting is a shield. When anyone of you is fasting on a day, he should neither indulge in obscene language, nor raise his voice; rather if anyone reviles him or quarrels with him, he should say, ‘I am fasting.’” [Bukhari and Muslim]

The above hadith influenced how the sahaba lived their lives. They filled their day with supplications, guarded their tongues and continued to remind one another long after the passing of the Prophet (ﷺ) about this essential element of fasting.

Ali (RA) would deliver a sermon, after Fajr and Asr prayers, reminding people that fasting is “not merely from food and drink, but rather from lying, falsehood, and vain talk.” [al-Sunan al-Kubra lil-Bayhaqi 7955]

Jabir ibn Abdullah (RA) also said, “If you fast, then guard your ears, eyes and tongue against lies and evil deeds; do not abuse your servants; be tranquil and dignified on the day you observe fasting; do not let the day when you do not fast and the day when you fast be the same.” [Ibn Abi Shayba]

This is a reminder to us, as well, to remain steadfast in protecting our fasts. Think before you respond to that message. Reply

to that tweet in anger or engage in unbeneficial conversation. In this age of fake news, spreading false information has become much easier, even though it's akin to lying. It's essential to verify whatever we choose to share, and refrain from sharing if we're unsure of the source.

QUR'AN

As Ramadan is the month of the Qur'an, the sahaba increased in recitation. Uthman ibn Affan (RA) was said to complete the recitation of the Qur'an once everyday, some sahaba completed it once every three nights, some in every seven nights and so on. They recited it during their prayers and at other times.

However, not only did they recite more, they also contemplated on its meanings and messages:

Once when Ibn Umar was reciting Surah Mutaffin and reached the verse “a Day when everyone will stand before the Lord of the Worlds?” he cried so hard that he was overwhelmed and couldn't carry on reading.

Reciting the Qur'an is highly rewarding especially in this blessed month, but we should also strive to understand and implement some of what we recite. In the Qur'an, Allah emphasises the importance of acting on the knowledge we gain, therefore it is paramount that we seek to learn what Allah has laid out for us in His Book.

WHAT CAN YOU DO THIS RAMADAN, HOWEVER LITTLE, TO IMPROVE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE MESSAGE OF THE QUR'AN?

Here are some sources to help you get started!

PRAYERS

Aisha (RA) said, “Do not abandon qiyam al-layl, for the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) never left it. If he was not well or he felt heavy, he prayed sitting.”

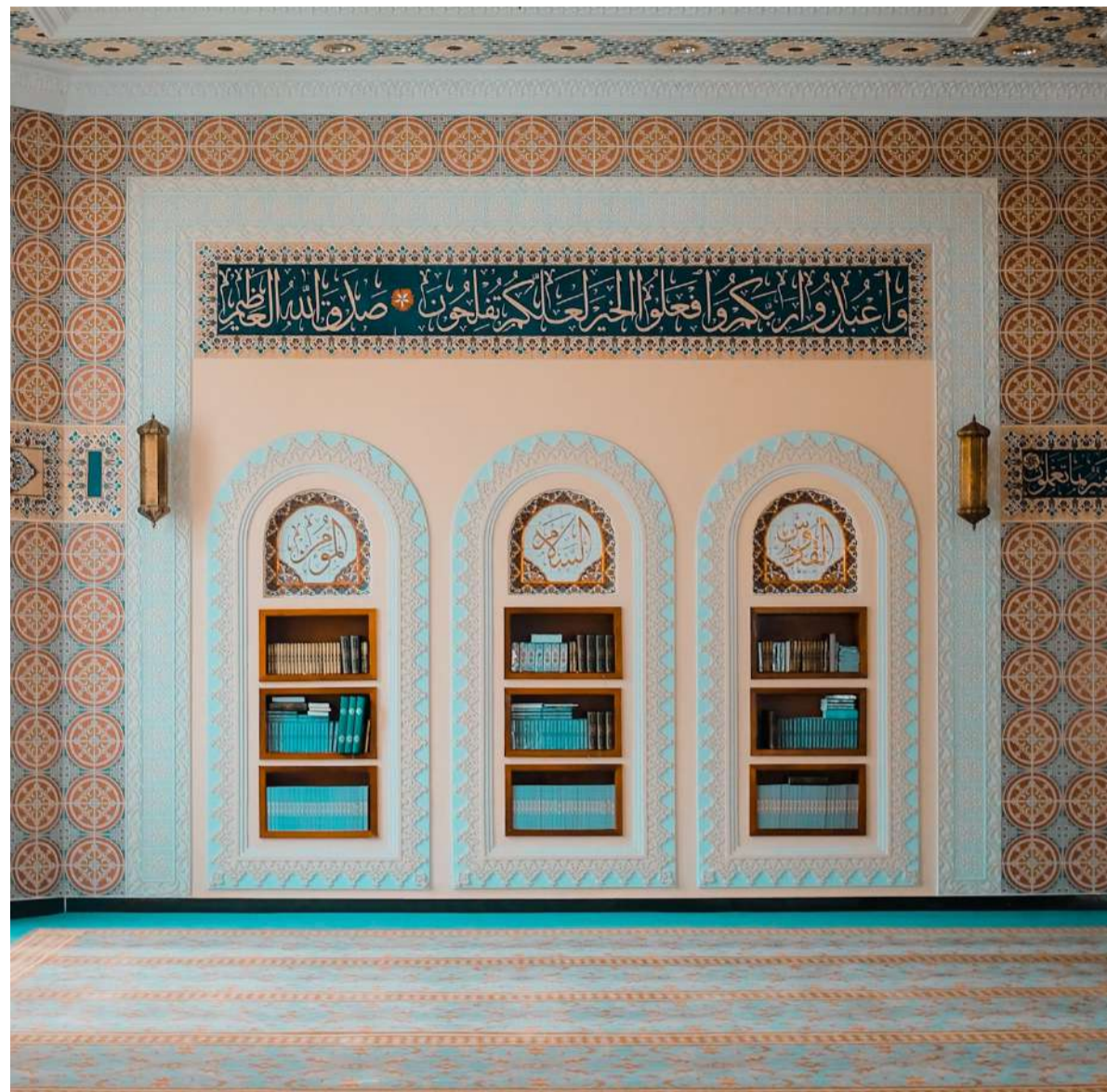
Such is the importance of the night prayer that Umar ibn al-Khattab (RA) used to pray at night for a lengthy period of time, and when it was in the middle of the night, he would wake up his family to pray too. Then he would recite the verse, “And enjoin prayer upon your family [and people] and be steadfast therein. We ask you not for provision; We provide for you, and the [best] outcome is for [those of] righteousness.” [Qur'an 20:132]

Also, during the caliphate of Umar ibn al-Khattab (RA), he would instruct Ubay ibn Ka'b and Tameem ad-Daari to lead taraweeh salah. Although they prayed eleven rak'ahs, they recited long surahs to the extent that some people had to use a staff to support themselves while standing.

