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# J&K's Unemployment Rate Down From 6.7% In 2019-20 To 5.2% In 2021-22: Report

### Press Trust Of India

**Jammu:** The unemployment rate in Jammu and Kashmir declined from 6.7 per cent in 2019-20 to 5.2 per cent in 2021-22 while the urban unemployment rate dipped by 1.1 percentage points, according to the Economic Survey Report 2022-23.

The report, released by Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta recently, stated that the labour force participation rate was 61.5 per cent in 2021-22 as against 56.3 per cent in



2019-20, while the worker population ratio has increased from 52.5 per cent in 2019-20.

"Unemployment Rate on usual status in Jammu and Kashmir has declined from 6.7 per cent in 2019-20 to 5.2 per cent in 2021-22," it said.

Drawing a comparison between national and regional levels, the report said that at the all-India level, the labour force participation rate and worker population ratio have increased to 55.2 per cent and 52.9 per cent in 2021-22 respectively from 53.5 per cent and 50.9 per cent in 2019-20. "Labour force participation

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### Unemployment Rate Swells To 23.1% In March

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# 185 Outsiders Bought Land In J&K In Last 3 Years: Govt

1,559 Indian Companies, Including Multinational Firms, Have Made Investments In UT

### Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: As many as 185 people from outside Jammu and Kashmir have bought land in the Union Territory in the last three years, Rajya Sabha was informed on Wednesday.

Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai, however, said as per the information provided by Ladakh, no land has been bought by outsiders in the UT.

"As per the information provided by the government of Jammu and Kashmir, a total of 185 people from outside the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir have bought land in the UT during 2020, 2021 and 2022," he said replying to a written question.

While, one person bought land in 2020, 57 bought in 2021 and 127 in 2022, he said.

The Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir, was abrogated on August 5, 2019, and the erstwhile state was



bifurcated into two UTs -- Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Following the Constitutional change in October 2020, the Union Home Ministry issued a notification stating that any Indian citizen can buy land, except agricultural, in municipal areas of Jammu and Kashmir without being a domicile. The minister said as per the



**Srinagar:** The weather department on Wednesday predicted isolated very light rain and thunderstorms over Jammu division and fairly widespread light rain and thunderstorms over Kashmir valley in next 24 hours.

A meteorological department official here said on Wednesday that isolated to scattered light rain and thunderstorms was expected on Thursday and mainly dry weather thereafter for several days in J&K.

Regarding the rainfall in last 24 hours till 0830 hours today, he said, Srinagar received 2.9mm, Qazigund 8.8mm, Pahalgam 10.8mm, Kupwara 2.8mm, Kokernag 4.2mm, Gulmarg 7.8mm, Jammu 0.0mm, Baniha 5.4mm and Batote 0.6mm.

Meanwhile, the MeT official said that Srinagar recorded a low of 2.7°C against 6.9°C on the previous night and it was 3.7°C below normal for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 3.6°C against 6.4°C on the previous night while the famous hill station of Pahalgam in South Kashmir recorded a low of minus 1.8°C against 3.2°C on the previous night.

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# NCERT Drops Mughal History from Class 12 Textbook

Citing 'overlapping' and 'irrelevant' as reasons, NCERT dropped certain portions from the course including lessons on Gujarat riots, Mughal courts, Emergency, Cold War, Naxalite movement, among others

### Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: "Gandhiji's death had magical effect on communal situation in the country", "Gandhi's pursuit of Hindu-Muslim unity provoked Hindu extremists" and "Organisations like RSS were banned for some time" are among the texts missing from the class 12 political science textbook for the new academic session.

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), however, claims that no curriculum trimming has taken place this year and the syllabus was rationalised in June, last year.

As part of its "syllabus rationalisation" exercise last year, the NCERT, citing "overlapping" and "irrelevant" as reasons, dropped cer-

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others from its textbooks. The rationalisation note had no mention of excerpts

about Mahatma Gandhi. "The entire rationalisation exercise was done last year, there is nothing new which has happened this year," NCERT Director Dinesh

Saklani said. He, however, did not comment on the missing excerpts which went unannounced at the time of rationalisation.

A note by NCERT on its website reads, "In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was felt imperative to reduce content load on students. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 also emphasises reducing

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### Altaf Bukhari Given Z+ Security Cover

**New Delhi:** The Union government has sanctioned Z+ category VIP security cover to Jammu and Kashmir politician and Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari, sources said Wednesday.

The Union home ministry has accorded the cover of armed commandos that will be jointly provided by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and the Jammu and Kashmir Police, they said.

Z+ security is the highest level of security in India.

The Union Territory Police will take care of his security (Z+) in their jurisdiction while the CRPF will ensure the cover at other locations (Z).

Later in the day, Bukhari said he was a "Z+ category protectee since 2015." "The security is based on threat perception and it is constantly reviewed by security agencies... it is no favour or luxury to me," he said.

A contingent of about 20-24 armed personnel will work in shifts **More on P6** 

### Burglars Strike Court, 5 Cops Suspended

**Press Trust Of India** 

**Jammu:** Some seized articles and case property were stolen from the district court complex in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri, prompting the authorities to suspend five police personnel including an officer, and detain some suspects.

Officials said some thieves broke the locks of the 'Malkhana' of the district court complex in Rajouri last night and decamped with the items.

They said an FIR has been registered in the case and in-vestigation started.

Vestigation started. Police have analysed the crime scene with the assistance of a forensic team, and are also analysing technical evidence, they said, adding some suspects have been roundedup for questioning.



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Rajouri Senior Superintendent of Police Amritpal Singh suspended ASI Tariq Mehmood, SgCt Mohd Shafiq, and Special Police Officers Ghulam Nabi, Mohd Munshi **More on P6** 

# J&K Has Made Significant All-Round Progress: LG

Says Economy Growing Stronger By The Month

### **Observer News Service**

Jammu: Asserting that Jammu and Kashmir has made significant all-round progress and the economy was growing stronger by the month, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said Wednesday that the recent reforms introduced by his administration have begun to unleash the untapped productivity and have succeeded in improving the quality of life for the people

"In 2047, when we celebrate 100 years of Independence, India will have the world's youngest & most skilled workforce. Today we are the fifth largest economy in the world and in the next 25 years, we will be a \$26 trillion economy," Sinha said.

He made these remarks while addressing the inaugural



session of the 3-day mega event on Panch Pran of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at University of Jammu, today.

The event is being organized by the University of Jammu, in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, Hindustan Samachar and Cluster University of Jammu. While talking about Amrit Kaal and PM's **More on P6** 

# **Rising Brick Kilns Around Srinagar Airport Pose Risk To Flights**

### Press Trust Of India

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**Budgam:** Mushrooming of brick kilns in the vicinity of the Srinagar airport, a defence installation, has given rise to aviation safety concerns and environmental degradation.

The black fumes emanating from the furnaces of these brick kilns have prompted the authorities at the Air Force Station, Srinagar, to shoot a letter to the civilian administration to stop these activities. "The brick kilns operat-

ing around Air Force Station, Srinagar, are emitting large quantities of smoke and particulate matter. This smog has a direct adverse effect on the environment and in-flight visibility during the terminal stage of the flight. It has been noticed that during the last decade, the number of brick kilns is rapidly



increasing," the letter written to Kashmir divisional commissioner on March 21 reads.

The letter also mentions that the local apple growers had made a representation to the Air Force Station against setting up new brick kilns around residential and orchard areas. "There are illegal brick kiln constructions going on here. The pollution control board initially ruled against setting up the kilns but after six months gave consent for them. We fail to understand how they have given consent for such activity on horticulture **More on P6** 

### Corona Resurgence Admin Mulls Strict Measures If Cases Rise

### Majid Nabi

**Srinagar:** Reassuring people that the Coronavirus situation in Jammu and Kashmir was under control, a senior government official on Wednesday said that strict measures will be put in place in case positive caseload continues to rise in the Kashmir Valley.

"Tourist season is set to begin in Kashmir and tourists from across the globe will visit Tulip Garden in Srinagar, Situation is yet under control and we closely monitor the situation, there is no need to panic, yes if the Covid caseload continued to increase, we will surely take strict measures as part of graded plan," Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Budhuri said Wednesday.

He was talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function organized by the Directorate of Health Services **More on P6** 

### **DHSK Urges People To Follow SOPs**

The Directorate of Health Service Kashmir (DHSK) Wednesday appealed to people to follow Covid-19 guidelines meticulously to avoid contracting the deadly virus. Talking to the media on the sidelines of a function here, Director Health More on P6

### Hideout Busted In Ramban

Assorted ammunition, including a mortar bomb, was seized as security forces busted a terrorist hideout in the higher reaches of Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir, a police officer said on Wednesday. The hideout was unearthed during a joint search operation by Army and police in Jamalwan forest on Tuesday evening, Deputy Superintendent of Police, headquarters Ramban, Pradeep Kumar told reporters in Banihal. Besides the 52 mm mortar bomb, the search parties **More on P6** 

### Govt Attaches SP Traffic Jammu

The government on Wednesday attached SP Traffic (Rural) Jammu with J&K police headquarters with immediate effect. According to an order, SP Traffic (City) has been given additional charge of the post. "In the interest of administration, Shri Ranjit Singh, SP Traffic (Rural), Jammu is hereby attached with Police Headquarters, J&K, with immediate effect. M. Fiesel Qureshi, SP Traffic (City), Jammu shall hold the **More on P6** 

### 2 Women Held For Peddling Drugs

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Police on Wednesday arrested two women on charges of peddling drugs in North Kashmir's Baramulla district. The two women drug peddlers were coming from Bimyar towards Chellan village of Uri when they saw a police team at a checkpoint and tried to flee, a police spokesperson said Wednesday. The naka team, he said, apprehended the duo tactfully. During the search, the spokesperson said, 113 grams of contraband Charas like substance was recovered from them. The duo More on P6

### Haj Aspirant Get More Time To Submit Fee

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A j Committee of India on Wednesday extended the last date for remittance of advance Haj amount of Rs 81,800 by provisionally selected pilgrims upto 12th April, 2023. In this regard, J&K Haj Committee has issued a notification wherein the pilgrims of Kashmir Division have been advised to deposit hard copies of Haj Application Form along with declaration, Medical Screening and Fitness Certificate, Original Machine-Readable Passport, Pay – In – Slip, One More on P6

### BSF Nabs Pakistani National Along IB

The Border Security Force has apprehended a Pakistani national trying to enter India through the border along Gujarat's Banaskantha district, the BSF said on Wednesday. BSF troopers observed a Pakistani national crossing the international border on Tuesday. They nabbed him as soon as he climbed down the gate near the Border Out Post (BOP) Nadeshwari in Banaskantha district, the BSF said. The man, identified as Daya Ram, a resident of Nagarparkar in Pakistan, was seen negotiating More on P6

### ITBP Officer Slips To Death At LAC

33-year-old Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) officer, who was leading a patrol along the India-China LAC in Ladakh, was killed after falling into a deep gorge, officials said. Assistant Commandant Tikam Singh Negi was killed in the line of duty in the Ladakh sector of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) on April 2. "ITBP salutes the braveheart AC/ GD Tikam Singh Negi, 24th Battalion ITBP who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty in Ladakh on April 2, 2023," the force said through its official Twitter handle. More on P6



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# **Does GPT-4 Really Understand** What We're Saying?

