

Kashmir's PR Industry Emerging Winner In Institutional Race

Aashiq Hussain Andrabi

With the establishment of new institutions like AIIMS and NIFT, Kashmir's Public Relations (PR) industry is witnessing a tremendous potential for growth and development.

The growing recognition of the importance of effective communication and stakeholder engagement is said to be behind this boost.

"But as of now," said Dr. Archana Kumari, "JK's PR industry is still in its infancy."

As Secretary, Public Relations Society of India (PRSI), Jammu

Chapter, Dr. Archana affirmed that there is a growing demand for public relations professionals to help new institutions, like NIFT, IIT and AIIMS, communicate effectively with their stakeholders.

But at the same time, she says, the PR industry in Jammu and Kashmir is facing multiple challenges.

"Lack of trained and skilled professionals and the limited access to digital and social media platforms in some remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir are some immediate challenges," says Dr. Archana, who's also an Assistant Professor



in Media studies at Central University of Jammu.

In an interview with Kashmir

Observer, the professor talks about the position and potential of the region's PR industry.

What's the current state of the PR industry in Jammu and Kashmir?

The PR industry is still in its early stages, but there's tremendous potential for growth and development as the region continues to evolve and adapt to changing media and political landscapes.

With the establishment of new institutions in Jammu and Kashmir, such as NIFT, IIT, and AIIMS, there is a growing demand for public relations professionals to help these organizations

communicate effectively with their stakeholders.

What're some of the biggest challenges for the PR industry in Jammu and Kashmir?

One of the main challenges is the lack of awareness and understanding of the role of public relations among businesses and organizations in the region. The lack of trained and skilled professionals and the limited access to digital and social media platforms in some remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir are equally some big challenges. **More on P6**

31 Police Officers Transferred In J&K

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday ordered transfer and posting of 31 police officers with immediate effect in the interest of the administration. According to an order issued by the Home Department, Paramjeet Singh, Addl. SP Railways, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP Kathua vice Suresh Kumar.

Suresh Kumar, Addl. SP Kathua, has been transferred and posted as Vice Principal, PIS, Kathua, against an available vacancy.

Sandeep Bhat, Dy. Commandant, 1st Women Bn., has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP Bandipora, against an available vacancy.

Imtiaz Ahmed, Dy.SP PC Sangam, has been transferred and posted as Dy.SP (Ops.), Kunzer vice Aumer Iqbal. Imtiaz Ahmed shall also hold the additional charge of the post of SDPO Tangmarg, till further orders.

Aumer Iqbal, Dy.SP (Ops.), Kunzer, has been transferred and posted as Dy. SP IR-10thBn., against an available vacancy.

Rashid Younis, **More on P6**

LG Orders Probe Into 'Illegal Lease' Of Temple Properties

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir administration led by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has ordered a Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe into the illegal lease of temple properties across the Valley.

On the directions of Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat References Monitoring Cell, Jammu & Kashmir, a letter has been issued to the 10 Deputy Commissioner's (DCs) of Kashmir, wherein they were asked to probe the illegal lease of temple properties and nexus in temple properties being used illegally.

"I am hereby directed to enclose herewith copy of communication along with its enclosures bearing O.M no. GAD-RMC/256/2022-LGRMC-GAD dated 20-05-2022 received from Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat References Monitoring Cell, Jammu & Kashmir with the request to ascertain any such instances in your district and take appropriate necessary action under rules with intimation to this office," reads a letter issued from Divisional Commissioner's office. Besides, the DCs have been asked



to furnish the updated inventory of Religious Minority Properties (Temple, Gurudwara, Others) within a week's time positively.

The SIT probe comes after Satish Mahaldar, Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Peace Forum, moved a complaint to the LG's office and the Ministry of Home Affairs seeking investigation into the illegal lease and sale of temple properties across the valley.

In a statement issued to the media, Mahaldar expressed gratitude to LG Sinha for initiating the SIT probe.

"Since the last 33 years no successive governments have taken any initiative to protect temple properties **More on P6**



A beggar on crutches collects alms during congregational Friday prayers on the 16th day of the holy month of Ramazan in the capital city of Srinagar. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

SINCE THE LAST 33 YEARS NO SUCCESSIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE TAKEN any initiative to protect temple properties of minorities of Kashmir. Despite repeated court orders, temple properties have been illegally given on lease."

Iltija Mufti Fumes Over Conditional Passport

'Am I A Fugitive? Am I Nirav Modi, Am I A Terrorist, Anti-National That I Am Being Punished?'

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: "Am I a terrorist or an anti-national", PDP president Mehbooba Mufti's daughter Iltija asked on Friday, a day after she was issued a "country-specific passport" for two years to allow her to study in the United Arab Emirates.

The 35-year-old had moved the Jammu and Kashmir High Court in February after her application for a passport was not cleared following an adverse report by the J-K Police's Criminal Investigation Department (CID). Her passport had expired on January 2 and she had applied



for a fresh one on June 8 last year. The court directed the Regional Passport Office (RPO) to look into the merits of the case. Following this, Iltija, who wants to go for higher studies, has been issued a **More on P6**

Govt Lifts Burden From Shoulders Of School Children KG Students Not Required To Carry School Bags

Auiqb Javeed

Srinagar: In a move aimed to ease the burden on the shoulders of school children, the Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday directed all schools to reduce weight of school bags, besides adhering to the recommendations of books made by the Department of School Education and Literacy Ministry of Education, Government of India

In a circular issued here Friday, the Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) said that in compliance to the directions passed



in a Public Interest Litigation, School Education Department had made the amendment to J&K School Education Act

2002 by inserting Rule 8A, which mandates School Heads to regulate weight of school bags and **More on P6**

Schools Warned Against 'Uniform Trade'

The Jammu and Kashmir administration has directed private recognised schools that they should desist from compelling parents of students to purchase textbooks, stationery and uniforms from any particular shop. It also asked the private schools to not charge any fee other than approved by the fee fixation and regulation committee. Director, School Education Jammu (DSEJ), Ravi Shankar has issued a circular following complaints against private schools for allegedly asking parents to purchase textbooks, stationery and uniforms from a particular shop here. "Such practices have **More on P6**

Srinagar Airport To Spruce Up Amenities For Higher Footfall

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Setting up more baggage checking machines and introducing electric vehicles to ferry passengers are among the key measures to be undertaken to handle increased footfall at the international airport here ahead of G20 events and the tourist season, officials said on Friday.

Besides these, a police unit to cater to complaints and grievances of tourists and a police facilitation counter would also be setup, they said.

The measures were announced on Thursday at a

meeting to review the security aspects and functioning of the Srinagar international airport, the officials said.

It was conducted by Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh and Director General Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) Zulfikar Hasan, and attended by top officers of the civil administration and police, the Central Reserve Police Force, the tourism department and the airport.

During the meeting, measures to ease congestion such as increasing the number of baggage checking **More on P6**



Avalanche Alert In Kupwara

The Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Management Authority (JKDMA) on Friday issued an avalanche warning over higher reaches of Kupwara district in next 24 hours. In an advisory issued Friday, the JKDMA said that a low danger level avalanche is likely to occur above 3000 metres above sea level in Kupwara district. The advisory advised people living in these areas to take precautions and avoid venturing in the avalanche prone areas till further orders.

Accidental Fire Kills Policeman

A Jammu and Kashmir policeman died on Friday afternoon after his service rifle went off accidentally in North Kashmir's Kupwara district, officials said. Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that the cop, who was posted at the residence of Bhartiya Janta Party district president Kupwara, Abdul Rehman Lone, died when his service rifle went off accidentally. He said soon after the incident he was taken to a nearby hospital, however, he was declared dead on arrival. **More on P6**

LG Remembers Guru Nabha Dass

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday greeted the people on the eve of Goswami Shri Guru Nabha Dass Jayanti. In a message, the Lt Governor said that Guru Nabha Dass Ji was one of the greatest saints of the Bhakti movement whose teachings for an honest, truthful and virtuous life continue to guide humanity. "His message inspires us to embrace equality and compassion. May Guru Nabha Dass ji's teachings guide us to build a just and humane society," the Lt Governor said.