Abdullah, the son of Abu Bakr al-Siddiq (RA), also narrated that when they finished their qiyam, they had to hurry to eat their food for fear of Fajr beginning. [Muwata of Imam Malik]

Ibn Umar (RA) used to pray in his house during Ramadan, and when people departed from the mosque, he would go there with a flask of water [to pray] and wouldn't leave until after Fajr.

We know from the hadith of the Prophet (ﷺ)



THEY DID NOT VIEW IT AS A MONTH TO STOP THEIR NORMAL ROUTINE OR ACTIVITIES; there were instances when they went to war while fasting. Rather, they spent more time in worship, sacrificing sleep and spending their time solely on what matters

that Allah descends to the seventh heaven in the last third of the night asking, “Is there anyone who invokes Me (demand anything from Me), that I may respond to his invocation; Is there anyone who asks Me for something that I may give (it to) him; Is there anyone who asks My forgiveness that I may forgive him?” [Bukhari]. Ramadan is the perfect time to make the most of this opportunity. Even if you can't stand in prayer for the entire night, sleep for a few hours and set your alarm to wake up at least thirty minutes before Fajr to catch the blessing of the night.

Besides the obvious blessings, Tahajjud also offers so many benefits to us, which you can learn more about here.

CHARITY

Ibn Abbas (RA) said, “The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) was the most generous person, and he would be even more so in the month of Ramadan because Jibreel would meet him every night in the month of Ramadan till it elapsed. The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) would recite the Qur'an for him. When Jibreel met him, he would be more generous than the blowing wind in doing good.” [Bukhari and Muslim]

The sahaba always strove to follow in the footsteps of the Prophet (ﷺ), hence were distinctly generous in the month of Ramadan seeking every avenue to earn the pleasure and reward of Allah.

When the time of iftar came, they would race to feed the poor. Ibn Umar (RA) used to break his fast with poor people and if a poor person came to him asking for food while he was eating, he used to give him his portion.

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, “Whoever gives iftaar to one who is fasting will have a reward like his, without that detracting from the reward of the fasting person in the slightest.” [Tirmidhi]

The Prophet (ﷺ) and his companions were also generous with their duas. They never failed to seek forgiveness for themselves, others, loved ones, ummah etc.

Charity can come in different forms through spending your wealth, giving your

time, donating your skills or other resources. In Islam, we're taught that a smile is charity, saying a good word is charity, as is spreading salam and so many more easy to do deeds.

Several platforms have made it possible to automate our donations, and if you don't have the financial capacity, you can commit to other activities such as helping out around the house or sharing food with your neighbours. Remember to set the right intentions before embarking on any action.

Also, when crafting your dua list, how can you make it as inclusive as possible? Remember, the Prophet (ﷺ) said, “No Muslim servant supplicates for his brother behind his back but that the angel says: And for you the same.” [Muslim]

THE LAST TEN NIGHTS

Aisha (RA) said, “When the last ten days of Ramadan arrived, the Prophet (ﷺ) would tighten his belt, spend the night in worship, and awaken his family.” [Bukhari]

The last ten nights of Ramadan is one we all look forward to, and so did the companions. They took great care in how they presented themselves to their Lord, by taking a bath and applying perfume every night. They also maximised hours of the night and after, by staying in the mosque after Fajr prayer until sunrise [Muslim].

Aisha reported, “The Prophet (ﷺ) would seek spiritual retreat in the mosque during the last ten nights of Ramadan, until Allah Almighty caused him to pass away. His wives continued to perform the retreat after him.” [Bukhari]

How do you plan to up your worship during the last ten nights? Here are a few tips to consider!

ZAKAT AL-FITR

Zakat al-Fitr is an obligation, and Ibn Abbas (RA) shares that, “The Prophet (ﷺ) obligated charity at the end of Ramadan as purification of the fasting person from vain talk and misbehaviour, as food for the poor. Whoever pays it before the Eid prayer, it is accepted as Zakat. Whoever pays it after the Eid prayer, it is part of voluntary charity.” [Sunan Abi Dawud 1609]

Waki' ibn al-Jarrah, may Allah have mercy on him, said, “Zakat al-Fitr is to the month of Ramadan like the prostration of forgetfulness is to prayer. It makes up for deficiencies in fasting just as the prostration makes up for deficiencies in prayer.” [al-Majma' Sharh al-Muhadhab 6/140]

When Ramadan came to an end, the companions didn't stop these good deeds or habits. They strove to continue even after the month has passed. As you go through this month, choose one habit you want to be consistent with and ask Allah to aid you in going through with it.

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, “Do good deeds properly, sincerely and moderately and know that your deeds will not make you enter Paradise, and that the most beloved deed to Allah is the most regular and constant even if it were little.” [Sahih al-Bukhari 6464]

— Amaliah

How to Actually Take a Social Media Break

Romano Santos

There's nothing wrong with a little social media, but when seconds-long TikToks turn into hourlong binges, Instagram Stories into mental scoreboards of who-liked-what, and Facebook feeds into not-so-fun grounds for discovering your uncle's political views, it's time to take a little break.

Just a break, because quitting completely isn't really an option or desire for many. There's still much to be gained from the apps that dominate our screen times. But there's also much to lose when scrolling takes up too much of our time, headspace, and energy.

A successful social media break will look different for everybody. Some people might want to deactivate all their social media profiles for a certain amount of time, while others might only want to limit some social media features. What matters most is to take from social media what benefits you and leave what doesn't.