**BRIAN GALLAGHER** NAUTILUS

es and no," is the answer to that. In my new paper with computer scientist Melanie Mitchell, we surveyed AI researchers on the idea that large pretrained language models, like GPT-4, can understand language. When they say these models understand us, or that they don't, it's not clear that we're agreeing on our concept of understanding. When Claude Shannon was inventing information theory, he made it very clear that the part of information he was interested in was communication, not meaning: You can have two messages that are equally informative, with one having loads of meaning and the other none.

There's a kind of understanding which is just coordination. For example, I could say, "Can you pass me the spoon? And you'd say, "Here it is." And I say, "Well, you understood me!" Because we coordinated. That's not the same as generative or constructive understanding, where I say to you, "I'm going to teach you some

calculus, and you get to use that knowledge on a problem that I haven't yet told you about." That goes beyond coordination. It's like: Here's the math-now

apply it in your life. So understanding, like information, has several meanings-more or less demanding. Do these language models coordinate on a shared meaning with us? Yes. Do they un-

derstand in this constructive sense? Probably not. I'd make a big distinction between super-functional and intelligent. Let me use the following analogy: No one would say that a car runs faster than a human. They would say that a car can move faster on an even surface than a human. So it can complete a function more effectively, but it's not running faster than a human. One of the ques-

tions here is whether we're using "intelligence" in a consistent fashion. I don't think we are. The other dimension to this for me is what I call the standard model of science,

which is parsimony. Versus the machine learning model of science, which is megamony. Parsimony says, "I'm going to try and explain as much as I can,

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with as few resources as posevolutionary process that's taken place in the training of the sible." That means few parameters, or a small number of laws algorithm is so radically differor initial conditions. The root of ent from what it means to surparsimony, by the way, is fru-gal action. And these language vive in the physical world-and that's another clue. In order to models are exactly the opposite reach even remotely plausible of that. They're massive aclevels of human competence, tion. It's trained on a huge but the training set that these algorithms have been presented very restricted domain: text. Most human understanding with exceed what any human maps textual experience onto being in a nearly-infinite numsomatosensory experience. So if I say to you, "That's painful," ber of lifetimes would ever experience. So we know we can't you don't map that onto anothbe doing the same thing. It's er word. You map that onto a just not possible. These things sensation. Most human insight are Babel algorithms. They live is conveying, through tags or in the land of Borges' Library of Babel. They have the complete words, experience that has an emotional or physical aspect. experience. They have access to And GPT-4 is just finding corall knowledge in the library. We do not.

Another dimension of dif-The other fact to point out, ference, which is very imporapart from all the stuff that we adduce in the paper-brittle tant, is that our cognitive apparatus evolved. The environment errors, mistakes the language models make that are telltale that created the attributes that we describe as intelligence and signs that we would never understanding is very rich. Now look at these algorithms. make-is humans do apply a mechanical reasoning to things. What is their selective context? If I said to you, "There's a trol-Us. We are cultural selection on ley rolling down the hill, and algorithms. They don't have to there's a cat in its path. What happens next?" You're not just survive in the world. They have to survive by convincing us they're interesting to read. That trying to estimate the next word, like GPT-4.

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Sd/advocate



### Wastewater Provides For Ideal **Breeding Ground** For Antibiotic Resistance

### Press Trust Of India

he unique characteristics of wastewater. which allow resistance genes to grow against harmless bacteria to those that cause disease, provide a potent breeding ground for antibiotic resistance to evolve, according to a new study.

Researchers at the Centre for Antibiotic **Resistance Research** (CARe) in Gothenburg, Sweden, presented evidence for where the genes could gain their ability to move in a study published in the iournal Communications Biology.

the antibiotics alone to drive the process, they acknowledged. of reistant genes, the species carrying the resistance genes in their chromosomes need to be present, along with the specific DNA sequences providing for their movement. lysed DNA from thousands of samples across different environments and found that all these key components came together not in the gut of humans or animals, but in wastewaters. antibiotic resistance we cannot focus only on preventing the spread of those types of resistant bacteria that are already in circulation, we also need to prevent or delay the emergence of new ones". said Fanny Berglund, researcher at the Sahlgrenska academy at University of Gotheburg, and the lead author of the study. published by the same research team showed that the environment harboured a huge variety of different resistance genes, many more than the resistance genes seen todav in bacteria causing disease. making it a vast source for these genes to jump between species, gaining more resistance. that favouring this by polluting the environment with antibiotics is not a good idea.

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### **Police Solves Blind Murder** Case In Srinagar, 3 Held

### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday claimed to have solved a blind murder case by arresting three accused, who were also found involved in drug peddling activities.

A police spokesman in a statement said that a team of Police Station Nowgam, Srinagar made a significant breakthrough in a blind murder case that has been under investigation. "Three accused have

Najar, his wife Mehak Sahil, and Waseem Ahmad Sheikh, all residents of Narkara Budgam. All the accused are found involved in drug peddling activities as well," police said

He said the case relates to an unidentified dead body that was found at village Tengan on March 15, 2023. "Later, the deceased was identified as Suhail Rehman Beigh, son of Ab Rehman Beigh, a resident of Karfali Mohalla in Srinagar. Following his identifica-



been identified and arrested on 4 April, 2023, who were involved in the heinous crime. The accused have been identified as Sahil Magbool

tion and leads in investigation a case under FIR No. 48/23 under Section 302 IPC was registered at Police Station Nowgam,' police said.

## New Pulpit At Eidgah **Named After Revered Sufi** Saint Shah-e-Hamdan (RA)

### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: Waqf Board Chairperson, Dr Darakshan Andrabi on Wednesday laid foundation stone of new pulpit at Eidgah, which was named after sufi saint Hazrat Ameer-e-Kabir Mir Syed Ali Hamadani, popularly known as Shah-e-Hamdan (RA).

Talking to reporters here, Andrabi after laying the foundation stone said there was a need to replace the old pulpit

(mimber) with new one. 'The new pulpit in the name of Shah-e-Hamdan (RA) is being constructed. The previous pulpit had to be replaced as it was not renovated for a long time," she said.

She further said that the Eidgah has its historical significance and the Waof Board after constructing a new pulpit, will renovate

the ground as well. The Waqf Chairperson also said that Eid prayers will be offered at Eidgah in a pleasant atmosphere if the weather permits.



Srinagar Smart City Project on Wednesday, KO Photo Abid Bhat

# Prostitution Racket at Bagh-e-Mehtab **DM Srinagar Directs Landlords To Furnish Tenant Details Within 10 Days**

### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: In a significant move, the district administration Srinagar on Wednesday directed landlords to submit details of their tenants within 10 days to the concerned police station.

An order issued by the deputy commissioner Srinagar, Aijaz Assad, directs house owners to furnish details of tenants to police within a period of 10 days

"All building owners shall after the issuance of this order and within ten days of letting/ subletting / renting out his/ her house or part thereof to any tenant(s), submit without fail the detailed particulars of the tenant(s) to be signed by both the owner and the tenant(s) to the concerned

Police Station, either in wal wrote to DC Srinagar person or by registered that "there is an imminent post addressed to the conneed to conduct verificacerned Station House Oftion of tenants staying in rented accommodations Those who have alin various parts of the

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ready rented out their house(s) prior to issuance of this order shall within ten days submit the detailed particulars of the tenants to the concerned police station, the order states.

ficer," reads the order.

"All arrangements of letting or subletting the property like "paying guest" tenants etc., shall be covered by this order,' the order further adds.

The order comes after SSP Srinagar Rakesh Balearlier," the order states.

city as there have been instances of social crimes and illicit activities.'

The police probe in social crimes found that the persons involved were staying as tenants in Srinagar city. The DC has also di-

rected that every SHO in Srinagar district shall maintain a separate register for such purpose. "This order shall come into force with immediate

effect and it shall remain in force for a period of 60 days, unless withdrawn

The government has said that violation of the order would attract action under the Indian Penal Code (IPC). "Any violation of this order shall invite punitive action under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code. 1860 and other relevant sections of the CrPC. Senior Superintendent of Police, Srinagar will implement the order," the DC's directive states.

It is pertinent to mention that a prostitution racket run from a rented accommodation at Baghe-Mehtab was busted by J&K police on Tuesday.

The owner of the house was also booked under section 3 of Immoral Trafficking prevention act 1956 (ITPA)



# This Day In History

- 402 Battle at Pollentia: Roman army under Stilicho beats Visigoten
- 1320 The Scots reaffirm their independence by signing the Declaration of Arbroath
- 1327 Italian poet Petrarch 1st sets eyes on his beloved Laura
- 1362 Tard-Venus robber bands strike at Brignais, France
- 1385 John, Master of the Order of Aviz, is made King John I of Portugal
- 1516 A Willaert installed as singer of cardinal Ippolito l d'Este
- 1664 France & Saxony sign alliance
- 1672 France declares war on Netherlands • 1722 - Peter the Great, Tsar of Russia, ends tax on
- men with beards
- 1859 US recognizes Liberal government in Mexico's War of Reform
- 1869 1st plastic, Celluloid, patented
- · 1896 1st modern Olympic games open in Athens Greece [3/25 OS] American, James Connolly, wins 1st Olympic gold medal in mod history
- 1905 Germany receives invitation from Sultan of Morocco to an interna®tional conference to discuss matters relating to Morocco

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**Secretary YSS Inspects Progress** 



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# **On Swimming Pool In Srinagar**

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#### **Observer News Service**

Secretary Srinagar: Youth Services and (YSS), Sarmad Sports Hafeez, today visited Gindun Sports Complex, a multi-sports facility centre in Raibagh Srinagar to take stock of progress on construction of swimming pool and other allied works there. Secretary J&K Sports

Council, Nuzhat Gull, Executive Engineer Construction Division Kashmir, Abdul Rasheed and engineers were present on the occasion.

tailed assessment of all the construction works being executed on the swimming pool. He directed the concerned engineering team to expedite all pending works making the pool functional by the month of June this year so that it is thrown open for the public.