Govt Orders Posting Of 2 Police Officers

The Union Territory government on Friday ordered posting of two police officers. According to an order, Deepika, IPS, has been posted as Superintendent of Police (Headquarters), Anantnag, against an available vacancy. Gh. Jeelani Wani has been posted as Commandant IR-5th Bn against an available vacancy.

5 Drug Peddlers Arrested In Jammu

Five persons have been arrested with heroin here, police officials said on Friday. A police team intercepted a vehicle in the Janipur area and seized 100 grams of heroin from Tariq Hussain Shah, Tasadiq Hussain and Maqsood Hussain Shah, they said. Two other persons were arrested from Bahu Plaza and Arnia after heroin was seized from them, police said. Cases under relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act have been registered against the accused **More on P6**

One More Held In 70-Crore Heroin Recovery Case

Police on Friday arrested a third accused in connection with recovery of a huge haul of heroin worth 70 crores in Srinagar district. Police have already arrested two persons including a CRPF trooper in connection with the recovery of over 11 kilograms of heroin and recovery of cash 11,82,500 at Rajbagh area of Srinagar. A senior police officer told a local news agency GNS that the third arrest culminated in connection with the case on Friday. He identified the accused as Rashid Kohli of Amdohi village of Karnah **More on P6**

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New Low Cost Camera To Help With Monitoring Long Term Volcanic Emissions

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Scientists have developed a sulphur-dioxide (SO₂) camera, which makes use of a modified smartphone camera sensor sensitised to ultraviolet light to enable SO₂ detection, for better long-term monitoring of rates of volcanic emissions data.

Continual measuring of volcanic emissions lets researchers see what cannot be seen from the surface, the knowledge of which is vital for hazard monitoring and the prediction of future eruptions, the scientists from University of Sheffield, UK, said.

Since the mid-2000s, ultraviolet SO₂ cameras have become important tools to measure gas emissions, which

are a reflection of the activity occurring beneath a volcano's surface.

However, the series of measurements made using these cameras need to be accompanied by a user, the scientists said, making SO₂ cameras unsuitable for acquiring long-term datasets in addition to expensive building and operation costs.

The result is that very few cameras are being installed permanently, they said.

"Our instrument uses a sensor not dissimilar to smartphone camera sensors. It is modified to make it sensitive to ultraviolet light, therefore enabling SO₂ detection," said Thomas Wilkes, lead author of the study.

The scientists' SO₂ camera, the design of which along with a couple of



initial datasets is published in the journal Frontiers in Earth Science, is significantly cheaper and uses less power relative to previous models, they said.

"Wherever possible we 3D print parts too, to keep costs as low as we can," Wilkes explained. "We also introduce a user-friendly, freely available software for controlling the instrument and processing the acquired data in a robust manner."

He said that the affordability and user-friendliness makes the camera accessible to more volcanologists, who otherwise might not have access to datasets containing accurate gas emission rates.

Further, the camera's power consumption being low at an average of 3.75 Watts, is half of what was needed

to power previous models, they said.

The use of their camera, running on fewer or smaller solar panels or batteries, could be beneficial on sites where there is little solar power to be harnessed.

Even as there are other such emissions measuring instruments, "the SO₂ camera can provide higher time- and spatial-resolution data which could facilitate new volcanological research when installed permanently," said Wilkes.

Their camera, they said, is in continuous operation at the Lascar stratovolcano in Chile and at a shield volcano on Hawaii's Big Island Kilauea. Wilkes and his team have published their datasets from these locations.

Link Between Obstructive Sleep Apnea And Early Cognitive Decline Found

Press Trust Of India

Researchers have shown obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) to cause early cognitive decline in middle-aged men, even in patients otherwise healthy and not obese.

The international study led by King's College London, UK, studied a group of 27 men between ages 35 and 70, newly diagnosed with mild to severe OSA but without any co-morbidities. The researchers have published their findings in the journal Frontiers in Sleep.

These patients formed a rare cohort for study because men and women with OSA have co-morbidities such as cardiovascular and metabolic disease, stroke, diabetes, chronic systemic inflammation, or depression.

"We show poorer executive functioning and visuospatial memory and deficits in vigilance, sustained attention, and psychomotor and impulse control in men with OSA. Most of these deficits had previously been ascribed



to co-morbidities," said Ivana Rosenzweig, lead researcher and a neuropsychiatrist at King's College London.

"We also demonstrated for the first time that OSA can cause significant deficits in social cognition," said Rosenzweig.

CANTAB or 'Cambridge Neu-

ropsychological Test Automated Battery' of tests were used to investigate the cognitive function of subjects.

"The most significant deficits were demonstrated in the tests that assess both simultaneous visual matching ability and short-term visual recognition memory

for non-verbalizable patterns, tests of executive functioning and cued attentional set shifting, in vigilance and psychomotor functioning, and lastly, in social cognition and emotion recognition," wrote the authors.

The authors conclude that OSA is sufficient to cause these cognitive deficits, which previous studies had attributed to the most common co-morbidities of OSA such as systemic hypertension, cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, and type 2 diabetes.

The men were currently neither smokers nor alcohol abusers, and were not obese (body mass index or BMI under 30). The researchers studied a group of seven age-, BMI-, and education-matched men without OSA as controls. The scientists also confirmed the OSA diagnosis of patients using WatchPAT test and video-polysomnography.

WatchPAT test is a sleep apnea diagnostic tool that utilizes the peripheral arterial signal (PAT) for diagnosis and

measures up to 7 channels (PAT signal, heart rate, oximetry, actigraphy, body position, snoring, and chest motion) via three points of contact.

However, the scientists said that the mechanism through which this happens is unclear yet.

The authors speculated that the cognitive deficits are due to intermittent low oxygen and high carbon dioxide in the blood, changes in blood flow to the brain, sleep fragmentation, and neuroinflammation in OSA patients.

OSA is a condition whereby during sleep, the throat muscles of people with OSA relax and block the airflow into the lungs, so that they repeatedly stop breathing.

Common symptoms include restless sleep, loud snoring, daytime sleepiness, and prolonged headaches in the morning.

Major risk factors for OSA include middle or old age, being obese, smoking, chronic nasal blockage, high blood pressure, and being male.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION BARAMULLA.

E-AUCTION NOTICE NO. 03 OF 2023-24 DATED 05.04.2023

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 - Affidavit
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- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in.
- The Bids uploaded on the website up to due date will be opened on date mentioned above, in the office of the Bid Receiving Authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla.
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Traffic Police Identifying Stunt Bikers Through Social Media

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Recording stunt biking on tape and posting them on social media has made it easy for traffic police to catch hold of bikers involved in the acts.

A senior traffic police official said the department has started a massive drive to curb stunt biking by expanding their graft in all districts of the valley. "In a recent drive, we seized more than 10 bikes," he said.

Not just Srinagar, we have identified a good number of bikers from other districts who come to Srinagar for bike stunts and reckless riding and driving, the official said.

In a surprising revelation, Srinagar traffic police authorities said they identified some bikers who come to Srinagar from north and south Kashmir for

stunts. He said these boys travel a long distance for the purpose of filming the stunts on the picturesque Dal Lake.

"So far, social media handles have been a big tool for us to catch hold of them as after doing these stunts, they upload it on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, etc. And upon questioning them, we also reached out to other members involved in bike stunts," the official said.

He added that with the support of district police across Kashmir, they are summoning these boys through their concerned police stations, and the concerned Station House Officers (SHOs) are sharing the information with them.

Notably, the drive by traffic police follows a horrific road accident on Boulevard near SKICC last week, which resulted in the on-spot death of a 20-year-old Srinagar boy.



SMC sprinkles water in city center Lal Chowk on Friday to keep dust grounded amid ongoing work under Srinagar Smart City Project, KO Photo Abid Bhat.

All Developmental Works In Srinagar To Be Completed On Time: CS

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The government on Friday said that all ongoing developmental works in Srinagar City will be completed on a given timeline as J&K has witnessed a massive change from 2018-19 till date in terms of completion of the projects.