In other words: Figure out what you like, find the right settings, and follow the tips below.

FIGURE OUT WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU

Are you overwhelmed by seeing too much of other people's lives? Is your like count feeding your toxic need for validation? Are you going broke from online shopping? There are many reasons that might lead you to want a break. It's important to figure out what those reasons are because doing so will help you decide how to design your break.



PICK AND CHOOSE SPECIFIC SOCIAL MEDIA FEATURES AND ACTIVITIES

Once you know what the problem is, you can pick and choose which social media apps you want to take a break from and which features in each you want to stop or continue.

For example, you might decide to still use TikTok but only watch the videos your friends send to you. Or maybe you still want to scroll through your Instagram feed but not post your own content. While those changes don't stop your social

media use completely, they do cut your usage.

SET A MINIMUM

It's also helpful to decide the minimum amount of time you want your social media break to last. This gives you a goal. If you know exactly how many days you have left, then getting through each day should be a little easier. You can also treat it as a challenge against yourself. But don't just dive head first into a binge when the time comes—observe how you

feel and decide if you want or need a few extra days.

DON'T POST. DO REACH OUT.

Much of social media is about connecting, eliciting reactions, or wanting to be seen. All that can be done without social media.

Instead of posting a “memory” on Facebook, call the people you made that memory with and reminisce together. Instead of posting another zoomed-in photo of your food on your Instagram Story, send

it to your mom to let her know you're alive. Instead of posting another thirst trap for everyone to see and crossing your fingers that a specific person sees it, just go right ahead and send it to that one person.

DELETE APPS AND ASK A FRIEND TO KEEP YOUR PASSWORDS

The desire to go on a social media break comes easy but actually fighting the compulsion to use social media is hard. To help with this, delete

the apps you don't want to use from your devices. If they're not there, you can't use them. Unless you open their websites on a browser. To prevent that, too, ask a trusted friend to change your passwords and agree on when you can log into your accounts again.

GO ON HOLIDAY OR FIND LITERALLY ANYTHING ELSE TO DO

This is a bit counterintuitive, because what's better to post about than a holiday? But doing other things aside from staring at your screen reminds you that there are other things to do aside from staring at your screen.

If a holiday's not in the cards, pick up something you can do when you have the compulsion to pick up your phone. Read a book, stretch, solve a Rubik's Cube.

REMEMBER: NOBODY CARES

Everyone is the main character of their own lives and likely an extra at best in the lives of most of their social media followers. Few people watch you as closely as you watch yourself, so your social media break will probably matter most to you. Take all the time you want or need.

BUT ALSO REMEMBER: DISTANCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER

That said, there must be some people who genuinely enjoy seeing you around social media, and they'll be elated when you get back from your break. Hopefully, you'll be happier, too.

— Vice

Donald Trump indicted by NY grand jury over hush money payments, first US ex-president charged with crime

New York: Donald Trump has been indicted by a Manhattan grand jury on charges related to paying off a porn star during his 2016 presidential campaign, making him the first former US president to face a criminal charge and upending his bid to retake the White House in 2024.

The grand jury on Thursday voted to indict 76-year-old Trump, a Republican, for his role in paying money to porn star Stormy Daniels in an attempt to buy her silence over an alleged affair.

He will be arraigned on Tuesday. The indictment remains under seal and it is not clear what crimes and how many criminal counts Trump has been charged with. CNN reported that the former president has been charged with more than 30 counts.

The office of Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, who has been pursuing the investigation for years, confirmed that it had contacted Trump's lawyers on Thursday evening to "coordinate his surrender" on unspecified charges.

"This evening we contacted Mr. Trump's attorney to coordinate his surrender to the Manhattan D. A.'s office for arraignment on a Supreme Court indictment, which remains under seal. Guidance will be provided when the arraignment date is selected," a spokesperson for District Attorney Bragg said.

The New York Times termed Trump's indictment "a historic development that will shake up the 2024 presidential race and forever mark him as the nation's first former president to face criminal charges."



Trump, the 45th US President from 2017 to 2021, is expected to fly from his home in Florida to New York on Monday and be arraigned in court on Tuesday.

The proceeding is expected to be brief. The charges in the indictment will be read to him at the hearing, which is set to last about 10-15 minutes.

Trump has denied all wrongdoing in connection with the payments made ahead of the election. In a statement responding to news of his indictment, the former president called it "Political persecution and election interference at the highest level in history," and accused Democrats of "weaponising our justice system to punish a political opponent, who just so happens to be a President of the United States."

"The Democrats have lied, cheated and stolen in their obsession with trying to 'Get Trump,' but now they've done the unthinkable - indicting a completely innocent person in an act of blatant Election

Interference," Trump said. He lashed out at Bragg, the Manhattan district attorney, calling the prosecutor a "disgrace", and accused him of "doing Joe Biden's dirty work".

"This is third-world prosecutorial misconduct. It is the opportunistic targeting of a political opponent in a campaign year," Trump's son Eric tweeted. President Biden, a Democrat, repeatedly declined to comment on the indictment of former President Donald Trump as he departed the White House on Friday morning, CNN reported.

Trump attorneys Susan Necheles and Joseph Tacopina issued a statement, saying that the former president "did not commit any crime" and vowed to "vigorously fight this political prosecution in Court."

Trump will not be put in handcuffs when he turns himself in, the New York Post quoted Tacopina as saying.

Tacopina said that Trump is now "ready to fight" with "zero

chance he'll buckle and seek a plea deal.

"The president will not be put in handcuffs," the attorney also told ABC News' "Good Morning America" while not ruling out a perp walk or a mugshot.

Still, Tacopina stressed that the legal team still does not know exactly what is in the indictment or the exact number of charges let alone exactly what will happen when the ex-president turns himself in.

The case stems from a payment made just days before Trump was elected president in 2016. His former attorney Michael Cohen arranged a wire transfer of USD 130,000 to Daniels in exchange for her silence about an alleged affair.

Daniels has said she had a sexual encounter with Trump at a Lake Tahoe hotel in 2006 - the year after he married his current wife Melania.

Cohen has said in court that he made the USD 130,000 settlement "in coordination with and at the direction of" the former president. Cohen was jailed from 2018-20 on multiple charges.