Sarmad Hafeez also directed the Secretary Sports Council to ensure regular monitoring of all vital projects for timely and quality completion. He also asked her to conduct frequent visits to

construction sites. Sarmad Hafeez also

impressed upon the concerned Executive Engineer to ensure that the deadlines fixed for completion of this project are met. He asked him to work in double shifts, if required, so that the project is completed within the committed timeline.

Pertinently, the swimming pool is being constructed under the IDFC scheme and is of Olympic standard as far as the dimensions of the pool are concerned.

### Government of Jammu and Kashmir Office of the General Manager, **District Industries Centre, Srinagar**

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M/S Arco Cotton Carding, I/E Zainakote, Srinagar, stands formally registered with this office under No.01/003/08969/PMT/MSMH dated. 25-04-2016 for the activity "Cotton Carding out of cloth cutting/Mill rejection waste" with its proprietorship concern Mr. Riyaz Ahmad Malla S/o Mohammad Abdullah Malla R/o Rampora Chattabal Veer Srinagar. In this connection, it is to inform that the promoter of the unit has inducted one more partner namely Mrs. Ulfat Gowhar W/o Wowhar Sultan Mattoo R/o Zainakote, as per partnership Deed dull) registered in the Court of Law on 03-05-2016. Later on concern Mr.Riyaz Ahmad Malla S/o Mohammad Abdullah Malla ' R/o Rampora Chattabal Veer Srinagar has taken retirement from the partnership as per retirement deed of partners from partnership dully registered in the Court of Law on 09-06-2016 leaving Mrs. UI fat Gowhar W/o Gowhar Sultan Mattoo R/o Zainakote as sole proprietor of the unit.

Now the promoter of the unit intends to change the constitution of the unit as above and also name and style from existing to M/S Ismail Enterprises and change of activity from existing to "Tea Processing and Grading'

Any person having any objection, for above mentioned changes shall contact to General Manager DIC Srinagar within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice

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### Liquor cinema, major tourist attraction 'We Have To Change With Times': Farooq

**Observer News Service** 

rinagar- A 3-day conference on domestic tourism held in SKICC which is being attended by over a hundred delegates from outside the state didn't augur well for hundreds of local delegates as they were put to abject humili-ation by chief minister Farooq Abdullah. The stunned 300 locals related with tourism, travel and trade, who had been invited as "honorable guests" were reduced to plebeians, sordid and un-worthy creatures who had no choice but to swallow the insult before the "foreign guests"

It so happened that Abdullah started his inaugural speech in a usual dramatic style of his own. Calling Kashmir "A paralise lost which is gradually coming back after that hell towards better days", he wanted how should the tourist trade pick up "in the changing situation" and turned towards media who accordng to him "blow things out". But fortunate for them he reserved his quota of grievances for them and, the instead took on the 'petty local guests" to spill his venom.

He advised them to change attitudes if they wanted tourists to come. "Some of our people are not cordial" he pointed out and then selectively "abused" everyone, from a pony walla to taxi driver, Shikarawala, a tourist guide, travel agent, house boat owner and a hotelier. Pony wala he said starts his rate from Rs. 100 and ultimately comes down to Rs 25 for a ride. A house boat owner has all the praise for his house boat only and a travel agent whisks a tourist away with all the false claims of provid-ing him the best. "He ridiculed local shopkeepers also for their behaviour towards the tourists. "We never realized that our attitudes have destroyed our tourism", he told the gathering.

Farooq called upon tourism related people to infuse confidence among the tourists that they were safe in "our hands". "No advertising will carry the day but the word of mouth", he emphasised. Expecting to get incentives. the local delegates had to get an admonishing from the Chief Minister for "misuse of electricity and failure to reimburse the dues". "He asked them to pay the tariff as the state was under heavy debt and owes Rs.600 crores to NHPC on power charges. He said his government could no more buy fifty paisa, the current rates in Kashmir. "Government is not here to dish out things", he grumbled. He asked Shikarawalas, hoteliers and house boat owners to declare the coming tourist season as the "season of reduced tariffs"

Chief Minister laid special stress on opening of wine shops and cinemas to attract tourists and revive the tourism.

He said that it was also necessary to meet the financial burden as "wine and cinema form the sources of revenue". Justifying this he said "India is a secular state. I have my religion, you have your own. I may not drink but I cannot ask others not to do the same. He said Kashmir can't remain a "liquor-free" state and at the same time attract tourists. They should have wine, they want Abdullah added. On the financial plausibility of the wine, Farooq drew from latest change of policies by Haryana and Andhra Governments who he said had to withdraw ban on liquor under monitory compulsions. He also recalled his father Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah's stand when he had objected to ban on liquor in the state on the same logic. "We have to change with times", Abdullah asserted adding, "wine shops and cinemas have to open for better revenue and comfort of tourists"

(Kashmir Observer, 06 April, 1998)

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# Trump's Indictment

ormer United States President Donald Trump pleaded not guilty on Tuesday to 34 felony counts of falsifying business records in a Manhattan court. The criminal charges pertain to payments made by Trump before the 2016 presidential election to adult film actress Stormy Daniels in exchange for her silence. This marks the first time in history that a former president of the United States has been formally charged with a criminal offense. Trump arrived at a courthouse in New York City on Tuesday morning for a historic court hearing. As crowds of protesters gathered outside and a global media frenzy ensued, tight security surrounded the courthouse as the Republican leader walked into the building. The hearing marked a watershed moment for the US criminal and political system, with the potential to upend the 2024 White House race in which Trump is currently the leading Republican nominee.

While it is not clear what happens to the case but its progress and outcome will be watched globally. The case would determine whether Trump would be able to run for president again. And considering the tempestuous nature of his stint in power, the outcome of the case has also implications for the rest of the world. During his presidency, Trump was unpredictable. His America First policy and protectionist measures made the world an unstable place. He withdrew the US from many of its global power engagements in the world, straining even the military alliance like NATO and alienating the European Union, the bulwarks of the world order led by US. Trump had even trashed the multilateral agreements which previous administration had played an instrumental role to rally the world around. One such critical agreement was the Paris Climate accord. Trump unilaterally withdrew from it saying it was unfair to the US. However, more than a withdrawal from the US global engagements and commitments, it was the US abandonment of the human rights discourse that was a source of great concern. Trump's vicious campaign rhetoric, the anti-Muslim tone and even policies of the US Government under him had detracted from the US moral authority. So much so that the country seemed hardly in a position to lecture other countries on the human rights and democracy.

The current US president Joe Biden, on the other hand, has since largely reversed the course taken by Trump. He has taken a different path on issues ranging from coronavirus and healthcare to the environment, education and more. Under him, the US has rejoined Paris Climate Agreement. And with Russian invasion of Ukraine and the ongoing reallignments in the Gulf, the world has moved on from Trump's time. But he could still come back. The outcome of the case could decide America's future politics and also future president. But for now, we can only keep our fingers crossed.

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# **Bookstores Closing Down** in Kashmir is Concerning

Amir Suhail Wani



ot long ago, I decided to visit a bookshop whose pictures I had seen over Facebook and was impressed by the collection they had kept. I reached the spot only to discover that the bookshop was closed down due to low customer inflow and was becoming a liability for its proprietors. This is not an isolated incident but to my own little knowledge, I have witnessed bookshops shutting down day in and day out. While trying to figure out the reason for this recursion, it came to the fore that the shops were low on sales and witnessed scanty attendance. It seems as if the generation has lost its taste and temperament for book reading and the culture is on the ebb. But the larger picture, drawn by coalescing the different pieces shows that people, and particularly the younger generation is taking active interest in reading and are quite enthusiastic about the same. But the modes of reading have changed drastically and this change has altered our moods of reading in unforeseeable ways. Starting with internet and internet powered devices like Kindle and websites like pdfdrive.net, the access to books has become cheaper and easier than ever. Online delivery portals like Amazon, Flipkart and others have created another challenge of offering books to users at huge discounts at their doorsteps. Caught up in the whirlwind of challenges, the local booksellers find it extremely difficult to withstand the competitive pressure and to keep attracting a wide customer range Advances in technology and the creation of substitutes like e-books, podcasts, audio books

and others can never replace hardcopies and there are people who cherish and will continue to cherish the uniqueness and the special aura associated with books in hard form. It is also true that there are thousands of titles which are available neither in audio book nor in e-copies, for these, the reader must shift his gaze to the racks of bookstores and this necessity is something which will never end. In addition to the intrinsic inevitability of books in their hard format, booksellers have also adopted innovative remedial and corrective measures to attract customers and to meet the challenges of time. One such measure is the sale of second hand and used books at marginally low costs and this offer gravitates booklovers in huge numbers to the bookshops. Another step taken is to keep available the books which aren't usually found online and this section usually includes books on local history, culture and the like, but not limited to it. Most of the booksellers have taken to online modes of advertising and marketing and it not only helps them to develop a good customer base, but is also creating ease for the consumers as those who don't like to travel to and from have their books delivered at doorstep. Having outlined the challenges and opportunities which modern reading culture has brought with it, it must be restated that not enough is being done by local booksellers to be at par with the emerging trends and the market strategies. To begin with, bookstores need to go online, both in terms of advertising and marketing, not only for the

customer ease, but for their own survival and subsistence. Our bookshops may not be in a position to offer as high discounts as are offered by the online stores, but they need to explore the possibilities in this direction, or else people will inevitably rush to online portals like Amazon etc offering high price margin, the facilities of return and refund. For their own interest, bookshops need to cater to the diversity of readers and stay abreast of the emerging titles and ensure that the same are made available the earliest. The usual phenomenon is that the books that are released on online portals today reach our markets a year later and by then they have lost their subscriber base, though there are few who have woken up to this challenge, but there are others still lagging behind. Bookshops can become quite attractive if they develop a reading space within their precincts - this may be of little market significance on the face of it, but has a definite role in attracting readers and creating a long term customer base. While we are witnessing a revival of the reading spirit among the young generation, the plight of booksellers presents a dismal case in view of the factors outlined above. It is only in addressing these issues that perennial prosperity can be had.

ndia has summarily rejected China's attempt to lay claim over areas of Arunachal Pradesh after it issued new official names for them. In a fresh attempt on Sunday, the Chinese Ministry of Civil Affairs said it would "standardise" 11 place names in what China calls "South Tibet or Zangnan", an area consistently controlled by India. The names, in Mandarin, Tibetan and Pinyin (English transliteration), with latitude and longitude markings that pertain to points in Arunachal, including one close to capital Itanagar, leave little doubt that China's list, the third such since 2017, is a deliberate affront to India's territorial sovereignty. The Ministry of External Affairs statement, that "invented names" will not alter the reality that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India, mirrors what India had said in 2021 when China "renamed" 15 places; in 2017, there were six names. It would be a mistake, given the timing, to assume that the Chinese decision is a repetition of its previous attempts. The move in 2017 was seen as retaliation after the Dalai Lama's visit to Tawang. In 2021, the move followed China's new "Land and State Border Law", that virtually authorised the government to reclaim territories claimed by China, and was seen as a way to reassert its claim over the State as a whole.