Talking to the reporters here, Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar

Mehta, said ongoing developmental projects will be completed on time in Srinagar City.

"Srinagar had never looked better. Watch what Srinagar will look like in May," he added in response to a question.

"We understand that in the real world all timelines are not adhered to on the particular day. The project gets completed day before or day after. But, in 2018-19, only 9200 works were

completed and this year around 90,000 works are being completed. That's the kind of change J&K has witnessed," he said.

Pertinently, the Srinagar city, especially the commercial Hub Lal Chowk is witnessing several developmental works and the government has claimed that all the projects will be completed on April 15.

The developmental works are being carried out under the much-hyped Smart City project.

VC KU Surprise Inspection Of Teaching Departments Continues

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Continuing with her surprise visit to the varsity's teaching departments, the Vice-Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Nilofer Khan on Friday inspected the status of teaching and research work in several departments functioning under the ambit of School of Arts, Languages and Literature.

The Vice-Chancellor visited the departments of Kashmiri, English, Sanskrit, Arabic, Hindi, Linguistics, Electronics and Instrumentation Technology, Persian, among others, and interacted with students about the conduct of class-work, completion of syllabus as well as the status of impending examinations.

She was accompanied

by the Dean of Academic Affairs Prof F A Masoodi and Registrar Dr Nisar A Mir.

Notably, the Vice-Chancellor, ever since assuming her charge in May 2022, has been frequently inspecting teaching departments functioning under various Schools to reiterate her directions for timely conduct of class-work, research activities and examinations.

Urging the Heads of Departments to ensure punctuality of research scholars and maintenance of attendance register in this regard, the Vice-Chancellor said any delay in completing the research programs in time will lead to delay in award of degrees to the research scholars which has to be completely done away with.

Progress Of Infrastructure Reviewed At Parimpora Bus Terminal, Transport Nagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to review the progress of upgradation of facilities at Parimpora Bus Terminal, Transport Nagar and Fruit Mandi, a meeting of concerned Officers and Stakeholders was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex here on Friday.

The meeting also discussed the action plan regarding shifting of automobile workshops from Batamalo-Mominabad axis to Parimpora Transport Yard.

SSP Traffic, Muzafar Ahmad Shah, Vice Chairman Srinagar Development Authority, SDM West, General Manager SRTC, Deputy Director HP&M, Area Marketing Manager HP&M, Tehsildar Shalteng, ARTO and other Officers, besides representatives of Automobile Workshop Association and Bazar Committee Batamalo.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed appraisal about the measures taken for development and upgradation of facilities Parimpora Bus Stand, Transport Nagar and Fruit Mandi.

The DC was informed that for Development of Transport Nagar Parimpora which is spread over 200 kanals of land comprising of Goods and Forwarding Agencies, the Srinagar Development Authority has forwarded a DPR to the tune of 34.4 crores for development

of infrastructure like roads, drainage system, footpaths, central verge, green spaces, electrification to the Administrative Department



for approval.

Similarly, for upgradation of the infrastructure for macadamization, drainage system, development of green spaces, etc at Parimpora Bus Terminal which is presently operational over a land of 60 kanals with basic facilities, a project at cost of Rs. 9.00 crores is in progress.

While different nature of works for infrastructure upgradation and face-lifting of Fruit Mandi Parimpora and SRTC Yard have already been taken up with completion of most of the works.

On the occasion, the DC stressed on the Officers of all line Departments to work in close coor-

dination and ensure that physical works on the projects are started at the earliest soon after approval is accorded.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner held a detailed consultation with the members of Automobile Workshop Association and Bazar Committee Batamalo regarding the shifting/relocating of automobile workshops on Batamalo-Momin Aabaad corridor.

The representatives of Automobile Workshop Association submitted a memorandum related to shifting of Automobile Workshops from Batamalo SDA allotted shops. They apprised the DC that since Batmalo Bus Stand has been shifted to Parimpora their livelihood has been affected a lot and want relocation to Parimpora Bus stand.

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- 1848 - 1st battle at Gioto: Sardinia-Piemonte beats Austrians
- 1848 - Battle at Xaquixaguana, Peru: Pedro de la Gasca beats Gonzalo Pizarro
- 1866 - Italy and Prussia ally against Austria-Hungary.
- 1898 - Battle of Atbara River, Anglo-Egyptian forces crush 6,000 Sudanese
- 1902 - Russia and China sign the Convention of Evacuation under which Russia agrees to evacuate Manchuria within 18 months
- 1902 - Demonstration organised by socialists in Belgium as people demand better education, living conditions, the right to strike and universal male suffrage result in a riot and some deaths
- 1904 - Great Britain and France establish their Entente Cordiale, a technical treaty settling long-standing disagreements over Morocco, Egypt, Africa, and the Pacific
- 1908 - H. H. Asquith succeeds Henry Campbell-Bannerman as British Prime Minister
- 1913 - Opening of China's 1st parliament takes place in Peking (now Beijing)
- 1914 - US & Colombia sign a treaty concerning Panama Canal Zone
- 1916 - Norway approves active & passive female suffrage

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Leisure A No Longer A Pleasure For Kashmir Youth

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The youth in Kashmir are today severely handicapped when it comes to spending leisure time in an enriching and meaningful way, a Kashmir Observer report has found out.

The older generation had a better time in its youth than today's younger lot, who despite the myriad diversions are disposal, feels anxious and impatient at what it describes as severely shrinking space for recreation.

Evidently television, internet cafes and snooker clubs are no match for the colourful fairs at Badamwari, the acrobatics of an Afsar Khan at Edges or the antics of magicians in open grounds of which only memories exist in the minds of elders.

What the youth of today seem to be missing is the kind of active participation their [parents and grandparents had by being associated with dramatic clubs, literary societies or sports bodies.

The first ingredients of living satisfying life - the manner of spending leisure time- appears to be a gift that youth in Kashmir today have lost or never acquired in first place.

(Kashmir Observer, 08 April, 2005)

از نیابت کنزرو
مضمون: درخواست منجانب شہیر احمد بابا ولد سناو اللہ بابا سا کہ مذکورہ موضوع پرنٹ پورہ پائین نسبت Unemployment سرٹیفکیٹ بحق خود
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Saudi-Iran: Towards a Pragmatic Beginning

Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi

“In the changing scenario, the pragmatic relations between the Islamic Republic and the Kingdom should benefit the two countries and the region. The prolonged political instability and sectarian tension in the region have a broader impact

In the aftermath of the loggerhead between these two countries, OPEC and OIC organisations have lost their decisiveness. In recent years, Saudi-Iran relations have undergone a change, and their current phase is characterized by pragmatism. The establishment of the two countries was generally considered fundamentally antagonistic from the start. However, the regional role that Riyadh and Tehran play has always brought the two into the spotlight. It substantiates that the two countries have more interest in a shared future than a cold war. In the post-COVID world, global politics is witnessing realignments, and more such changes are expected in the coming years. Saudi-Iran have learnt the lesson and as such, a stable thaw is also expected and desirable.

The Kingdom was established in 1932 after the Ottoman Caliphate collapsed. The establishment was a treaty between the Al-Saud family and the Wahabbi ideology propounded by Ibn Abd al-Wahab. The Kingdom sits on a volcano of Shia rebellion. The Shias of Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, and of course, Lebanon and Houthis are a reality and a question mark for Riyadh.

On the other hand, the Islamic Republic is predominantly a Twelver Shi'i country, a sizable Sunni minority that is mostly not Wahabbi. The Islamic Republic was established in 1979 after the Islamic Revolution overtook power in Tehran. Iran is a Shia nation with a revolutionary force with an immense Pan-Islamic tendency. On various occasions, Iran has challenged the jurisprudence of the Kingdom over the holy cities present in the countries.