Following the indictment, Daniels thanked her supporters. "I have so many messages coming in that I can't respond...also don't want to spill my champagne," she tweeted.

"Thank you to everyone for your support and love! I have so many messages coming in that I can't respond...also don't want to spill my champagne. Teamstormy merch/autograph orders are pouring in, too! Thank you for that as well but allow a few extra days for shipment," the

44-year-old adult actress said. Daniels' attorney Clark Brewster tweeted: "The indictment of Donald Trump is no cause for joy. The hard work and conscientiousness of the grand jurors must be respected. Now let truth and justice prevail. No one is above the law."

Former Vice President Mike Pence who served under Trump said that while "no one is above the law, including former presidents," he cannot "speak to the merit of this case at all."

"I really do believe that this decision today is a great disservice to the country and the idea that for the first time in American history a former president would be indicted on a campaign finance issue to me, it just smacks of political prosecution, and I think the overwhelming majority of the American people will see it that way," Pence told CNN.

Trump was caught off guard by the grand jury's decision to indict him, according to a person who spoke directly with him.

While the former president was bracing for an indictment last week, he began to believe news reports that a potential indictment was weeks or more away. "Is this a shock today? Hell yes," the person said, speaking on condition of anonymity as Trump's team calculated its response.

In light of Trump being indicted by a New York grand jury, US Marshals, the Secret Service and the New York Police Department are talking about how the former president will appear for his arraignment, according to a senior New York Police Department source.

Govt Permits 16k-Odd Jewellers To Sell "Declared" Old Gold Hallmarked Stock Till June-End

New Delhi: A day ahead of the sale of gold jewellery having mandatory hallmarking with six-digit alphanumeric HUD coming into force, the government on Friday gave another three months time till June-end to 16,000-odd jewellers to sell the "declared" old hallmarked gold jewellery stock that existed prior to July 2021.

A gazette notification in this regard has been issued by the nodal consumer affairs ministry after a recent meeting with jewellery and the sector expert bodies.

As per the notification, the ministry has amended the Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts Order, 2020 and allowed only those jewellers who declared their old stock -- having an old hallmarked mark -- to clear those articles before June 30, 2023.

"Provided that if any person had already given declaration as required by the Bureau under sub-section 4 of section 18 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 (11 of 2016) declaring his old stock of gold jewellery or gold artefacts with old hallmarking as existed prior to July 1, 2021, such person shall be permitted to sell or display or offer to sell such declared stock of gold jewellery or gold artefacts up to June 30, 2023," the notification said.

Speaking to PTI, additional secretary in the ministry Nidhi Khare said there are 1.56 lakh registered jewellers in the country, out of which, 16,243 jewellers had on July

1 this year disclosed their old hallmarked jewellery.

"About 16243 jewellers, who had disclosed old hallmarked jewellery on 1.7.2023, have been given a final extension of 3 months," she said.

This is the final deadline and no more extension of time will be given to clear the old stock, she added.

Khare said the rest of the registered jewellers will be selling gold jewellery with the 6-digit alpha numerical HUD (Hallmark Unique Identification) mark from April 1.

Gold hallmarked is a purity certification of the precious metal. The six-digit HUD number was introduced from July 1, 2021.

Prior to the introduction of the HUD number, hallmarked gold jewellery consisted of four marks -- BIS logo, purity of the articles as well as logo of jeweller and Assaying and Hallmarking Centre. But the six-digit HUD hallmarked comprises only three marks -- BIS logo, purity of the article and six-digit alphanumeric HUD.

The simultaneous sale of hallmarked gold jewellery with and without a six-digit HUD number was creating confusion and the government set April 1 deadline for all jewellers to compulsorily implement the six-digit HUD number.

As per section 49 of Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018, if hallmarked jewellery purchased by the consumer is found to be of lesser purity than that marked on jewellery,

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From Gilded Cage

remains a much-anticipated graphic novel set in Kashmir. The main character, a Kashmiri girl, is nervously waiting to board a plane at Terminal 3 of New Delhi International Airport to represent India in an international jiu-jitsu tournament. She also reflects on her complicated past, growing up against the insurmountable difficulties of life in Kashmir.

She has persevered between happiness and emptiness, desire and grief, penance and peace. She imagines that one day her life will be a paradise. The novel, set against a backdrop of strife, tells the story of ordinary people attempting to live their dreams in the valley.

Widespread Rains

Pahalgam recorded a low of 3.2°C against 0.8°C on the previous night.

Kokernag recorded a low of 5.3°C against 4.9°C on the previous night and it was 0.6°C above normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 0.4°C against 0.0°C on the previous night and it was 1.2°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 5.7°C, the same as on the previous night and it was 1.2°C above normal for the north Kashmir area.

Jammu recorded a low of 15.1°C against 18.5°C on the previous night. It was 1.5°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal, he said, recorded a low of 7.8°C (above normal by 1.3°C), Batote 8.6°C (above normal by 0.1°C), Katra 12.6°C (1.2°C below normal) and Bhardarwah 7.0°C (1.6°C above normal). Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of minus 1.0°C and 2.5°C respectively.

Muslims Help

living in the village, so, his friends and the local Muslim community came forward to help perform his last rites, they said.

People from the Muslim community also shouldered his 'arthi' and arranged wood for the cremation, they added.

A team of CISF also paid floral tributes to

their colleague.

Singh's brother, Satish Kumar Singh, was shot dead by militants on April 13 last year.

Around 10K Pilgrims

was held on Friday after 3:00 pm," he said. "The list of successful Intending Haj Pilgrims shall be published next day (Saturday) besides uploading the same on the official website of J&K Haj Committee www.jkshc.org," said an official communique from the Haj house J&K.

This year, there will be 25 embankment points for the pilgrims across J&K. The J&K House has been helpful to many pilgrims in getting their passport verification one at the earliest. Haj house officials will facilitate the pilgrims from J&K by all means.

Pertinently, in February this year, the Saudi government announced a ban on children below 12 years of age for performing the Haj 2023. Haj Committee of India (HCoI) in its official communique had stated that the Saudi Government has decided to disallow the children below 12 years of age in a bid to ensure their safety.