There could be many factors behind the latest move: China's reaction after the Indian Army rebuffed a PLA attempt to take over a post at Yangtse in the Tawang sector of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in December 2022, an angry response to New Delhi's decision to hold a G-20 engagement group meeting on Innovation technology in Itanagar which the Chinese embassy had boycotted, or an indication of more serious designs ahead. Above all, it reflects the nadir in ties and the lack of meaningful dialogue for three years since the amassing of Chinese troops at the LAC in 2020 and transgressions that have led to scuffles, including the deadly encounter at Galwan. While many rounds of talks have ensued, and there has been disengagement at some standoff points, political relations have not been resumed, although there have been some meetings between Foreign and Defence Ministers, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke briefly with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the G-20 summit in Indonesia last year. It is necessary, in light of China's latest act of belligerence, that the government shows more clarity on the nature of its conversations thus far. Until the government probes the reasons behind China's moves and the motivation for its persistent aggressions, it will be hard to prepare for a future course of action, even as it counters China's false narrative and a renaming of areas that are firmly within India's boundaries.

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AMAZAN is upon us. It is

a month of blessings and

mercy. An integral part of

Ramazan is restraint. We

fast to restrict our impulses of ex-

cess. We fast to control our desires

It is also a time when we reflect on

our privileges and share these in the

physical, emotional and others.

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MAIL Hogging isn't Fasting

However, Ramazan has also

been turned into a feast. More

than worrying about our Rama-

zan goals, we worry about new

dishes to cook. While it is alright

to enjoy iftar with your fam-

ily, this instance should not set a

precedent as though Iftar is sup-

posed to be lavish.

Furthermore, hogging on food with no restraint is bad for your physical health as well. We make high sugar desserts with no concern for the science behind food, especially during ramazan. We then go on to share picture perfect Iftaar pictures on social media. It not only

makes people desire food everyone can't afford, it also makes people crave for company of family members they may have lost.

Let's show some restraint and be mindful

Junaid Shafi

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# Why Is Religious Studies Needed?

### Dr. Ashraf Amin

espite excited and zealous slogans of the erasure of religion from human society with the arrival of industrial and scientific ages, religion and religious values stare confidently at such claims. Nothing has prevented people from being religious. The reality is that religion is not a handiwork of man. It has a supernatural essence and origin. There is no alternative to religion for if religion is abandoned through force and compulsion, people would esteem any other ideology as religion like communism, capitalism, materialism, or nationalism often takes on a religious fervor among their adherents. No Friedrich Nietzsche, no August Comte, no James Frazer, no Bertrand Russell and no Richard Dawkins could prevent people from being religious. The reason is not that people are fools or superstitious or deficient in intellect, but that such intellectuals are overestimating their own intellect.

The reality is such that religion is as real as any other human institution, and the need of religion is not to please one's own self but to make one's own society an abode of love, harmony and order. No law or ordinance stimulates a man to do or seek the good of others than religion does! Religion teaches selflessness and activism to help others. The motivation and conviction that religion induces in human beings to establish peaceful relationships, charitable works, volunteer pursuits, honest dealings, no other mechanism can match religion in achieving that.

The cause of strife and violence is not religion as claimed by some men who claim themselves as irreligious or nonreligious. It is out of scope in this brief write-up to mention all those. The seeds of violence are in fact in the man himself. Any phenomenon could be manipulated by man for his own selfish ends and religion is not an exception! However, humans have to fall back on religion every time it would think of salvation from the miseries of worldly life. And until humans don't make the right use of religion, they won't succeed in attaining peace and tranquility in their individual and social lives. And the harsh fact is that it is religion only that could save hu-



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manity from the doom of uncertainty. The major cause of religious tension is the ignorance of other religions. Sarve-

the ignorance of other religions. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan has rightly remarked that the Ignorance of other religions is the mother of injustice. So in order to diffuse and pacify the tensions and build on the cordial religions and the spirit of mutual co-existence, religious literacy is the need of the hour. Islam which is unfortunately blamed much for the violence and the broadcasts go in media outlets day in and day out against Islam is perhaps the only religion that has exhorted its followers to forge a dialogue with the followers of other religions. And it would not be inappropriate to say that it was the Qur'an that talked about other religions at a time when people of other faiths were reluctant to even recognize religions other than their own.

Religion is not an acquired thing but already embedded in human nature. Humans are religious by birth though at times, their religious disposition is manipulated the other ways if not polished in a right way. Hans Kung has rightly remarked that peace cannot be attained in a society until religions are at peace with one another. Religious beliefs and rituals have tremendous influence on men in a society. Religion could bind a community into a strong cohesive union or it could divide communities in antagonism. The right understanding and proper comprehension of the essence of religion thus becomes immensely important. Religious people have a tremendous responsibility to partake in the repair and overhaul of the world. All religions of the world have definite and common contours that if working in unison could wrestle religion from the mischief-makers and hate-mongers, fanatics and opportunists. While religions have commonalities, they have differences with one another as well. But religions have a capacity and capability to forge themselves into a meaningful dialogue based on academic arguments. The differences as some people believe as the cause of violence is the greatest folly! There is no field in human life where differences of opinion are not exhibited. If difference of opinion would breed conflict and violence, no human institution would survive. So the choice of religion is a fundamental form of freedom.

While men of great learning from different religions had penned-down books on religions and have attempted to generate religious understanding among different religious denominations. The need of academic departments is equally a pressing need. In this direction, the Department of Religious Studies at Central University of Kashmir which I am a part of is a welcome addition to the religious understanding and communal harmony in India. The syllabi framework and the competent faculty of the department cater to all the needs of students to develop an aptitude of communal wellbeing, religious understanding, widening of the intellect, human progress, and the real expression of religious nature.

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# The One Thing All Angry Men Have In Common

#### Seth Simons

When Dr. Thomas J. Harbin published his seminal work Beyond Anger: A Guide for Men in 2000, it was a simpler time. Sort of. Anger, especially among men, was a widespread problem, but it was hardly so communicable as it is today. Now, anger travels like a virus, transmitted from the individual to the masses with the tap of a touchscreen. As he writes in the prologue to a new edition of Beyond Anger, the social media age has proven "perversely liberating" for angry men.

"They don't have to deal with the consequences of angry diatribes and don't have to fear retribution," he writes. "They can say whatever they want to whoever they want to whoever they want and get away with it. They can rant and rave, call people names, make false statements about people, start or contribute to rumors, and sometimes ruin lives — and forget all about it when they walk away from the screen." This behavior, he concludes, is nothing short of cowardly.

A clinical psychiatrist practicing in North Carolina, Dr. Harbin has spent decades working with angry men and their families, teaching them to come to terms with and control their anger. In that time, he's come to a robust, nuanced understanding of anger, where it comes from, how it works, and how people can deal with it. We spoke to Dr. Harbin about what he's learned, why anger is so present today, and what men can do to manage theirs.

#### For readers who might be unfamiliar with your work, could you briefly outline a working definition of male anger and how you think about it?

I think that male anger is probably like everybody's anger, only that men tend to express it differently than women. Men tend to be more physically aggressive than women, men tend to be more verbally aggressive than women. But I think in general, anger is anger.

### And how did you come to specialize in anger?

The first aspect of it was trying to deal with my own anger as a young man. So I started putting some of my thoughts down on paper. I'm a clinical psychologist, so in dealing with some of my angry male patients, I wanted to have something that they could read. There weren't any books out there at the time that I really thought fit the bill, so I started writing a few chapters here and there and then decided to expand it to a book.

### How have cultural understandings of or approaches to anger changed throughout history?

I think that public recognition of some of the behaviors that we used to accept is no longer there. While we are a long way from dealing with a lot of the anger-related problems in men, there's at least, now, a recognition that physical aggression is usually not acceptable, that yelling and screaming at family or co-workers or other people is not acceptable. So I think the acceptability of a lot of traditional angry male behavior is starting to erode.

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#### Other than your own work on the matter, do you have any sense of what the drivers are of those norms changing?

The last couple of generations of men — well, the two generations after the World War II generation, so baby boomers and then the generation after that, have really been caught. In former times, the definition of a man was you went to work every day, you worked with your muscles, you brought home a paycheck, and that was about it. And now women can do most of the work that men can do. The definition of what it is to be a man now is in flux, and I think that's unsettling to a lot of men now. We don't really have a hard and fast rules for what it means to be a man and a successful man. I think that causes a lot of dissatisfaction that gets expressed as anger.

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call a core sense of inferiority. They feel like they don't measure up. And then there is an idea that a Dr. [Michael] Kimmel has put out there in some of his book which he calls "aggrieved entitlement." And that is a lot of men, especially white men, feel like other people are getting stuff that I'm entitled to and I'm not getting it. So I think it's a complex that has changed over the last 20 or 30 years.

#### Can you talk about that core sense of inferiority and what its root are?

Well, physical abuse. That teaches a boy that he is not a person, that he is an object, that whoever is abusing him can do whatever he wants with him - especially hitting on the head, that's a humiliating thing that leads to feelings of inferiority. I think, again, the confusion as to what it means to be a man these days contributes to that. We've had some significant financial down turns in the last 20 years - the dot com bubble in 2001, the big recession in 2008. I think all of those challenged a lot of men's selfconfidence and caused them, a lot of times, to have to reexamine their identities as men.

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How have your own views about anger and attitudes toward treating and addressing anger changed over the years, as you've practiced?