The COVID pandemic has changed the world to a large extent. The Post-Pandemic world will see a changed



global economy, a power shift, and non-conventional questions. The developing economies are becoming the focus, and the failure of addressing the pandemic by the world powers has established multilateralism for the coming years. The question of biological terrorism is replacing the hard and military measures, and concepts like food security and health and hygiene are taking the lead for most of the regimes. The COVID situation has also alleviated the repulsion of Beijing as a leader who has dealt with the situation internally on a large scale. COVID has shattered the neo-liberal dream of a borderless world and a fantasy of living in a global village. The situation has underlined the importance of regional coordination and cooperation. Ideological differences are taking a back seat, and readiness and leadership for such situations are becoming new politics.

The West Asian region is also changing in the given situation. The rebellion of ordinary people on issues like life and livelihood is becoming rampant. The Saudi-Iran relations are flexing for realignment and change. There are fundamental differences, but more attention should be given to their common ground—ideas like Pan-Islamism, OPEC and consideration of the two giants' regional roles. The two countries are considered the leaders of the two Muslim sects across the region and beyond. However, the emergence of Turkey has challenged the Saudi role, but still, Saudi has a considerable say among the Sunni sections that comprise the majority of the region. The second important avenue is that the two countries are major petroleum producers, and their friendship can control the energy needs. Hence, they will have a significant say in International Relations. This alignment has

excellent potential to revive the glory of Muslims and touch Muslim lives by voicing local concerns.

Saudi-Iran relations have another dimension that affects the global South, especially South Asia. The Muslim communities in South Asia are too divided along Shia-Sunni lines, and we need to start a new dialogue between the two groups. Secondly, a rise in OIC and OPEC will de-hegemonise international organizations. The phenomenon can be utilized in strengthening the South-South dialogue, and giant players like India will have a direct impact without compromising its non-alignment stance. The vitality of Indo-Iran and Indo-Saudi connections in this scheme can be seen as an emerging alliance and play a crucial role in bringing dialogue between Beijing and New Delhi. Consequently, transforming pathways can establish negotiation politics elsewhere.

In the changing scenario, the pragmatic relations between the Islamic Republic and the Kingdom should benefit the two countries and the region. The prolonged political instability and sectarian tension in the region have a broader impact. The US exit from Iraq and the Syria question suggests that comprehensive peace negotiations and economic engagement can show a stable future. Saudi-Iran relations and cooperation can end many conflicts and bring negotiating power towards regional organizations like OIC and OPEC.

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Halal Consumption And Our Spiritual Health

The following article is a transcript of a talk delivered by Shaykh Mohammed Amin Kholwadia, founder of Darul Qasim College, regarding the impact of halal consumption on our spiritual health

Shaykh Mohammed Amin

In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

Peace and Blessings be upon the One whom after him there is no other prophet, Prophet Muhammad .

Allah has given us everything for our salvation, our needs in this world, and our needs in the other world. Allah provides for us, He is Al-Razzaq. He gives us rizq, food, sustenance, clothing, shelter, security, health, and everything else. Allah , by sending His messengers, shows us how we, as human beings, should relate to this aq dah (creedal belief) that Allah is Al-Razzaq. He has informed us in the Qur'an and the Sunnah that rizq is something that He offers to all of His creation.

The Prophet said:
If you were to rely upon Allah with the reliance He is due, you would be given provision like the birds: They go out hungry in the morning and come back with full bellies in the evening.

(Sunan Ibn Majah 4164)
If you were to trust Allah the way you should trust him, you would not fear hunger, you would be fed the way a bird feeds its young ones. This is a rich analogy, if you look into nature, especially wildlife in this part of the country where everything is barren, dry and cold in winter, you see how these species survive — even those that do not hibernate. Somehow, these species that live on land survive the harsh winters, Allah feeds them and takes care of them. This is the system of Razaqiya.

No government can attest the same because as rich as, for example, America is, there are [hundreds of thousands of homeless people in the US]. That is because human beings took on the task to provide for other human beings assuming that they can monopolize and dictate the resources that Allah has created. We are not going to get into any government policy but as Allah says:

There's no creature on the Earth that Allah does not provide for...

[Surah Hd - 11:06]
As I mentioned previously, when you look at these animals, Allah provides for them in abundance and every species survives. So how does Islam come into this picture of Allah's sustenance and providing His rizq. What does Islam say about this?

The answer contains several layers, but first and foremost — the means of earning must be halal.

The way we earn our money, which is then used to buy food and sustenance, must be halal. If it is not halal then Allah will not accept. Not our deeds, actions, duas, dhikr, Qur'an, hajj, umrah, tarawih, sadaqah — nothing! So the means of earning must be regulated by the rules of Islam and Shari'ah. Haram means of earning include deceit, lying, cheating, and swindling. These are Haram. Categorically!

The Qur'an condemns people who lie and cheat in terms of their business, therefore honesty and integrity go a long way in halal earnings. It is not just the job that must be halal, but also the manner in which you behave at your job that has to be halal. In fact, it must be more than the baseline of halal. It must be much better: virtuous!

The second is that the food we consume must be halal, in the strictest sense of the word.

Any piece of flesh that has been nurtured by haram, the fire is much better for that piece of flesh.

(Jami Al-Tirmidhi 614)

We must be scrupulous with what we eat by identifying whether its consumption is halal. If not, there is no difference between us and others. It is not only the case that our earnings are halal but is also the case that the food we eat must be halal and it is here that I believe the community needs to improve.

In Muslim countries, Alhamdulillah, you have access to halal food. In this country, the United States, options

are more limited, although nowadays, through the efforts of some Muslim businessmen and other facilities, we do have plenty of access to what is labeled halal.

However, I am not referring to that, I am talking about eating in restaurants that are dubious. You know an owner is not very scrupulous with his habits and you still eat or cater food from there. And [for example] you are catering food for an Ameen party, where somebody is reading the Quran and saying Bismillah and you are bringing haram food! Other than the fact that there is no barakah (blessings), it is totally haram! You cannot do that as a Muslim! Why? Because the Prophet said if you do that your duas will not be accepted, your salat will not be accepted, your sawm will not be accepted, and your zakat will not be accepted. Your hajj will not be accepted. Nothing will be accepted!

It is not a matter of taqwa; We are not talking about pious people. You want to find out about the pious people? Abu Hanifa, Allah have mercy on him, had a flock of sheep and he found something suspect about a particular sheep in the herd. So he did not eat sheep for several months, just in case it was from that one animal that was suspect. This is Abu Hanifa. That is why he is al-Imam al-Azam, the greatest imam, not only because of his knowledge but because of his taqwa.

So we are not talking about taqwa. Those ranks of taqwa are far beyond our imagination in this country. We have to work on the premise of what is basic halal. Allah, being the Razaq, has provided enough genuine halal food places that we have no need to resort to ambiguous and dubious places.

People say: "Oh, but the meat is so good there! It's so tender! It's so delicious!"

Remember that the Prophet said hellfire is better for the body which consumes haram meat. Do you want to take that chance? Just for entertainment? Just to keep up with the Joneses in the community? Just to say "Yeah, we eat here also!"

Unscrupulous consumption of haram food is what destroys the ummah.

Because the ummah will pray Jumu'ah, they will perform tarawih, they will go for umrah and for hajj. But their duas will not be accepted! Is this the way forward for the ummah? That you are going to establish every dubious place to eat because you can? Because you have money? That is not the way forward for this ummah. It may be the way forward for others, but this ummah's nutrition and basic food must be halal if there is to be hope for this ummah to do some good work. And how is that?

Allah says:
Oh messengers! Eat from what is good and lawful, and act righteously. Indeed, I fully know what you do. [Qur'an 23:51]

[Qur'an 23:51]
This is a command to the Messengers. Oh Messengers, eat what is pure (the Arabic word in the ayah is tayyib). This means consuming not just what is halal, but ensuring that there is no semblance of anything disliked in the animal. You eat that which is tayyib, then do good deeds. So Allah has joined and coupled eating good with good deeds, meaning: eat halal, and you will have halal thoughts.

Haram food will generate haram thoughts. That is the connection between eating pure and doing good deeds. What you consume is what you become. You are what you eat, as they say.