This year, HCoI after holding deliberations with the Saudi government, had made Haj application forms available online free of cost. The HCoI had also announced that this year Haj will be cheaper by Rs 80,000 and each pilgrim will have to pay Rs 3.70 to Rs 3.80 lakh for performing the Haj pilgrimage—(KNO)

Court To Decide

killed Tickoo because he was a member of the RSS. It is a submission of a cognizable offence," he said.

He said the other side argued that a PIL by the NGO Roots in Kashmir seeking orders for investigation into cases of killings of Kashmiri Pandits in the valley was dismissed by the Supreme Court.

However, he argued that under the criminal law, the family had a right to take the other side for a criminal trial.

"The family of Tickoo did not go to the SC. We have not even filed an affidavit in the SC in the Roots in Kashmir petition. So, my right to criminal trial does not get affected by that PIL and the dismissal order," he said.

"My right in a criminal law, in a cognizable offence, still remains. We all know that the situation has improved in Kashmir, and the family after 31 years, wants justice and closure in this case. So, we are making all efforts under the criminal law, under the CrPC, to get Bitta Karate on the trail...," Bains said.

In an interview in 1991, Karate, now a leader in the outlawed Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), admitted that he had killed several Pandits, including Tickoo, during the peak of insurgency in the Valley in the 1990s.

However, Karate subsequently said that he did not kill anyone and claimed that he "admitted to killings" only under duress.

In June 1990, Karate was arrested under the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act and was in jail till 2006, after which he was released on indefinite bail. He was arrested again in 2019 by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on charges of terror funding.

Donation Vans

operate with the registration. A fact finding committee was also constituted in order to ascertain the number of orphans/Covid orphans and their well being in all the districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

Harvinder Kour, Mission Director, Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) told Kashmir Observer that the department runs its own child care centers which are being funded by the Central Government.

"They might be private parties. The people need to verify their credibility before giving any donation," Kour said.

She said the government doesn't provide grants to every orphanage so their caretakers might be seeking the donation in the holy month.

"Out of around 150 orphanages registered in Kashmir, 60 are run by the government itself. We provide funds to a few NGOs but others might be seeking donations from people," she added.

Director Social Welfare Kashmir, Mohammad Shafiq Chak, told Kashmir Observer that it is the job of civil society to check whether the people seeking the donations are genuine or

not.

"This has become a menace. The people need to be vigilant, the government can't be everywhere," he said.

He further said people hear emotional appeals and give charity without knowing the background of the donation seekers.

"As a result, the deserved ones don't get the due attention," he added.

Mushtaq Ahmad, who collects funds for his orphanage in Sopore, maintains that official approval is sought in the donation drive and many a times Deputy Commissioner of the particular district assists the NGOs with funds.

"It is not possible to operate and seek donations on our own. Yes, there might be some people who take advantage of this auspicious month and resort to unfair fund raising," Ahmad said.

LG Chairs SASB

the previous board meetings. Chief Engineer BRO briefed the meeting on the progress regarding maintenance, restoration & development works of the Yatra tracks.

Govt Transfers

transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Kupwara, against an available vacancy.

Afroza Bano, JKAS, Sub-Registrar, Ganderbal, has been transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Budgam, relieving, Muzamil Maqbool Beigh, JKAS, Collector, Land Acquisition, Special Army (Budgam and Srinagar) of the additional charge of the post.

Mohammad Altaf Bhat, JKAS, Tehsildar, Kangan, has been transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Ganderbal. "He shall also hold the additional charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Ganderbal, till further orders

2 Militants Held

During investigation, the spokesperson said, it also came to fore that duo were working as hybrid militants of proscribed militant outfit TRF

On the disclosure of the duo, the

spokesperson said, a pistol along with its magazine and 5 rounds besides, an IED has been recovered by a joint party of Police and 44RR in the orchards of Saidapora Payeen Shopian.

"Further investigation of the case is still going on," he added.

Prof Nath Is

Central University of Kashmir has been pleased to appoint Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, Dean, Faculty of Technology, Osmania University, Hyderabad, as the Vice Chancellor of CUK as per Statute 2 of Central Universities Act, 2009 for a term of five years.

According to the official communique, the term of the newly appointed VC will begin from the date on which he enters upon his office, or until he attains the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier.

"The terms and conditions of the services of Prof. A. Ravinder Nath as the Vice Chancellor of the Central University of Kashmir will be those as set forth in the Act, Statutes and Ordinances of the University," it reads.

Two Interstate Drug

checking at Tappal naka point, they said. The vehicle was chased and stopped and during the search, Rs 16.71 cash and heroin worth Rs 20,000 was recovered, police said.

A case has been registered against the accused at Police station Chagwal and the car has been seized.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Samba Benam Tosh said that during the last two and half months, 17 heroin suppliers including three women smugglers have been arrested in Samba district and action under the law has been initiated against several other drug smugglers.

12 Sheep, 2 Buffaloes

wife of Late Mohammad Anayat, who is head of the affected family, said that her two buffaloes, twelve sheep and fifteen chicken got charred alive in this incident.

"We appeal authorities to help us in this tough time and to provide us financial aid," she said

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

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Lack Of Space Turns Jammu Into One Big Parking Bay

Press trust Of India

JAMMU: Lack of urban planning and an apathetic attitude towards law among drivers has made Jammu into a one big parking lot with vehicles parked everywhere and intractable traffic jams the order of the day.

"The majority of roads have been turned into parking places in Jammu due to lack of parking lots. The Old city is facing the worst situation. Traffic jams are a common sight due to the wrong parking," Arvind Koul, a businessman, told PTI.

Poor urban planning too has its share in making commuting in the city difficult.

"Due to carving of footpaths on the majority of roads, space has further shrunk adding to the traffic chaos," Koul said.

Authorities in their turn blame the people, who they say have scant regard for traffic rules.

"See this is an attitude and behavioural problem on part of the people. It will take time to change. I request that people should park their vehicles in proper parking," said Jammu Municipal Corporation Mayor Rajinder Sharma.

The Jammu Mayor also said that the JMC is planning for more parking facilities for the people.

Situation tends to go worse in the old city areas, particularly, in Dogra Hall, Jain Bazar, Raj Tilak road, Parade, Link Road, Purani Mandi, Janipur, Sarwal, new-plot and other adjoining old city roads, where honking and screeching vehicles have become part of a daily routine.