I am concerned. I think over the last 10 or 15 years or so a lot of aspects of our culture have gotten increasingly aggressive. There is an acceptance of humiliating trash talk in sport, many of our political bodies sit and scream at each other instead of getting anything positive accomplished, I think a lot of people value belligerence in and of its own self, so that belligerence is now a virtue. I think there's a lot of disturbing trends in our culture in the last 20 years.

Angry young men are in the news a lot these days, between men's rights activists, the Proud Boys, so much of the alt right. And that seems to intersect so much with social media and the ways we live online. I'm curious what you make of that, or what you've learned about that in dealing with your patients?

I think the echo chamber has done a lot to exacerbate and perpetuate male anger. Guys can go online and find thousands of other guys that are just as angry as they are and they bounce it back and forth, getting angrier. I think that there has been a great reduction in civility and reasonableness over the last couple of generations, and I think that you'd be wrong to blame social media for that entirely but I certainly think that social media contributes to it. It used to be that if you wanted to get a bunch of people together to complain about something, you had to make some sort of telephone or mail contact, you had to arrange a place to be. And now people can just go ahead with a few clicks and they're connected to thousands of people that are just as angry as they are.

I'm fascinated by these connections between anger on a small scale and on a macro scale. Are there any commonalities, do you think, between how a society can remedy anger and how individuals deal with it in their own lives and families and relationships?

I think that society sets the parameters. So parents, teachers, coaches, other authorities set the bar for what is acceptable and what isn't. So that's sort of society's contribution. And then the individual has to find ways to live within those rules or suffer the consequences. And I think a lot of the social parameters are in flux right now. I just think back to when I played high school sports - if I had done some of the things that are accepted now, I would have been sitting on the bench. Coaches would not put up with it.

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What tips or recommendations would you give to a parent worried that their child might have anger issues? I think that there needs to be consistent discipline. By that I don't mean punishment, I mean that there — I think of my brother as being almost the perfect father, in terms of training his kids. He would say this is what I expect out of you, this is what will happen if you do what I expect, this is what will happen if you don't do what I expect and then follow through with it. And he rarely had to raise his voice, because his daughters knew that if they did X or Y, then it would happen.

So I think consistent discipline is a good way to raise kids that are not angry. I think that by and large when parents hit their kids, they're teaching them that that's the way to solve problems. So I think a de-emphasis on physical punishment, and I think kids just need to know what the rules are and what will happen if they don't follow the rules.

# And suppose you're talking to a father whose is worried that they themselves might get angry with their kids, who feel the anger bubbling. What do you say them to deal with that?

The first thing I would say is that anger is not bad. Anger is not bad, anger is not good, it just is. And it is for its own reasons. What we worry about, or at least what I worry about with my patients is: What does it take to get you angry, how angry do you get when you get angry, what do you do when you get angry? Those are the things that I like to focus on. But if a parent – let's say a father – feels as if he is going to get out of control with his kids, the first thing he's got to do is walk away until he cools off. Later on, maybe he can learn more sophisticated ways of dealing with his anger, but the first step is to get out of that situation so you don't do anything that you'll regret later on.

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# "Qualified, Capable" To Earn: Court Rejects Wife's Demand For Maintenance

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New Delhi: A court in Delhi rejected a wife's application for interim monetary relief under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, saying she was highly qualified and capable of finding a source of income and allowing her maintenance would promote idleness and dependency on the husband.

Metropolitan Magistrate Swayam Siddha Tripathy was hearing an application filed by the wife under the act seeking interim maintenance of 50,000 per month.

"The complainant (wife) is highly qualified and capable of finding a source of income for herself and allowing maintenance will only promote idleness and dependency on the husband. Therefore, I am not inclined to grant any maintenance in view of her capacity to earn," the magistrate said.

Underlining that the wife's right to receive maintenance from the husband was not "absolute", the court said the wife had to show her inability to sustain, survive, and manage even the basic necessities, besides establishing that the husband was earning and having a better lifestyle, while the wife was left



fending for herself.

"The complainant has to prove that either she is not earning or her income is not sufficient to maintain the same standard of living which was provided to her in the matrimonial house," the court said.

It noted that in the present case, though the wife was an MBA graduate, qualified at par with her husband, and able-bodied, she did not choose to seek a job. The court also noted that the husband, a qualified doctor, was presently unemployed and said he was not living a luxurious life. "Thus, both the complainant and her husband are capable of

earning but are not employed. Therefore, this argument (of not having any income) cannot be used against one unemployed spouse for providing maintenance to the other unemployed spouse," the court said.

It said the wife was unable

to show that she was provided with a better standard of living at the matrimonial house and her existing "family status" did not make it believable that if maintenance was not provided, she would be reduced to destitution or vagrancy.

Referring to a 2001 judgement of the Delhi High Court, the magistrate said that principles of equity must be applied in cases of maintenance. "Equity means fairness and

evenness and it cannot be applied solitarily upon the aggrieved wife. In absence of any dependent, either of the qualified spouses cannot be made responsible for the other's wellbeing considering that neither of them is on the verge of destitution," the magistrate said.

The court also said that the wife was from a "well-to-do family" and also received compensation from her first husband.



New Delhi: Right to residence in a matrimonial home under the law against domestic violence subsumes the right to safe and healthy living, the Delhi High Court has said.

The court's observation came while dealing with a plea by a woman against a lower court order refusing to give her any relief against her allegations of harassment by her husband and mother-in-law.

The woman claimed that her husband and mother-in-law had been feeding 10 street dogs in the shared household with the intention to cause her harassment and mental torture.

Justice Tushar Rao Gedela issued notice on the petition by the woman and said, "it goes



without saying that the right to residence in a matrimonial home, under the provisions of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, also would subsume within itself, the definition of 'right

by this court.'

to safe and healthy living' too. Hence, requiring interference

The judge, in an order passed last month, observed that the lower court ought to have prima facie considered balancing

said the relationship between petitioner on one hand and her husband and mother-in-law on the other was acrimonious Earlier before the lower court.

she had argued that the feeding of street dogs in a shared household violated her fundamental rights, which included right to life and right to health, as it may cause diseases and nuisance.

The counsel also produced photographs showing various dogs being kept by the respondents in the house, and argued such an act of harassment could not be termed as trivial issue.

The high court directed the husband and the mother-in-law to file their reply to the woman's plea within four weeks and listed the case for further hearing in May.

# Rahul main reason why I, many others left Cong; need to be 'spineless' to remain in that party: Azad

New Delhi: Veteran politician Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday said Rahul Gandhi is the primary reason why he and many others are not in the Congress today and claimed that one has to be "spineless" to remain in the grand old party.

He further claimed that it is not in the hands of Congress Parliamentary Party chair-person Sonia Gandhi or even Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge to ensure his return

in the party fold even if they wanted. He asserted "it was too late"

Gandhi sought his return. The veteran leader, who has since floated the Democratic Progressive Azad Party, said no one is "untouchable" in politics today and he could go with any party to form a government as he did not rule out going with

if both win once elections are

for him to do so even if Rahul

the BJP, to be a part of a government in Jammu and Kashmir

held there. Azad also noted that had Rahul Gandhi not torn the ordi-

and described the then Union

Cabinet as "weak" by not going

ahead despite Gandhi tearing the

Speaking about his new book

"Azaad: An Autobiography",

which was released by former

ordinance.

union minister and Sadr-i-Riyasat of the state of Jammu and Kashmir Dr Karan Singh, he said he continues to remain "2000 percent more Congressi" than nance brought out by the UPA government in 2013 he would those leaders who work through not have been disqualified today Twitter.

The former Congress stalwart, who has worked with four Congress prime ministers and remained party general secretary for almost every state, quit the party last year over differences with the leadership.

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### J&K's Unemployment

worker population ratio have also improved in both rural and urban areas in 2021-22 as compared to 2019-20 for Jammu and Kashmir. The quarterly urban unemployment rate of Jammu and Kashmir has declined to 13.5 per cent in October-December 2022, from 14.4 per cent in October-December 2021 as per quarterly bulletin," it said.

"The government has been working on improving life and dignity of the workforce by protecting and safeguarding the interest of workers, promoting their welfare and providing social security both in organised and unorganised sectors," it said.

The report further said that 100 per cent saturation is being ensured in terms of linking workers to different social security schemes of the government.

Focusing on Mission Youth, it said the initiative is aimed at providing a vibrant medium for the engagement and empowerment of youth through systematic interventions in the domains of livelihood generation, education, skill development, psychotherapy, social engagement, sports and recreation.

Under the Youth Volunteer Programme, nore than 5,000 youth clubs stand consti tuted to strengthen the social fabric for drug de-addiction and other social issues, the report added. The new skill development policy has been launched which is aimed to provide an umbrella framework to align them to common standards and link skilling with demand centres. "Seventy-eight new job-oriented trade units have been introduced in ITIs along with the introduction of heritage craft trades," it said. **Unemployment** Rate

The other states with unemployment rate, in alphabetical order, are as; Andhra Pradesh 7.5, Bihar 17.6, Chhattisgarh, 0.8, Delhi 9.7, Goa 15.9, Gujarat 1.8, Haryana 26.8, Himachal Pradesh 11.7, Jharkhand 17.7, Karnataka 2.3, Kerala 6.7, Madhya Pradesh 3.7, Maharashtra 5.5, Meghalaya 2.6, Odisha 2.6, Puducherry 1.5, Punjab 6.9, Rajasthan 26.4, Sikkim 20.7, Tamil Nadu 3.4, Telangana 5.2, Uttar Pradesh 5.5, Uttrakhand 0.8 and West Bengal 4.8. Altaf Bukhari

to ensure round-the-clock security for Bukari, who was till now a protectee in the UT list and now has been brought to the central list. The home ministry sanctioned the cover on the recommendation of a threat analysis report prepared by central intelligence and security agencies, they said.

Bukhari was earlier with the People's Democratic Party (PDP), headed by the former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir Mehbooba Mufti. He left the outfit to float his own Apni Party in March 2020. **Burglars Strike** 

#### and Murtaza Khan for dereliction of duties. An inquiry has also been initiated, they

"The great challenge of transforming the country can be achieved by adopting the five resolves and achieving the targets to build a developed nation which our forefathers had envisioned," he said.

The LG called upon the citizens and all stakeholders to adopt the "Panch Pran" call given by the PM to move towards the golden era and to build a prosperous & welfare society.