We must be scrupulous in what we eat because the rest of human civilization depends on us. The actions of non-Muslims are not as important as the actions of Muslims — it is the actions of Muslims that govern the welfare of the entire planet. We are responsible for what happens in the world. Our good deeds have a good impact and our bad deeds have a bad impact — not only on the physical environment but on people.

And thus We have made you a middle nation to be witnesses over mankind, and (for) the Messenger to be a witness over you...

[Surah Baqarah - 2:143]

Traversing Tradition



Parents Should Appreciate Child's Hard Work, Not Just Success: RISE

Focus and discipline are essential to crack the IIT JEE, says co-founder Mubeen Masudi

“Cracking the IIT JEE (Indian Institutes of Technology Joint Entrance Examination) requires a high level of academic preparation, as well as mental and emotional fortitude,” says Mubeen Masudi, co-founder, RISE Coaching Centre, Srinagar.

Along with these, he says, “focus and discipline” are two of the most important qualities a student must possess to succeed in this highly competitive exam.

“With the IIT JEE being one of the toughest entrance exams in the world, possessing focus and discipline can give a student a significant edge in achieving their goal of securing admission into one of the premier engineering institutes in India,” Masudi stresses.

Parents, he said, play a crucial role in shaping the overall personality and success of their children.

“While it's important for parents to encourage their children to strive for success, they should not become a source of stress or pressure. Instead, they should appreciate their child's hard work and efforts, regardless of the outcome,” Masudi, in a tête-à-tête with Kashmir Observer's Farooq Shah, said.

Excerpts of the interview:

What motivated you, as a civil engineering graduate from IIT Bombay, to forego a career in engineering and instead start a coaching centre in Kashmir? What factors influenced your decision?

After realizing the advantages of growing up in multiple cities and attending an IIT, I noticed the lack of awareness and support for students in Kashmir to pursue similar opportunities. Many students settle for mediocre or terrible colleges due to lack of information or guidance. In 2012, I decided to return to Kashmir and address this issue by writing about it in local newspapers, counselling students, and eventually starting my own institute with a focus on sending more Kashmiri students to top institutes like IIT.

How would you refute the claims or allegations from your critics that opening a coaching centre in Kashmir was a shortcut to make a quick buck?

Opening a coaching centre in Kashmir was not a shortcut to make a quick fortune. It required using all of my savings from my first job and teaching only five students in the first year. While some coaching institutes may make money, most do not. Additionally, coaching institutes are often disliked because they symbolize the failure of school education systems. Ideally, schools should provide all the necessary education, but since they often fail to do so, coaching institutes exist to fill the gaps. Until education systems improve, coaching institutes will continue to exist and be disliked.

Looking back a decade, how closely have you followed your goal of launching RISE coaching institute as a social enterprise to level the playing field for high school students in Kashmir in terms of educational opportunities?

RISE coaching institute has made significant progress towards its goal of

providing equal educational opportunities for high school students in Kashmir. While only 1-2 Kashmiris would make it to premier IITs every 2-3 years in 2012, last year 10 students from RISE made it to IITs, and the aim is to have 100 students by 2025. This success is attributed to increased awareness and support systems, not just at RISE but across Kashmir. Many students from remote areas of Kashmir are now studying at IITs due to RISE's efforts. RISE has also changed the trend of students starting to prepare for entrance exams post-class 12th, with students now beginning preparation in class 11th. Other coaching institutes across the valley have also adopted this approach, which RISE takes credit for.

To what do you attribute RISE's rapid success in making inroads and carving out a niche for itself in the highly competitive coaching sector within a short period of time?

From the very beginning, our sole focus at RISE has been on preparing students for competitive exams. We made it a point to hire faculty members who were top-notch and graduates from IITs. We were upfront with our students about our approach and made it clear that if their goal was to excel in board exams, we were not the right fit for them. While this approach created some initial friction, our results spoke for themselves and we gained the trust of many aspirational and dedicated students, which eventually led to RISE becoming a well-known brand. Despite minimal advertising, our brand name has become synonymous with excellence in the coaching industry, to the extent that people who are not directly associated with RISE are often surprised to learn that our enrolment numbers are lower than what they assumed. Our popularity is mainly centered around serious aspirants of JEE & NEET, while we are not as well-known among students and parents who still place a higher value on board examinations. However, as more Kashmiri students and parents come to understand the importance of competitive exams in securing a spot at a top college, we anticipate a growth in RISE's popularity.

How challenging was it for RISE to assemble a team of IIT pass-outs as faculty members, considering that faculty is the key unique selling proposition (USP) for a successful coaching institute?

The most difficult aspect of running RISE is finding suitable faculty members, particularly those who are graduates from IITs and are willing to work in Kashmir despite the challenges posed by situations of sorts. It's a constant struggle to locate individuals who share our values and are committed to our cause while also being willing to work in Kashmir. Moreover, the task of ensuring that we have a competent team of IITians providing the best possible guidance to our students has become even more challenging in recent times, following the unfortunate incidents that occurred in late 2021.

Can you provide evidence or data to support your assertion that RISE has

played a significant role in increasing the number of Kashmiri students who have gained admission to prestigious institutions such as IVY leagues and IITs?

As I said earlier, 10 students from RISE made it to IITs in 2021. This is an unprecedented number not just for RISE but also for our region. We never had so many students making it to IITs from Kashmir in a single year. What makes this even more impressive is the backdrop of 2019 and Covid. Since 2016, numerous students from RISE have made it to IITs. Our students have also made it to top IVY league schools. The trend started with Moazin making it to the University of Washington. Since then we started guiding students for US college admissions as well. In 2018, RISE students, Adeeba Tak from Shopian made it to University of Pennsylvania (Alumni include: Elon Musk, Warren Buffet, etc) and Moin Mir from Srinagar made it to Princeton University (Alumni: Jeff Bezos, Michelle Obama, etc), both on scholarships worth crores. We imbibe a sense of responsibility towards the society among our students as well. Adeeba and Moin created “Wath” to guide Kashmiri students aspiring to study in the US. Three students from their most recent cohort made it to top colleges in the US. I am sure, as our students start graduating from IVY leagues, IITs and other top colleges, we will see a strong ripple effect of their success in Kashmir. Something that swells my heart with happiness and pride.

Even though there are several renowned coaching institutes like Allen in Kashmir, only a few students are able to clear the IIT JEE exam. What could be the reason behind this low success rate?

The reason behind the low success rate of Kashmiri students in cracking IIT JEE can be attributed to various factors such as lack of awareness and access to proper guidance from an early age. Most students and their parents prioritize board exams in class 11th and 12th over IIT JEE, and they only start preparing seriously after completing class 12th, which results in limited time and effort

compared to the aspirants who start preparing from class 8th. This skewed focus on board exams is inversely proportional to success in IIT JEE. It's not just about joining a branded coaching institute but being taught by teachers who are qualified and understand the cultural nuances and realities of the students. The difference in the teaching level is evident when guest faculty from top institutes in Delhi or Kota take lectures at Kashmir-based coaching institutes. Many students from Kashmir go to Kota for JEE preparation but return within six months due to the lack of guidance they need to cope with the curriculum. To address these issues, teachers need to start from the basics and ensure that students are getting the guidance they need. Despite the success of many institutes outside of Kashmir, new institutes often struggle to do well in the region.

In your opinion, what are the essential qualities and skills that a student should possess to be able to successfully clear the IIT JEE?

In order to crack the IIT JEE, a student must possess focus and discipline. This means having a clear goal in mind and creating a routine that aligns with this goal. It can be challenging to remain focused on JEE preparation when friends and family members are focused on board exams or other events, such as weddings and parties. The ability to resist these distractions and stay disciplined is crucial for success. For example, during my own JEE preparation, I attended a coaching institute for two years while also dealing with school exams, farewells, birthdays, and weddings. Despite these distractions, I only missed one lecture and did not miss any tests.

“Catch them young,” is the key phrase with many coaching institutes outside Kashmir with regard to the cracking IIT JEE, some even start by training students from grade six. Does it make any sense or is it some market tactic?