"It is very tough to walk on the roads in the Old city. Going to that part of the city is a torture. Traffic police and JMC have failed to take any measures to save pedestrians from such harassment," Nidhi, a housewife, said.

For Ankush Sharma, a businessman from Dogra Hall, the city's traffic woes are a result of wrong parking, narrow roads,

and illegal encroachment by vendors.

He also attributed jams to rash driving by matador drivers and indiscriminate parking by them in absence of designated stops.

"There have also been instances when some drivers violated red signals even in presence of traffic cops, who just stood there," he said.

Another businessman, Vikas Raina, called on authorities to widen the roads, build more flyovers, and rid public spaces of encroachment if they want to see city roads unclogged.

He also advocated for making proper parking spaces near shopping complexes and at markets.

The multi-level parking lots at Kachi Chawni and City Chowk, which are fully functional, are still underused as people prefer to park their vehicles at random spaces.

According to Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Traffic, City, Raj Paul Singh, police have begun a strict crackdown against such violators by slapping them with fines, the number of which has already crossed more than half of what it was last year.

"The outcome clearly shows results. Last year there were 34,518 wrong parking challans in all. And this year, up to March 28, it is 20,350," ASP said.

"We are trying our best to smoothen the traffic system in Jammu, still we are facing a lot of hindrances due to the ignorance of law among the general public," he said.

Singh also spoke about a new traffic surveillance tool which has been proving of help in reining in violators.

"Recently launched Intelligence Traffic Management Surveillance System (IIMSS) at present plays an important role in stopping wrong parking, rash driving, seat belt or helmet gives the scientific evidence of the wrong action of vehicle owners and attracts online challan," the ASP said.



IN THE LAST 10 DAYS, OVER 1 LAKH PEOPLE from the country and abroad have visited Asia's largest Tulip Garden in Srinagar, where tulip flowers are in full bloom. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

Student Enrolment In Govt Schools Up By 7% This Academic Year

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In the ongoing academic year, the government-run schools of all districts in Kashmir valley have recorded an increase in student enrolment by more than 19 percent.

The official figures accessed by a local news agency KNO states that the department has said that there was an increase of student enrolment by more than seven percent in 2023.

According to the figures maintained by the Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK), more than 49,900 new admissions were recorded by the department in the recently concluded mass enrolment drive.

The figures reveal that the highest percentage of new admissions was recorded in central Kashmir's Ganderbal

district wherein the student enrolment has increased by 11.55 percent.

It states that before the enrolment drive, there were a total of 35,773 students enrolled in government-run schools of the district. However, after the drive, the district has recorded over 4100 new admissions.

Similarly, in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, the department has said that there was a hike in student enrolment by 10.72 percent. The district has also witnessed 13,066 new admissions in this academic session.

Likewise, the north Kashmir's Bandipora district has recorded increase of student enrolment by 5.89 percent followed by frontier district Kupwara with 5.64 percent, central Kashmir's Budgam district with 6.77 percent, Shopian with 6.48

percent, Pulwama with 7.04 percent and Srinagar with only 3.55 percent.

Earlier, this month, the agency reported about the migration of nearly 8,000 school students in Kashmir division from private to government schools.

However, as of now, the number has hiked to more than 11,283 such admissions.

Pertinent to mention that in the previous academic year, the government-run schools of all districts of Kashmir valley had recorded an increase in student enrolment by more than 19 percent.

According to the official figures, the department in the previous academic session had said that there was an increase of student enrolment by 19.02 percent in 2022 with a total of 11,817,6 new admissions.

Chief Secretary Launches 6 More Services Under Auto-Appeal

Asks For Full Integration Of All The 105 Services Notified Under PSGA

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Friday launched the PSGA auto-appeal feature for 06 more online services offered by the Housing & Urban Development Department. The feature is going to auto escalate the appeals in case the services are not provided to the applicant within the time limit set under the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA).

Dr Mehta complimented the IT Department for integrating the feature in the vital digital services offered by the Housing Department to the citizens. He directed for integrating this Auto-appeal feature for all the designated 43 online services by next month. He also advised them to work for activating this feature for all the 105 services specified under the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) at the earliest.

The Chief Secretary stated that these services form the bulk of the applications of citizens made in the department. He said that the auto-appeal feature for services related to everyday life of the people like birth and death certificates are critical for enhancing ease of living.

He emphasized that benefits like old age and widow pension, scholarships under various social security schemes etc should also be included in the system without any delay.



He observed that this feature would act as a turning point in maintaining transparency and accountability in services to the public and eradicating corruption. He stated that auto escalation feature of online services is going to put an end to malpractices besides promoting fairness, a priority set by the current dispensation in all its affairs including offering of government employment and public contracts to its citizens on the basis of merit alone.

On the occasion it was brought out that the delivery of services through online mode has greatly reduced the waiting period for processing of applications. It was revealed that the bulk of applications in the Revenue Department pertain to such

applications and it is going to benefit a large number of people.

It was also apprised that the feature like auto-appeal is going to bring a greater transparency in these services in future as these would ensure their delivery as per the timeframe set for them under PSGA and fixing of responsibility on part of any officer/official for any undue delay.

JMC Not Ready Yet To Impose Property Tax: Mayor

Registration Of Household, Work On Digital Door Number, QR Code In Progress

Agencies

JAMMU: Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Rajinder Sharma on Friday said that the proposed property tax will not be imposed in Jammu from April 1 as the corporation has not yet registered all the households.

Sharma while speaking to the media person on the sidelines of an event, said, "For imposing property tax, JMC has to register all the households in municipal limits."

"JMC will provide digital door numbers and QR (Quick Response) codes for every house, which is still under the process, so we are not imposing the property tax from April 1," he said.

On people's opposition to property tax, the mayor said, "There is no opposition to the tax and people have accepted that for progress, they have to pay nominal taxes."

The mayor said that the Jammu and Kashmir administration has invited suggestions for property tax and people should submit them to the government.

Earlier, the Jammu and Kashmir administration notified

rules for the levy of property tax in towns and cities of the Union Territory with the declared intention of making urban local bodies self-reliant in development works. It said the tax is levied everywhere except J&K, where urban local bodies remain entirely dependent on government funds.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also maintained that UT is the last in the country to come under the purview of property tax. He said there was no state or city in the country where property tax had not been imposed.