"The age-old civilizational values based on 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah'- everyone should be happy and prosperous- will continue to guide us in the making of modern India. Welfare of others is the core philosophy of our cultural heritage that will show the way to prosperity," he said

"Amrit Yatra calls for dedication, determination and above all, it calls for faith in the abilities and centuries-old wisdom of inclusivity. Young men and women must work towards harnessing the tremendous capacities of various sectors to shape the destiny of our nation," he added.

He also highlighted the efforts to fulfil the resolutions of Hon'ble Prime Minister and to make Jammu Kashmir a major contributor in socio-economic development of the nation.

"I&K has made significant all-round progre

Hundreds of fruit-bearing trees are felled to set up one brick kiln and there are dozens of these units in the fertile lands of Budgam around the airport.

The residents are thankful to the local administration for taking timely action in shutting down some of the illegal kilns.

Abdul Gani Bhat, who opted for farming after completing his education, said the government should provide him with a job if they allow the kilns to operate in the area.

"I am educated and I opted for farming. The government should provide me with a job and I will leave this. They can give the land to whoever they want. Rs 40 lakh has been invested in this high-density apple orchard... On one hand, they are encouraging farmers with schemes and subsidies but on the other hand, they are encouraging people for brick kilns as well," he added.

SDM, Chadoora, PN Hamid said no new brick kilns have been established as of now.

"There are a good number of brick kilns which are already existing there. There are norms in place, strict norms under the brick kilns act under which these kilns operate. The pollution control board has given them environmental clearance based on which the deputy commissioner issued the licence. To my knowledge, no new brick kilns are being established," he added. Hamid said the administration swiftly acted when a complaint was received that some persons were digging agricultural land in Rangeen Kultreh area for setting up a brick kiln.

to go for testing and get immediately isolated. This way treatment will be started and chances of spread will also decline," Dr Mushtaq added. **Hideout Busted** 

recovered four detonators, cordtex wire (detonating cord), five magazines of AK assault rifle, two pistol magazines, LMG ammunition belt box, 292 rounds of assorted ammunition and several other related items, he said.

"Given the rusted condition of the seized material, it seems the hideout was an old one (when terrorists used to operate in the area over a decade back). The graph of militancy is on decline in Ramban and only a few isolated incidents have taken place in the district over the last several years," the officer said.

Referring to a grenade attack outside a police post in Gool in August last year, Kumar said that was the last militancy-related incident reported in the district.

He said the search operation was carried out on reliable information and an outcome of the public outreach programme of police and security forces.

"Army, police and other security agencies are dominating the higher reaches by patrolling the areas (to maintain vigil) as pas ing up with the melting of snow," the DSP said. Govt Attaches SP

### at 26.8 per cent. It was closely followed by Rajasthan at 26.4 per cent, Jammu and Kashmir at 23.1 per cent, Sikkim 20.7 per cent, Bihar

17.6 per cent and Jharkhand 17.5 per cent in the month of March.

In January the unemployment rate in J&K was at 21.8

As indicated by the figures, India currently has an overall unemployment rate of 7.5% 8.5% in urban and 7.0% in rural areas.

While Haryana continues to dominate the list with the most unemployment rate of 2.4%, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand on the other hand have least unemployment of 0.8% respectively.

"India's labour markets deteriorated in March 2023. The unemployment rate increased from 7.5 per cent in February to 7.8 per cent in March. The effect of this is compounded by the simultaneous fall in the labour force participation rate, which fell from 39.9 per cent to 39.8 per cent," CMIE managing director Mahesh Vvas said.

Last month, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said that over 30,000 government posts have been filled in the last three years while recruitment for another 20,000 posts in the administration will be advertised in 3-4 months.

"More than 30000 vacant government posts have been filled in the last three years. And wherever any wrong was found, a CBI inquiry has been initiated. The recruitment for another 20,000 posts in administration will be advertised in 3-4 months," he said.

The Union Territory administration, the LG said, wants to saturate self employment in Jammu and Kashmir.

Pertinent to mention, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) has postponed several recruitment exams following the complaint of irregularities and illegalities.

The government had to cancel the recruitment exams conducted by Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board, JKSSB for the posts of Junior Engineer and Sub Inspector after court ruling.

added, adding a breakthrough is expected very soon

The inquiry will be conducted by Rajouri deputy superintendent of police.

### **MeT Predicts**

against minus 0.5°C on the previous night and it was 2.7°C below normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 1.2°C against 4.4°C on the previous night and it was 4.0°C below normal for the north Kashmir area.

Jammu recorded a low of 13.1°C against 17.1°C on the previous night. It was 4.0°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal, he said, recorded a low of 5.7°C (below normal by 1.3°C), Batote 6.6°C (below normal by 2.3°C), Katra 11.5°C (3.0°C below normal) and Bhadarwah 3.2°C (2.4°C below normal). Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of minus 5.4°C and minus 1.2°C respectively, he added. (GNS)

### NCERT Drops

edition is a reformatted version after carrying out the changes. The present textbooks are rationalised textbooks. These were rationalised for the session 2022-23 and will continue in 2023-24." it adds.

Among the reasons cited behind the choice of dropped subjects during rationalisation are content based on genres of literature in the textbooks and supplementary readers at different stages of school education; for reducing the curriculum load and exam stress in view of the prevailing condition of the pandemic; content.

Subjects easily accessible to students without much interventions from teachers and can be learned by children through self-learning or peer learning and content which is "irrelevant" in the present context were also dropped from the curriculum.

An official from the education ministry, who did not wish to be identified, said the new curriculum framework as per the NEP is still being worked out and the new textbooks as per the updated curriculum will only be introduced from the 2024 academic session.

### J&K Has Made

Panch Pran, the LG said, the Five Resolves resolve to move the country ahead as a Developed India, eradicating the mentality of slavery, be proud of India's heritage and legacy, strength of unity and solidarity and duties of citizens towards the nation, will make India a developed country by 2047.

and our economy is growing stronger by the month. The recent reforms have begun to unleash the untapped productivity and have succeeded in improving the quality of life for the people," said the Lt Governor.

"Several structural reforms and collective efforts of people with the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat are playing an important role by spearheading the cause of sustainable development," he added.

Underlining the unprecedented growth registered in various sectors, the LG said the physical, and knowledge and digital connectivity has infused a sense of self-confidence in the society and helping the administration to promote sustainable and equitable development.

Speaking on the accelerated pace of project completion, Sinha said that 50,627 projects were completed in 2021-22 and in FY 2022-23 we are hoping to cross 70,000 projects.

He said the five resolves will ensure rapid economic development and creation of vast network of infrastructure for sustained growth.

Ajay Kumar Singh, Press Secretary to President of India in his keynote address said that the PM's Panch Pran will put India in the league of most developed nations in the next 25 years.

Highlighting PM's five resolves, Singh said the people have to concentrate on their resolves and strength. We must take up the responsibility of fulfilling all the dreams of the freedom fighters by embracing those Panch Pran by 2047 when the country celebrates 100 years of independence. The responsibility of building a developed India lies with each of us, he added.

"It is the combination of sociology and psychology added to traditional notion of development that makes the development process more effective and transformative. The Indian model of growth would be radically different from the rest of the developed nations and would have unique features of inclusivity and social justice," he said.

### **Rising Brick Kilns**

and agriculture land. This pollution from the kilns is a threat to our farming. Our livelihood is dependent on this farming," Mukhtar Ahmad Bhat, a farmer said.

Bashir Ahmad, another farmer, said some people want to establish brick kilns here for their personal gains.

"Our orchards will be destroyed because of pollution. This is not only a threat to the environment but also hazardous to our health. Our only demand is that no brick kiln should be allowed here," he said.

Asked about the letter from the Air Force Station, the officer said he had no knowledge about it.

"I have no idea about it. They would have written to Budgam deputy commissioner," he said.

### Admin Mulls

Kashmir (DHSK).

Bidhuri also appealed to people to wear face masks, avoid crowd gatherings and maintain social distance to avoid contracting the virus. He said people have to act carefully as prevention is the only weapon to combat COVID-19.

He also asked people to go for necessary testing and get them isolated in case they develop contagion related symptoms.

"People have to be extra careful as prevention is the only weapon to combat Covid-19. Those who develop symptoms should go for testing and immediately isolate themselves if test positive," Div Com added.

Replying to a query reading progress of investigations into Gujarati conman case, Bidhuri said he cannot share any details as the probe into the case is underway.

"I am sorry, I cannot share any details as the investigations are underway" Div Com added.

Regarding the ongoing works under Srinagar Smart City project, Bidhuri said the situation would be better on the ground once Right Of Way (ROW) is cleared.

"We had initially set an April 15 deadline and then 20 more days were added for footpath sides, beautification, painting, and cycle tracks. Weather is not conducive for blacktopping. As soon as the weather improves, blacktopping will be done," he said.

### **DHSK Urges**

Services, Kashmir Dr Mushtaq Rather said though positive cases have slightly increased but the situation was well under control. He also urged people not to panic at all.

He said all the CMOs, BMOs and Medical Superintendents have been directed to increase the rate of testing, which he said will reduce the spread rate.

"Cases have slightly increased and there is a mixture of H3N2 influenza and Covid-19, but we are on alert and there is no need to panic. If symptoms are developed, the patient needs

additional charge of the post of SP Traffic (Rural), Jammu, in addition to his own duties, till further orders," it reads.

### 2 Women Held

was taken into custody immediately. Accordingly, he said, a Case under NDPS Act registered in Police Station Boniyar and investigations set in motion.

### Haj Aspirant

Photograph with white background at Haj House Bemina, Srinagar by or before April14,

However, the provisionally selected Pilgrims of Jammu Division shall deposit the aforesaid documents in their respective Deputy commissioners' offices by or before April 12, 2023 so as to reach Haj Committee by or before April 14.202

### **BSF Nabs Pakistani**

a fence gate by climbing over it to enter the Indian side of the fence, the BSF Gujarat Frontier said in a release.

"He was immediately apprehended as soon as he climbed down the gate near BOP Nadeshwari in Banaskantha District," it said. **ITBP Officer Slips** 

The officer was posted at this front since 2021.

A senior officer posted at the ITBP academy in Mussoorie told PTI that the soldier was an "exceptionally motivated" officer who joined the force in 2013. Negi was a good mountaineer and awarded the 'sword of honour' in 2014, that is given to the best cadet during training.

Negi was leading a long range patrol of his troops when he fell into the gorge while negotiating the treacherous LAC terrain in Ladakh, the officer said.

The mortal remains of the officer were consigned to flames at his home town in Uttarakhand on Tuesday.