The idea of starting early with coaching for various skills can be seen as both

a market tactic and a sensible approach. With the current limitations of school education, it can be beneficial for parents to consider additional educational opportunities for their children at an early stage. This can extend beyond IIT JEE coaching and include various other skills such as English speaking, Design, Mathematics, Coding, etc. Moreover, the emergence of online learning has expanded the range of options available for early skill development.

Is it common for students preparing for the JEE to experience high levels of stress and pressure? If yes, how can RISE assist them in managing stress and maintaining focus on their studies?

Parents play a crucial role in helping their children manage stress when facing difficult tasks. Rather than solely focusing on their child's success, parents should recognize and commend their hard work. Students who become too obsessed with success are more likely to experience stress, while those who prioritize the process of learning and growing through struggle tend to cope better. Parents can create a supportive environment at home by emphasizing the value of hard work and resilience, rather than solely congratulating their child for good exam results. Instead, they should praise their child's dedication and commitment to studying, even if the results are not perfect.

What guidance would you offer to students who don't succeed in the JEE to help them make informed decisions about their future careers?

Additionally, it's important to keep in mind that success is subjective and can be achieved through different paths. It's essential to explore one's interests, strengths, and passions to find a career that aligns with them. Pursuing a profession solely for its societal prestige or financial gains can lead to dissatisfaction in the long run. Students should also consider alternate pathways such as vocational training, apprenticeships, entrepreneurship, and pursuing higher education abroad. It's crucial to have an open mind and not limit

oneself to a single career path.

What alternatives are available for students who score low on the JEE but are academically strong? What could be their next most suitable option?

Traditionally, getting admission into a good college can be beneficial in kick-starting one's career. Students who do not make it to IITs can consider applying to other renowned universities like Delhi University or Mumbai University for science courses. These colleges offer a diverse range of opportunities for students to explore.

Can the shift to e-learning due to the Covid-19 pandemic be considered a positive or negative change for students' careers, or a combination of both?

The long-term effects of e-learning on students' careers are yet to be seen, so it is important to wait and observe. However, there are some potential benefits to e-learning, particularly for students in places like Kashmir, as they now have access to a wider range of educational resources from teachers around the world. This is similar to how previous generations have had access to a greater variety of entertainment and art thanks to the internet and streaming services. As a result, this generation of students may have more diverse and exciting career options available to them due to the opportunities offered by online learning.

Given the incredible success of RISE in Kashmir, are you conscious of your Corporate Social Responsibility, and does RISE provide assistance to underprivileged individuals?

RISE has been providing scholarships up to 100% to underprivileged students since its inception, and its admission policy is based solely on performance in the admission test. The coaching institute also utilizes its network of successful IITians to sponsor the fees of students who make it to good colleges but cannot afford them. Despite being required to pay 18% GST and income tax, coaching institutes in J&K are obligated to teach 10% of their students free of cost, a policy that is not followed elsewhere in India. These coaching institutes in Kashmir are among the most affordable and accessible in the country, even for the poorest students. More information on this policy can be obtained from DSEK, and the media should shed light on it.

What sets RISE apart from other institutions, and why should a student choose to enroll at RISE over other options available to them?

RISE is not a suitable choice for everyone. Only students who are specifically targeting JEE or NEET should consider joining RISE, as they will receive the best faculty and support to achieve their goals. However, if you are mainly focused on board exams, RISE may not be the ideal place for you. While some RISE students do perform well in board exams, this is not due to the institution's efforts but rather in spite of them.



Azad's Comments On KPs Displacement Is To Bail Out' Real Culprits: BJP

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir BJP on Friday targeted Democratic Progressive Azad party (DPAP) chairman Gulam Nabi Azad for allegedly hurting the sentiments of Kashmiri Pandits in his autobiography "Azaad".

It said reasons identified by Azad as being responsible for the displacement of the minority community members from the Valley is to "bail out the real culprits".

"We condemn Azad for abusing and hurting the sentiments of Kashmiri Pandit community in his autobiography as reported by the media. We blame Azad for being equally responsible for the forced displacement of a religious minority of Kashmiri Hindus from the Kashmir Valley in 1989-90," BJP spokesperson and former legislator Girdhari Lal Raina told reporters here.

Blaming Azad for being one of the persons at helm "responsible for the death and destruction" in Jammu Kashmir, Raina said that his studied silence over gathering storm from 1980 onwards and infiltration and exfiltration of terrorists and unilateral attacks on the minority community in Kashmir is "well known".

"Azad was always an important decision-making positions of the Congress party and also in its government. He can in no way escape responsibility for happenings in Jammu Kashmir", he said.

Raina said that Azad's description of events leading to the displacement of the Hindu community is a "ploy to shift blame for narrow electoral benefits".

"Azad was in Union government continuously from 1980-1989, the period that saw targeted isolation -- othering of religious minorities in Kashmir including violent communal attacks in Anantnag Kashmir in 1986 and also selective killings

of minority community of Kashmiri Pandits in 1988-89 much before even elections to the 9th Lok Sabha were held," he added.

The targeted killing of Keshav Nath Mahant of Vicharnag Srinagar in December 9, 1988, Prabhawati of Chadoora Budgam, D N Raina of Drabayar Srinagar, Sheela Tikoo of Srinagar and Tika Lal Taploo, Neel Kanth Ganjoo in 1989 was much before the Congress Party was voted out in New Delhi, Raina said.

"Azad was there when the Rajiv Gandhi-Farooq accord happened and when 70 terrorists were released in 1989 by the Farooq Abdullah government in J-K. How can he ignore the environment of terror and targeted stone pelting of minority community homes during Lok Sabha elections of 1989?" he said.

"Reasons identified by Azad responsible for the displacement are to bail out real culprits and if he thinks this undermining of truth will endear him to voters of a particular section, he is grossly mistaken. Let Azad recall how he was rejected even as the chief minister," the former MLC him.

Blaming then governor Jagmohan is a sponsored conspiracy to destabilise India and sabotage Indian democracy, Raina said.

Raina asserted that the minority community was not targeted for being Congress supporters or because of supposed high positions in central offices.

"The only reason for their besiegement was their nationalism and religious identity. The killing of a lift operator, staff nurse, laboratory assistant, driver, farmers, pujaris, mahants or housewives explains the objective explicitly," he said.

Panun Kashmir chairman Ajay Chrungoo also hit out at Azad for his comments on the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits

"Azad is also a communal leader in the grab of secularism," he said.



DEVOTEES OFFERING CONGREGATIONAL FRIDAY PRAYERS on the 16th day of the holy month of Ramadan in Maisuma area of the capital city. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

Transparent, Accountable Governance Benefiting All: LG

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Friday that transparent & accountable governance was ensuring that the benefit of growth reaches all sections, especially last man in queue in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We have embarked on several major initiatives in developing efficient public service delivery mechanisms & it has improved the ease of living of common man," Sinha said.

He made these remarks while interacting with the citizens, who had submitted their grievances on JKIGRAMS portal during "LG's Mulaqaat" today.

The LG said that it is our firm resolve to address public complaints in a time-bound manner and speedily bring about change for all round progress.

"Transparent & accountable governance is ensuring that the benefit of growth reaches all sections, especially last man in queue," Sinha added.

While interacting with the citizens, the LG took appraisal of their grievances and action taken by the concerned Deputy Commissioners. He also sought details of the action taken on the directions passed in the previous meeting.

On the grievance of a per-



son from Srinagar regarding environment protection and sanitation at the foothills of Shankaracharya top, the LG directed the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation to look into the issue on priority for appropriate action.

Responding to a complaint regarding wards and bathrooms of the District Maternity & Child care Hospital Sheerbagh, Anantnag, the Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag apprised the chair that the renovation and face-lifting work of the bathrooms of the hospitals has already been done and the grievance was resolved.

Addressing the grievance of Irfan Rasool from Baramulla regarding dumping of solid waste in Nignli Nallah and its harmful impact on environment, Sinha asked the Deputy Commissioner to formulate a comprehensive strategy through the local PRLs for a robust waste management.

Farooq Ahmad from Pulwama had submitted a com-

plaint regarding illegal sand extraction in Hajibal, on which the LG directed the Deputy Commissioner to take strict and immediate action.