"Jammu and Kashmir was last in the imposition of property. We have imposed the tax after due consideration and with sensitivity," Sinha said while replying to a question at a press conference on Wednesday.

The LG drew a comparison with neighbouring states and said there was no tax effect on 40 per cent of the residents in cities.

"There are 5.20 lakh houses in cities. Out of them, 2,03,600 houses will only have to pay Rs 1,000 in a year. There is only some area of specific cities, the rest of the houses will have lesser tax," he said—(KNO)

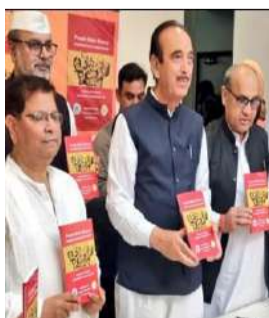
History Of Freedom Fighters Should Be Compulsory Subject: Azad

'Need To Imbibe Gandhain Ideology In These Times Of Intolerance'

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: Former Chief Minister and Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday suggested that the history of our freedom fighters should be made compulsory for all schools and classes in an order to keep our future generation apprised about those who paid their lives for their better tomorrow.

Azad blamed the growing political and social intolerance to unawareness among the young popu-



lation and said they have been taught every subject but history which results to their ignorance about their past.

"If we have been successful in teaching the right history to our students, they would have known how people across the religious lines have fought for the freedom of country," he said, while launching a book 'People Make History' written by Ram Mohan Rai, Archisman Raju, and Jahanzaib Chowdhary at an event organized by Gandhi Global Family.

He said while we shall appreciate the people for adopting the lifestyle of Gandhi, however, it is not enough and there is need to imbibe the Gandhian thoughts deep into the

minds of our people. "There is a political intolerance evident from the ongoing proceedings at Lok Sabha. Today we have competition on making noise and attacking personally which never happened in the past. Earlier, the business of the house was only to raise public issues, I feel this house may conclude without any such thing which is a cause for concern," he said.

He said the only solution to the problem is imbibe Gandhian ideology in letter and spirit and ensuring history is taught till post-

graduation as a compulsory subject. He said had we taught the right history among our students; they would have come to know about the contribution of people from across the religions and communities and could have become the source of unity.

"Unfortunately, we teach the history of our convenience. It is no way doing good to our society. Rather, we need to teach the right history, especially about freedom fighters to ensure we are more than ever united as a nation," he said.

Ashok Kumar Interacts With PRI Members, Councillors In Shopian

Terms Regular Monitoring Of Govt Schemes As Essential For Enhanced Outcome

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: Principal Secretary, ARI & Trainings, Ashok Kumar Parmar on Friday visited Shopian and took stock of developmental scenario of the district.

Principal Secretary chaired an interactive meeting with DDC and PRI members, Municipal Counselors and district officers to seek feedback on

He stressed upon proper and timely monitoring of works. He assured of proper action on issues highlighted during the meeting.

Later, Ashok Kumar inspected Solid waste Management Centre, Aglar, coming up at an estimated cost of Rs 5 crore through MC Shopian. He took stock of the ongoing work progress on the centre which



various developmental issues. During the meeting, DDC, BDC members, Councillors and other PRI members highlighted various development issues of the district pertaining to sectors including Healthcare, Drinking Water, Irrigation, Tribal Welfare, adequate staff in new Tehsils and Block offices and related issues.

The members also highlighted various other issues pertaining to development and welfare of people of their areas. Principal Secretary said that the role of PRIs is very vital in effective implementation of schemes and programmes.

shall be highly effective for collection, segregation and safe disposal of household waste in town.

Principal Secretary inspected Amrit Sarovar Pond at Bohrihalan, being constructed by Rural Development Department at an estimated cost of Rs 4.50 lakh. He also inspected Water Works at Haddipora which will cater to 31 villages of the area.

Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, while speaking on the occasion, appreciated the support and cooperation of elected representatives in public welfare initiatives.

SKUAST-K Bags Excellence In Entrepreneurship And Startup Award 2023

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Cell has been awarded with 'Excellence in Entrepreneurship and Startup Award 2023'.

The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Cell under the IDP-NAHEP has been award for tangible outcome oriented work in innovation, incubation and startups in Jammu and Kashmir during three-day international conference on Innovative Approaches in Agriculture, Horticulture and Allied Sectors' held from 29-31 March, 2023 conducted by SGT University in association with ICAR & ISAHRD at Gurugram, Haryana.

A presentation on tangible outcome oriented achievements of Innovation & Entrepreneurship Cell IDP was presented by Naveed Hamid, BDA, SKUAST-K in front of ADG ICAR (HRM) Dr SK Sharma, Vice Chancellors & offi-

cers of Agricultural Universities, industry delegates and participants of international conference at SGT University Gurugram.

The award was presented to Naveed Hamid on behalf of IDP Innovation and Entrepreneurship Cell by ADG (HRM), Dr Ajay Singh, Registrar MHU Karnataka and Dean SGT University.

Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K, Prof Nazir A Ganai, congratulated the Co-PI NAHEP, Prof Azmat Alam Khan, and his Innovation and Entrepreneurship Cell IDP Team for achieving this feat. He added that this Cell has done a marvellous job and tried their level best to infuse the culture of Innovation, Incubation & startups within not only the university but is striving hard to help other colleges of J&K to be in frame of Innovation and Entrepreneurship for helping young minds of the UT to come with innovative solution to burning issues in agriculture and allied sectors.

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For and on behalf of Managing Director, Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation Limited, e-Tenders are invited under Two Bid System i.e. Technical Bid and Financial Bid from Registered / reputed companies/ firms/ individuals/ societies etc. for providing laundry services to the city based JKTDC Hotels/Restaurants for a period of one year (extendable to further one year) on the terms and conditions mentioned in the tender document.