The Northern Command of the Army also paid tributes to the officer, saying it "stands with the bereaved family in this hour of grief."

The about 90,000 personnel strong ITBP was raised in the aftermath of the 1962 Chinese aggression and it is tasked to guard the 3,488-kmlong LAC on India's eastern flank. The force is working along with the Army at this front even as the militaries of India and China are engaged in a standoff at Ladakh from 2020.

# STATE

# 2 Militants Who Fled From **Police Custody Rearrested**

### Agencies

SRINAGAR: Police rearrested two militants, who had managed to flee from their custody under the cover of darkness in North Kashmir's Baramulla district on Wednesday

"Both the militants who had fled from police custody were arrested in the Chakloo area," an official said, adding that they had managed to give slip to police during Sehri time taking advantage of the darkness. "Both were arrested within 15 hours."

Earlier, police had sounded a high alert across Baramulla and a massive hunt was launched to track the militants. The duo was arrested in connection with a grenade blast in which an employee of a newlyopened wine shop was killed

and three others were injured in Baramulla district on May 17, last year. The militants, who gave slip

to police, were identified as Maroof Nazir Soleh and Shahid

Showkat Bala - both the residents of Baramulla. They were part of a Falcon Squad (TRF) -Lashkar-e-Taiba offshoot and were arrested on May 19 last year, a police official said.

Following the incident, the joint contingent of forces launched a cordon and search operation in the several areas of Baramulla to nab the militants," the official had said earlier, adding that "Several check points across Baramulla including Sopore were set to track the militants.

Police said that apart from the attack on the wine shop, the module was involved in grenade throwing in town and firing attacks etc over a period of time

"Five pistols, 23 grenades, one suspicious package (likely IED) besides seven magazines, 205 rounds of ammunition and 4 cleaning rods along with a bike used in the attack on the wine shop had been seized from their possession—(KNO)

# **CS Directs Officials To Accelerate Work On Highway Projects**

15th April.

### **Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday directed the officials to speed up pace of work on highway projects so that commuters have a safe and less time consuming journey. During the meeting chaired

by Mehta, threadbare discussions were held on vital projects under execution which included Jaiswal bridge on Udhampur-Ramban section, Ramban flyover and tunnels.

It was informed during the meeting that work on these vital projects is being expedited to the fullest extent. CS was informed that Jaisawal bridge will be fully completed by 10th April while the Ramban flyover will be completed around



mu highway. CS said that these links will not only reduce the travel time of commuters, but will also completely bypass the difficult landslides and shooting stone prone areas along the stretch. CS also inquired about the

shooting stones at the T5 tunnel. He said that the debris due to landslides and shooting stones should be cleared forthwith as soon as it's occurence.

# 'Zool' Festival Observed At Revered **Shrine In Aishmuqam**

### Agencies

ANANTNAG: Hundreds of devotees thronged the holy shrine of Kashmir's noted saint Sakhi Zainuddin Wali (RA) in Aishmuqam and performed the traditional 'Zool' ritual. Locals from Ashimugam said

in view of Ramadan, locals observed Zool for a short time.

"We performed a zool ritual at our residence, while some performed outside the cave and most of the people visited the shrine and cave during the day," he said, adding that hundreds of people continue to throng the shrine.

The ritual is performed by devotees as a mark of respect for



the saint as it is held to mark the beginning of agricultural activity after a prolonged winter season. The Sufi saint is believed to

have settled in Aishmugam and is said to have gone into deep meditation inside the cave and battled a demon that was petrifying the villagers.

To celebrate his victory, people assemble every year and

He enjoined upon them to augment resources for maintenance this road till the works are completed. Chief Secretary

of

also directed the authorities to completely do away

with the halting of trucks at Nagrota and Qazigund on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway to ensure seamless movement of HMVs by June. He directed the Divisional Commissioner Jammu/Kashmir to frame a plan in this regard in the next week.

He said that the paraphernalia of National Highway is good enough so as not to stop any vehicle unnecessarily.

More than hundred stair-

"People enter the cave mau-

For the thousands of pilgrims

who gather at Ashmuqam, the

annual torch festival also sym-

bolizes the end of the long

winter and the beginning of

People from different com-

munities visit the shrine to

spread the message of com-

munal harmony and brother-

hood, added Shakir–(KNO)

the new sowing season.

# **Govt Defers Restructuring Of PWD Till Further Orders**

### **Observer News Service**

**SRINAGAR:** Government on Wednesday deferred till further orders restructuring of the Public Works (R&B) Department by way of re-organisation of cadre and rationalization of jurisdiction of its subordinate and field offices by making them co-terminus with territorial limits of divisions, districts and blocks of the Jammu and Kashmir.

"It is hereby ordered that the restructuring of the Public Works (R&B) Department by way of re-organisation of cadre and rationalization of jurisdiction(s) ordered in terms in Government Order No. 22-JK(GAD) of 2023 dated 06.01.2023 is hereby deferred till further orders," reads a government order.

By virtue of the January 6 order, the Development Commissioner Works (Ex- officio Secretary Tech. R&B Department) had been re-designated as Engineerin-Chief (Secretary Technical R&B Department).

Similarly, Mechanical Engineering Department Jammu and Kashmir had been renamed as Mechanical and Hospital Directorate J/K respectively.

Also, one post each of Chief Engineer Mechanical Wing and Chief Engineer Mughal Road Project was transferred to Civil Wing. The government had also ordered conversion of three posts of Chief Engineers of SKUAST-Kashmir(01), SKUAST-Jammu(01) and SKIMS Soura(01) from deputation post to duty post by abolishing these posts from the concerned subsumed/ merged engineering wings of departments.

Mechanical Engineers had been posted in Civil Wing of R&B, except in Jammu zone, for the purpose of snow clearance and other works, as under: Each Chief Engineer (Civil) R&B (Zonal

Office) shall have one Executive Engineer Mechanical: Each Superintending Engineer (Civil) R&B (Circle Office) was to have one AEE (Mechanical); Each Executive Engineer (Civil) R&B (Division Office) was to have one AE (Mechanical) in their offices and each Assistant Executive Engineer (Civil,) R&B (Sub Division Office) was to have one JE (Mechanical) in their offices.

The government had also ordered conversion of eight (08) deputation posts of Superintending Engineers (Civil) to duty posts, by abolishing these posts from the concerned subsumed department(s) for their adjustment in new territorial jurisdictions which had been identified for these Superintending Engineers (Civil).

It had also ordered conversion of deputation posts of Superintending Engineer (Meeh) (01), Executive Engineer (Meeh) (05), Assistant Executive Engineer (Meeh) (04), Assistant Engineer (Mech) (04) and Junior Engineer (Meeh) (14) from subsumed department into duty posts by abolishing such post(s) from the concerned subsumed/merged engineering wings of departments.

The government had also ordered conversion of deputation posts of Executive Engineers (Civil) (36), Assistant Executive Engineers (56), Assistant Engineers (19) and Junior Engineer (82) and Draftsman (Civil) (48) into duty posts by abolishing these posts from the concerned subsumed/merged engineering wings of departments.

It had also ordered formulation of new cadre strength as per revised structure for inclusion in respective Schedule-II of Gazetted/ Non-Gazetted Engineering

Recruitment Rules by Issuance of corresponding notifications, thereby revising SRO-661 (Gazetted) and SRO-654 (Non-Gazetted) dated 25.10.2019 respectively.

Dated: 25.03.2023

Dy District Election Officer

Srinagar

**J&K Reports 48** Fresh Covid-19 Cases

### Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 48 fresh covid-19 cases even as there was no death due to the virus during the last 24 hours, officials said on Wednesday. They said that nine cases were re-

ported from Jammu division and 39 from Kashmir Valley, taking the overall tally to 479879. Among th

cases, 174161 are from Iammu



19-Hazratbal, 20-Khanyar, 21 -Habakadal 22-Lalchowk, 23-Chanapora, 24-Zadibal

**DIPK-NB-69-23** 

DT: 05/04/2023

25-Eidgah, 26-Central Shalteng Assembly Constituency

N0: 756/DEOS/SSR/SGR/2023/4050-4100

Subject:- Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls w.r.t 01.04.2023 as the qualifying date in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir Programme-Regarding

# We're Determined To Work For J&K's Peace, **Prosperity: Bukhari**

### **Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Wednesday said that his party is determined to work for the peace, prosperity, and development of Jammu and Kashmir, as well as the political and economic empowerment of its people.

He said that the vision and agenda of Apni Party started receiving extensive public acceptance soon after the party was established three years ago.

According to a press release issued here, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari was addressing a party event at the party's head office in Sheikh Bagh, Srinagar today.

At the event, two prominent political workers from Srinagar's Goripora Rawalpora, Bilal Ahamad Rather, and Mohammad Shafi Wani, formally joined Apni Party.

into the party fold, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said,

Budget 2023-24 To

'AMRIT KAAL BUDGET'

Greeting the new entrants Chanapora constituency."

"The increasing number of enthusiastic political activists and workers joining the Apni Party across Jammu and Kashmir is a clear indication of the extensive public acceptance that party is receiving each passing day. And, I believe that it is only because

of our unambiguous political narrative, and clear-cut vision that earned people's trust and their desire to join hands with the party. I wholeheartedly welcome Bilal Ahmad and Mohammad Shafi into the party fold and I hope their joining will strengthen our party cadre further in the

## **Strengthen E-Gov Ecosystem** In J&K: Govt

Govt To Extend e-Office To All Offices, Create **Online Census Management System** 

### **Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: The budget for 2023-24 fiscal will further strengthen the e-governance initiatives of J&K government with emphasis on extending e-offices to all offices besides creation of online census management system.

J&K's e-Governance policies have shown tremendous improvement elevating the citizen satisfaction level regarding implementation of schemes and programmes being launched by the UT administration for their socio-economic emancipation.

"The accelerated digital transformation and adoption of emerging technologies by the UT dispensation has greatly helped the administration become more open, transparent and develop new delivery models to ensure people can access e-Services conveniently".

The government has kept a provision, in this budget, for introducing an intelligent framework for ensuring an amazing Intelligent Ticket Management System by JKRTC for smooth, hassle free journey of passengers. The budget also proposed

creation of e-invoice system of GST, GST Data Triangulation and transition of GST IN into GST Prime besides extension of E-Bill system in PWOMAS to other departments. Besides, 445 services have already been offered in online mode across all the departments and many of them are being integrated with the quality check and feedback-seeking mechanism. These services are also being on boarded on the digital portal of e-UNNAT, Service Plus and Digi Locker platforms for

the ease and free access of the general public.