Responding to the grievance of non-availability of Gynaecologist specialist at CHC Bani, Administrative Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department apprised the chair that the specialist will be arranged immediately on rotation basis.

On the sidelines of the LG's Mulaqaat, discussion was also held on successful implementation of training programme for holistic development of agriculture and allied sector.

The training programme is being executed by the Agriculture Production Department for farmers in all 20 districts.

Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department gave the detailed presentation of the training programme scheduled to be held between 24th April to 31st August, 2023.

Dry Weather Likely In J&K Till April 10



Agencies

SRINAGAR: After a few days of intermittent rainfall, weather improved in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday and is likely to stay "mainly dry" till April 10.

Quoting a meteorological department official, news agency GNS reported that light rain at isolated places towards late afternoon/evening was expected on April 11.

Regarding the temperature, the MeT official said that Srinagar recorded a low of 4.4°C against 6.3°C on the previous night and it was 2.5°C below normal for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 3.0°C against 4.0°C on the previous night and it was 2.7°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of minus 1.8°C against 2.4°C on the previous night and it was 4.0°C above normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Kokernag recorded a low of

3.6°C against 3.1°C on the previous night and it was 1.8°C below normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 1.6°C, the same as on the previous night and it was 2.1°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 1.7°C against 3.6°C on the previous night and it was 3.8°C below normal for the north Kashmir area.

Jammu recorded a low of 13.7°C against 14.7°C on the previous night. It was 4.1°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal, he said, recorded a low of 7.1°C (below normal by 0.3°C), Batote 1.4°C (below normal by 1.4°C), Katra 12.6°C (2.5°C below normal) and Bhardwah 4.3°C (1.7°C below normal). Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of minus 6.0°C and minus 0.6°C respectively, he added.

3rd Edition Of Jammu Film Festival To Begin From Apr 8

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The third edition of the Jammu film festival will be held here from April 8 with films from 11 countries slated to be screened over two days of the event, officials said on Friday.

Over 50 feature films, short films, and documentaries from 11 countries, including India, Iran, France, Russia and Italy. Renowned theatre and film personality M K Raina will be a guest at the festival, said Rakesh Roshan Bhat, the director of the festival.

"The third edition of the International film festival at Jammu will be held over two days from April 8 to April 9 in Jammu city," he informed.

Bollywood actor Rahul Roy and television actress Deepika

Singh will also attend the two-day festival to promote their film.

"The festival has also attracted delegates from many other states in India like Maharashtra, West Bengal, Gujarat, Karnataka and North-east," said Mushtaq Kak, the festival jury head.

Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) and the Jammu Tourism Department have partnered in organising the festival, he said.

"It's heartening to see the response we've received, and we hope that this festival continues to grow and become a platform for filmmakers to showcase their work," the director said.

The festival's co-director,



Rohit Bhat, said, "We received around 100 entries from 16 countries this year, and the quality of films was exceptional."

JKAACL secretary Bharat Singh Manhas praised the festival for providing a platform for artists from Jammu and Kashmir to showcase their talent and interact with filmmakers from other parts of the world.

Abdul Jabbar, the deputy di-

rector of the Tourism department, highlighted the potential of the festival in promoting tourism in the region and enhancing the image of Jammu as a cultural hub.

"As a jury head, it was a challenging task to select the best films from the entries received. But it was a great opportunity to be part of this festival, which is promoting local talent and creating a platform for filmmakers to showcase their work," Kak said.

The first-ever international film festival was held in September 2019 in Jammu, the winter capital of the Union Territory.

The other jury members

include film makers Raahul Sharma, Kapil Mattoo, Ali Mohammad from Iran, actor Lalit Parimoo and film critic Amit Singh, Kak said.

Entries from Jammu and Kashmir have been particularly well-received, with a number of films by local filmmakers being featured in the festival, he said.

The festival has gained popularity in festival circuits and is considered a major event in the region's cultural calendar.

IAS veteran Wing Comm Ashok Saraf, the advisor to the festival, said, "It's great to see the support that the festival has received from sponsors and others and I hope it continues to grow and become a significant platform for filmmakers in the region."

BANIHAL-KATRA RAILWAY LINK

Digging Work Completed On T-14 Tunnel

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JAMMU: The Northern Railway on Friday achieved yet another major milestone by breaking through T-14 tunnel between Sangaldan and Sawalkote stations on the 111-km under-construction Banihal-Katra railway link in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.



Engineers and workers faced several challenges in the course of construction in such a shear zone, encountering flammable gases (methane), perched aquifer, highly jointed rock mass and high ingress of water, they said.

The officials said the digging work has been completed on the 6.284-kilometer tunnel between Sangaldan and Sawalkote station.

The breakthrough ceremony was done by a woman employee, Indu Paul Kaur of Awantipora in Kashmir, an engineer in IRCON, they said.

Shobhan Chaudhuri, General Manager, Northern Railway, said a major milestone was achieved by execution of breakthrough of T-14 main tunnel between Sawalkote and Sangaldan stations on the under-construction Katra-Banihal section.

"T-14 is a tunnel of length 6.284 km and the ends are lo-

cated in two districts of Reasi and Ramban," he said.

The tunnel portals are located in remotest villages of Reasi and Ramban with no road connectivity prior to the start of tunnel construction, Chaudhuri said.

The south portal of tunnel T-14 is located in Sawalkote village in Arnas tehsil, at a distance of 100 kilometre from the

district headquarters of Reasi, at an altitude of 1,070 meters, while the north portal of the tunnel is located in Ind village of Gool tehsil in Ramban, at an altitude of 1,150 meters, the official said.

He said the T-14 tunnel has two tubes -- the main tunnel and the escape tunnel. The tunnel has been constructed using NATM (New Austrian Tunneling Method) methodology, which is an observational and sequential construction method, Chaudhuri added.

Out of 272-km length of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, 161-km has already been commissioned and operationalized, the officials said. The work on 111-km stretch between the Katra-Banihal section traverses through hilly terrain of lower Himalayas, in which geology is a major challenge, they said.

NIT Students Develop Kashmir's First Racing Model 'Go-Kart'



Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Students at the National Institute of Technology here have developed Kashmir's first racing model, Go-Kart, which will be participating in a national-level competition in Tamil Nadu next week.

A group of 25 students from the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar developed Go-Kart (G-01). It will be participating in the All India Go Karting Competition to be held in Coimbatore next week, a spokesman of the institute said here.

He said the Department of Mechanical Engineering Team Garuda's first racing model, G-01, was flagged off on Thursday by In-charge, Director, NIT, Srinagar M F Wani and registrar Syed Kaiser Bukhari.

"The team of 25 students was formed by Head of the Department, Adnan Qayoum, and they worked under the mentorship of H S Pali and Dinesh Kumar Rajendran for the past several months on the campus," the spokesman said.

Go-Kart has been designed from various equipment and a 150-cc bike engine has been used in the vehicle, he said.

It runs on diesel and goes to an extreme speed of 150 kilometers per hour.

The trial run was conducted

successfully and it passed all tests before going on the road, the spokesman said.

"It is the first time that students have developed something like the G-Kart model. It is just beginning and there is more to come. Our students are working day and night on innovations and we are also upgrading our infrastructure on the campus," Wani said.

In his message, Director NIT Srinagar, Rakesh Sehgal said Go-Kart is a new edition in Kashmir, but it is more popular in south Indian states.

"The trend of innovations in the Valley is evolving with advanced technology in every field and our students are performing well," he said.

Coordinator Garuda Team, H S Pali said it is the biggest milestone in the history of NIT Srinagar. "The G-01 model is the culmination of months of hard work, dedication and collaboration by the team members of Garuda," he said.

"We have pushed the boundaries of what is possible from students of Kashmir. The launch and demonstration of G-01 is an opportunity to showcase the capabilities of our Karting model," faculty coordinator of Team Garuda, Dinesh Kumar Rajendran said.

Rahul's Disqualification

Cong Stages Jai Bharat Satyagraha In Poonch

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JAMMU: The Congress on Friday held a 'Jai Bharat Satyagraha' against Rahul Gandhi's disqualification from the Lok Sabha in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district.