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Category of laundry	Earnest Money (EMD)	Cost of Tender documents	Class of Service provider	Tender inviting authority
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- The agency has to deposit CDR amounting to Rs.20,000/- pledged to General Manager Operation Kashmir and will be retained by the Corporation till completion of contract successfully. An amount of Rs.1000/- (non-refundable) of document charges has to be deposited by the participating agency in the Corporation account No. 1237010200000004 and a copy of the deposit receipt has also to be uploaded by the agency with the tender documents.
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1 Date of issue of tender notice	31/03/2023 11:00am
2 Date from downloading of bidding documents	01/04/2023 10:00am
3 Bid submission Start Date	05/04/2023 10:00am
4 Bid submission End Date	19/04/2023 04:00pm
5 Date of receiving Hard Copies of uploaded relevant documents along with CDR	20/04/2023 04:00pm
6 Opening of Technical Bid /hard copies (In case of untoward situation/Govt. holiday) the technical bid will be opened in next working day	24/04/2023 11:00am

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Never Spoke About Playing WC Matches In Bangladesh: PCB

Press Trust of India

LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board on Friday clarified that its chairman Najam Sethi never floated the idea at the ICC Board meeting about the national men's team intending to play its World Cup matches in Bangladesh instead of India.

The PTI had on March 29 reported that ICC had declined that any such discussions happened at the ICC forum and Bangladesh is not even in contention to host any World Cup match as BCCI had assured that visa won't be a problem for the Pakistan team.

The PCB clarified that the concept of a "hybrid model" of tournament was strictly pertaining to

any ICC forum so far," Sethi said in the press release.

The PTI on Wednesday had spoken to ICC sources who had mentioned that the matter was neither brought up nor even discussed informally and is a "figment of imagination". The PCB through media release gave a rejoinder to one of its local English outlets.

"In this background, the PCB is disappointed that a leading English language newspaper has misquoted, misinterpreted and misrepresented Mr Sethi's comments and gave the impression that PCB's hybrid model was presented and discussed at the ICC, which is factually incorrect.

"At this stage, the PCB is only in discussions with the ACC over the



Asia Cup since India will not travel to Pakistan.

"Referring to the media talk in Rawalpindi/Islamabad on Thursday, Mr Najam Sethi said he had briefed the media on the hybrid model he had presented to the ACC officials for the ACC Asia Cup to end the impasse that had been created following the BCCI's decision to not send its team to Pakistan. "This proposal - to play India's matches at a neutral venue and the rest in Pakistan - is under discussions within the ACC," a PCB media release stated.

Sethi said that he was misquoted by a section of the media.

"At no stage during Thursday's media interaction, did I give any reference to the ICC or made any remarks on the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, which is scheduled in October. This matter has not been mooted or discussed at

hosting of the ACC Asia Cup and no discussions regarding the World Cup have taken place with the ICC."

However to pacify the country's media after a massive face loss, PCB in its press release did mention that the concept of 'hybrid model' could be discussed later but even the bigwigs know that any such recommendation will be rejected at the onset.

"This is not to say that the hybrid model will not be advocated at the proper ICC forum at the right time," it stated in the end.

It must be mentioned that there is very little chance that ACC will pass the budget of Pakistan playing its Asia Cup matches at home instead of UAE or Qatar.

The only possibility will be that PCB will have to bear the entire costs, including logistics of the broadcasters in order to host matches in their country.



IPL 2023: GT'S RASHID KHAN celebrates after dismissing CSK debutant Ben Stokes in the opening match of the 2023 IPL season at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. GT won the toss and chose to bowl first, however, CSK managed to score a competitive total of 178/7. Opening batter Ruturaj Gaikwad smashed 90 (50) to top score for his team.

Ex-England Cricket Captain Vaughan Cleared Of Racism Charge

Press Trust of India

LONDON: Former England cricket captain Michael Vaughan was cleared by a disciplinary panel on Friday of making a racist remark toward a group of Yorkshire teammates of Asian ethnicity in 2009, the latest stage of a scandal that has left a cloud over the English game.

Other former players were found, however, to have used racist or discriminatory language in a case that erupted when Azeem Rafiq - a former player at Yorkshire - went public in 2020 saying he had been the victim of racial harassment and bullying across two spells at English cricket's most successful club between 2008-18.

Among his allegations,



which were heard in the British parliament and led to Yorkshire losing sponsors and briefly the right to host international matches, Rafiq accused Vaughan of saying to Rafiq and other teammates of Asian ethnicity there were "too many of you lot, we need to have a word about that."

Vaughan was alleged to have made the comment on the sidelines of a Twenty20 match.

Vaughan categorically denied the charge, which was issued by the England and Wales Cricket Board, and it was dismissed as the Cricket Discipline Commission published its findings from a hearing involving Vaughan and other Yorkshire players accused of historic racist and discriminatory remarks.

Vaughan, who was captain of England's Ashes-winning team in 2005 and is one of the most high-profile figures in English cricket, said on Twitter the last few years have been an "incredibly difficult period in my life" and that the process "has brought me to the brink of falling out of love with cricket."

Haaland A Doubt For Man City's Match Vs Liverpool

Agencies

MANCHESTER: Erling Haaland is a doubt for Manchester City's match against Liverpool in the Premier League on Saturday as the striker recovers from a groin injury.

The 22-year-old Haaland withdrew from the Norway squad for its European Championship qualifiers against Spain and Georgia during the international break. His father, Alf-Inge, was quoted by Norwegian TV

said Friday he would make a decision on Haaland's availability after the team's final training session.

The team will definitely be without England winger Phil Foden, who underwent appendix surgery last weekend.

Guardiola said doctors told him that Foden would be out for "two-to-three weeks." Haaland's fitness is more important, given he has scored 28 goals in the Premier League and 42 in all competitions during a prolific first season in English soccer.



saying his son had traveled to Barcelona for treatment.

City manager Pep Guardiola

City is second in the league, eight points behind Arsenal but with a game in hand. (AP)

Wimbledon to Accept Russian Players As 'Neutral' Athletes

Agencies

Wimbledon will allow Russian and Belarusian players to compete at the grass-court Grand Slam as 'neutrals' this year, having banned players from the two countries last year after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

"Our current intention is to accept entries from Russian and Belarusian players subject to them competing as 'neutral' ath-

letes and complying with appropriate conditions," the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC) said in a statement.

Other tennis tournaments have allowed Russian and Belarusian players to compete as neutral athletes.

This year's Wimbledon tournament will start on July 3. The women's final is scheduled for July 15 and the men's final on July 16.



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