In another milestone towards e-governance, e-way bill would be linked to Fastag and VAHAN for smooth journey of commuters on national highway.

According to an official spokesperson, the government will create single unique helpline to address the concerns of people of J&K.

"Jammu & Kashmir tops among all the Union Territories of India in e-Governance services delivery, which has also enabled the UT to save around Rs 200 crore annually that were used to be incurred in carriage of physical files during the annual durbar move between the two capital cities of Jammu and

Srinagar". J&K has become the first UT in the country to have Good Governance Index and was also first to launch District Good Governance Index for 20 districts of the Union Territory.

In a short span, the government has taken a giant leap in creating user-centric service delivery system and paperless administrative functions through e-Office.

"Technology has redesigned the rules and procedures bringing account-ability and transparency in the system and enabling us to provide services more effectively and efficiently," the official added.

division and 305718 from Kashmir Valley. Providing district wise details of the cases, they said, 10 cases

were reported from Srinagar, sevfrom Barameach

and Budgam, six each from Jammu and Kulgam, four from Ganderbal, two from Pulwama and one each from Udhampur, Ramban, Reasi, Kupwara, Anantnag, and Bandipora.

ulla

There was no death, either from Jammu or Kashmir Valley during the time. So far 4786 people succumbed to the virus and among them include 2353 from Jammu division and 2433 from the Valley.

Besides, they said, 13 Covid-19 patient recovered during the last 24 hoursone from Jammu division and 12 from Kashmir Valley. There are now 191 active cases- 43 in Jammu and 148 in Kashmir (GNS)

يكزيكثيو مجسثريث درجهاول لار ن درخواست منجانب: نذير احمد بابا والدغلام محمد باباسا كنريبوره ملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواس ول اندراج يوم دفات تجق مندرجهذيل اشخاص \_جنلي يوم دفات دسكونت بذيل مين. D.O.B=101 سكەنت والديت 27.04.1997 015. تهار من كياجاتا. باعذر بااعتراض بوذوده اندرسات يوم عدالت هذاميس اينه عذريااعتراض تحريري طور یکرس۔بعدگزرنے معادکوئی بھی عذر مااعتر اض قابل قبول نہ ہوگا۔ المكيز يكثيو مجسثريث درجهاول لار INFO

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1	Publication of Integrated draft electoral roll	05.04.2023 (Wednesday)
2	Period for filing claims and objections	From 05.04.2023 (Wednesday) to 20.04.2023 (Thu
3	Special Campaign dates.	09.04.2023 (Sunday) & 15.04.2023 (Saturday)
4	Disposal of claims and objections	By 28.04.2023 (Friday).
	i) Checking of health parameters and obtaining 1 Commission's permission for	
5	final publication.	By 04.05.2023 (Thursday)
	ii) Updating database and printing of supplements	by 04.00.2020 (muloudy)
6	Final Publication of Electoral Roll	On 10.05.2023 (Wednesday)
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(d) (e) (f) 3.	All EROs shall thereafter generate and print integrated Electoral Rolls from their lo Special Camps shall be organized on 9th April 2023 (Sunday) and 15,h April 2023 All EROs shall publish these integrated Electoral Rolls for their respective constitu- as tabulated in Para 2 of the Commission's enclosed communication shall follow. The analysis as directed by the Commission has to be initiated from the micro level with AEROs and BLOs immediately. In order to meet the prescribed timeframe o critical gaps should be submitted to DEO by 28th March, 2023.	3 (Saturday), to have focused outreach. encies on 5,h April, 2023 in Form 5 and rest of the ac . For this purpose, the EROs shall convene suitable mo f the Commission it is required that ERO's notes rela
4.	Format I to 8 for draft publication shall be submitted to District Election Office Srina	agar by 31st March, 2023 for further submission to EC
-	JK accordingly.	
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(b)	Every objection to the proposed inclusion of name or application for deletion of name where a series is a such as the series of	he in existing roll shall be in Form-7 and preferred by a
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	qualifying date strictly and display the same on notice board, designated locations	and websites as per the Commission's existing instru
8.	Disposal of claims received w.r.t. subsequent two qualifying dates:-	
(a)	During the current round of revision only the claims and objections received wit Forms that qualify the prescribed age of 18 years on or before 01.04.2023 shall of Registration Officers.	only be taken into consideration for its disposal by El
(b)	The Claims (Form-6) received with reference to subsequent qualifying dates, after quarter wise and kept in separate respective buckets in ERO-Net under the capture reference to qualifying datehowever, disposal of such advance forms/claim only, strictly as per the ECTs guidelines issued vide letter no. 23/Inst/2022-ERS	ons "Advance claims in respect of prospective electo s shall be disposed of in the first month of concerned o
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# SPORTS

# **Aim To Promote Local Talent: Downtown Heroes FC**



### **Observer News Service**

**SRINAGAR:** Downtown Heroes FC aims to promote local talent and take Kashmir's football to the next level, the club's chairman Irfan Shahmiri said on Wednesday.

The Srinagar-based football club is currently competing in I-League 2, the third tier of pro football in India, and is fielding an eleven with nine to ten local players. It is a rare sight as most of teams participating in such mega footballing events acquire services of foreign players.

"We appreciate our fans who turn out to support us. We are pleased to tell our fans that we have nine local talented players April 12, when they take on in our squad on whom our coach- Mumbai City FC in Mumbai.

ing staff and management have placed their confidence, and we are providing them with a platform to showcase their talent on a much larger and national scale. We will continue to provide these players with a stage to showcase their abilities," Chairman Shahmiri said in a statement.

The statement further added that Downtown Heroes are hoping to receive the support from fans to continue making strides in professional football.

The Heroes next face their I-League 2 opponents Techtro Swades United FC on Friday (April 7) in Chandigarh. Their away journey will continue on

### 17th National Aerobic Gymnastics Championship **Director YSS Felicitates J&K Team For Winning Silver**

### **Observer News Service**

JAMMU: Director, Youth Services & Sports (DYS&S) J&K, and appreciated the J&K team Subash Chibber, along with and three senior employees of Deputy Director Central Jatinder YSS, Kamal Singh, Honey Hehra, Mishra, felicitated the J&K team and Mayank Jain, for being part on Wednesday for finishing as of the runners-up contingent. runner-ups in the recently concluded 17th National Aerobic Gymnastics Championship.

The championship was organized for senior category at Karnataka, Banglore. The J&K contingent comprised of 26 players, which included three employee/ players of the DYS&S, and won their impressive performance.

Silver medal in the Aerobic Group event.

Director YSS congratulated Jatinder Mishra also shared some words of encouragement

with the team members. Accounts Officer Sunil Sharma, SO Establishment Shivnandan Singh Mankotia and other senior officials of the Department also praised the team for

# **IPL 2023: Depleted KKR Take On Star-Studded RCB**



### **Press Trust of India**

MUMBAI: Hit by injuries and unavailability of key players, two-time champions Kolkata Bangalore in the IPL, here on Thursday.

Having started their camvia Duckworth-Lewis method Delhi in white-ball cricket, has against Punjab Kings at Mohali, KKR suffered twin blows. First premier Bangladesh solace in its den.

all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan pulled out of the tournament owner Shah Rukh Khan will because of family reasons and international and, the next day, regular skip- They last played at Eden Garper Shreyas Iyer, who is also dens on April 28, 2019 -- a him. their batting mainstay, was 34-run win over Mumbai In-

treat his back injury. KKR had made Nitish Rana their standin skipper, assuming that their Knight Riders will seek home regular skipper would be back in the second half of the seawinning ways when they face a son but with lyer ruled out star-studded Royal Challengers completely, the Chandrakant Pandit-coached side may face a leadership crisis.

Having started their cam- 'Accidental' skipper Rana, paign with a seven-run defeat who has experience of leading a big task ahead of him as the team desperately seeks some

The buzz is that KKR's be in the house when they commitments return here after 1,438 days.

ruled out of the entire IPL as dians before COVID-19 hit he will undergo a surgery to the world. The excitement will be at an all-time high for both teams, with crowdpuller Virat Kohli in the visitors' dug out.

KKR also can take positives from a cracking start by Afghan wicketkeeper-batter Rahmanullah Gurbaz, who smashed a flurry of boundaries and a 101-metre six before perishing for 22.

RCB's pace trio of Mohammed Siraj, Harshal Patel and Akash Deep will also look to make it count on a seamingfriendly Eden. But they are likely to miss English pacer Reece Topley, who suffered a shoulder dislocation. David Willey is expected to replace

Match starts at 7.30 PM.



# **Ramadan Soccer League** Brings A Bit Of Joy To Gaza **Refugee Camp**

### Agencies

Soccer fans in the Gaza Strip gather to watch the specially organised Ramadan Popular League, a competition held every year in the Rafah refugee camp which is home to over 120,000 people in the southern part of the coastal enclave.

'Every year during Ramadan month we come to watch this league, it brings us joy and happiness," said Issa Shaloula.

"It is better than other fields which we can't get to or that are far away," the 50-year-old told Reuters over the noise of cheering supporters. Palestinians have separate leagues in Gaza and the West 2007 civil war between Palestinian here as children," Loulahy added.

President Mahmoud Abbas Fatah's faction, which holds swav in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, and that of rival Hamas Islamists which runs the coastal enclave.

They have a national team which takes part in international tournaments, but lack modern stadiums and the financial means to improve standards in the sport. Palestinians also say Israel restricts the movement of athletes between the two areas.

"As players of clubs we come to these popular fields to please the crowds," said Ahmed El-Loulahy, who plays for Khadamat Rafah Club. "This ground is more popular than many other stadiums, it is a Bank following internal rifts from a playground for refugees. We played

# **World Aquatics To Explore Readmission Of Russia, Belarus**

### Agencies

World Aquatics said it has estab-lished a task force to explore the return of Russian and Belarusian athletes to international competition as neutrals, adding that it supports the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) stance on the matter. The IOC issued recommendations last week for athletes from Russia and Belarus to return to international

Ukraine, which Moscow calls a "special military operation".

Table tennis, fencing, judo and taekwondo are among the Olympic sports which have readmitted athletes from the two countries as neutrals.

"The World Aquatics Bureau approved the establishment of a task force to explore a potential pathway for athletes with a Russian or Belarusian passport to participate in future international aquatics events as indicompetition since their ban last vidual neutral athletes," the body said year following Russia's invasion of in a statement on Wednesday.