Led by Pawan Raina, the Pradesh Congress Committee secretary, the party also demanded a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into the Adani issue.

Gandhi was disqualified as an MP following his conviction and two-year sentencing by a Surat court in a 2019 criminal defamation case.

Addressing a gathering of Congress workers, Raina launched an attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his "criminal silence on the Adani issue", raised by Gandhi, and not acceding to the demand for a JPC probe.

He also criticised the BJP for "destroying the democratic culture" in the country and "unleashing an atmosphere of fear" among the common people.

Raina alleged that an atmosphere of undeclared emergency is prevailing in the country, especially in Jammu and Kashmir.

Downtown Heroes Win 2-0 In I-League 2



Observer News Service
SRINAGAR: Downtown Heroes FC registered a thumping 2-0 win against Techro Swades United FC on Friday at Minerva Academy Ground, Chnadigarh in the ongoing 2nd Division I-League.

Ateeb Ahmed Dar scored the first goal in the 25th minute of first half while Sufiyan Shaikh doubled the Downtown Heroes' lead in 73rd minute of second half. Techro was reduced to 10 men after one of their players received a red card in the 71st minute.

With this win, Downtown Heroes have risen to second in Group A points table, taking seven points from five games. They next face Mumbai City FC in Mumbai on April 12.

Sports Council Reaches Out To Senior Citizens In J&K



Observer News Service
SRINAGAR: Many senior citizens both men and women assembled at Polo Ground Sports Complex Srinagar and K. K. Hakhu Astro Turf Jammu under the 'Sports for All' initiative of J&K Sports Council to celebrate the spirit of "golden age".

Appreciating the motivation and enthusiasm of the participants towards the sports event organized by J&K Sports Council for elderly, Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary Department of Youth Services and Sports said that the response of veterans is very praiseworthy and that sport has no age barrier and a little spark and motivation is enough to keep the passion going.

Nuzhat Gull, Secretary J&K Sports Council said that the events like these are a great stress buster and she was sure that each participant after going back to their respective homes will be all fresh and rejuvenated.

She also said that the Sports Council in its pursuit to encourage healthy lifestyle shall follow with more such events in future. The event is being held under the government's special initiative for senior citizens and in future similar events under "Har Din Khel, Har Ek Ke Liye Khel" vertical shall be held across J&K, she added.

Bashir Ahmad Bhat Joint Secretary J&K Sports Council presided over the function in Kashmir as chief guest and interacted with participants including people from all walks of life besides employees of Sports Council, YSS and some prominent businessmen.

In the events held in Kashmir division Farooq Ahmad, Abdul Majeed Bhat and Abdul Rasheed bagged first three positions in 400 Meter race for above 50 years while as in similar race in 600 Meter Mohammad Iqbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Zargar and Mohammad Altaf Chopan clinched first three positions respectively.

In the Tug of War category for women team Red led by Nuzhat Farooq triumphed over team Blue and similarly in men category team Blue prevailed over team Red.

The chief attraction of the event in Srinagar was the traditional Hopscotch (Saz Lounge) which was very nostalgic as expressed by many participants especially females.

Will BCCI Get Tax Exemption For 2023 World Cup?

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI: The BCCI will set the ball rolling for the sale of the media rights for bilateral cricket at home and commence the process to appoint the head coach of Indian women's cricket team at its Apex Council meeting on Sunday.

After the Rs 48,390 crore windfall from the IPL media rights, the BCCI will have high expectations for the home season rights for 2023-2027 cycle. With the entry of Viacom in Indian cricket's ecosystem, it will be a three-way battle between them, Star and Sony.

The BCCI reaped huge benefits from selling the broadcast and digital rights separately for the IPL and it is expected to follow that for the international games at home. Star had paid Rs 6,138.1 crore for the previous cycle which ended on March 31.

The Indian women's cricket team played the recent T20 World Cup in South Africa without a head coach. Batting coach Hrishikesh Kanitkar had taken charge of the team following the sacking of head coach Ramesh Powar in December.

As the subject finds a mention

on the Apex Council agenda, the BCCI will soon invite applications for the support staff including the head coach position. India had yet again come up short in a knockout game at the ICC event in February, losing to eventual champions Australia in the semi-finals.

The host nation is required to get tax exemption from the government for hosting tournaments organised by the International Cricket Council. However, India's tax rules don't allow such exemptions though the BCCI is pushing for a win win solution in its talks with the government.

The board could lose as much as Rs 955 crore if the government sticks to its decision to levy 21.84 percent tax surcharge on ICC's broadcast revenue from the 2023 ODI World Cup.

The other items on agenda include ratification of player contracts, revised travel policy of BCCI officials and domestic schedule for 2023-2024 season.

IPL 2023: DC Aim For Improved Batting Show Against RR



Press Trust of India

GUWAHATI: Battered and bruised by raw pace in back-to-back matches, Delhi Capitals' batting unit is likely to find some breathing space on a feathered when the side takes on Rajasthan Royals in an afternoon IPL match, here on Saturday.

Mark Wood and Alzarri Joseph have scarred the likes of Prithvi Shaw and Sarfaraz Khan in DC's line-up in the first two games. And when these talented but low on confidence willow wielders face an attack comprising Trent Boult, KM Asif and Jason Holder, they would have to negotiate speed in mid 130 kmph, which is right up their alley.

However, the guile and artistry of Ravichandran Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal on a hot late afternoon and early evening in Guwahati won't be a pleasant proposition either.

But the pattern of scores at the Barsapara Stadium suggests that batters get value for their shots and one can plunk his front-foot and hit through the line.

Another aspect that might give some relief to DC could be the absence of dangerous Jos Buttler, who has got stitches on the little finger of his left hand after sustaining a bruise while taking a catch in the last game. The bruised area with stitches is likely to remain sore and soft and it will be difficult to field even though batting with extra padding inside the gloves remain an option. In case Buttler is unable to play, Joe Root could be an option.

DC, on paper, despite Rishabh Pant's absence, looked good but frailties of Shaw and Sarfaraz while facing international bowlers, who are 10 miles quicker than their Indian counterparts, has created a lot of problems, which the side

wouldn't have initially comprehended.

There hasn't been too many silver-linings for DC in the two defeats so far and the main drawback of the team is poor bench-strength in terms of Indian talent, which doesn't inspire confidence.

Even if the coaching staff wants to try other options in place of Sarfaraz, DC, in its Indian batting roster only has Yash Dhull, Ripal Patel and Lalit Yadav to fall back upon and none of them are players who would perhaps score at a strike-rate of 150.

At Guwahati, any total less than 190 will be easy pickings for the team chasing but afternoon match will certainly negate the dew factor to some extent unlike the earlier game when Punjab Kings' bowlers were finding it difficult to grip the ball seam up.

Match Starts at 3:30 pm.

Moeen Ali Likens MI-CSK To Man United Vs Liverpool



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MUMBAI: Chennai Super Kings all-rounder Moeen Ali on Friday likened the intense battles between his team and record IPL champions Mumbai Indians to the storied footballing rivalry of Manchester United and Liverpool.

Mumbai Indians have indeed been the most successful team in IPL history with five titles and Chennai Super Kings are a close second with four trophies. However, both the teams have struggled post the mega auction in 2022 having lost core of their players and their rivalry - also termed as the El Clasico of the IPL - is tilted in favour of Mumbai Indians who have 20 wins to show in 34 meetings with CSK.

"This is a game I really look forward to. These are the two most successful franchises and the fan-following is huge and this is one of the biggest games you can play as a cricketer outside of international cricket.

"In football's point of view it is like Manchester United playing Liverpool. These are huge games," Moeen told the media here during CSK's training session on Friday evening at the Wankhede Stadium. Moeen backed CSK's strike bowler Deepak Chahar, who struggled in the opening two matches against Gujarat Titans and Lucknow Super Giants, saying he needs more game time.

"I think the only thing he is lacking is game time. He had a bad injury and is coming back after a long time. Unless you can bowl in a proper game which you need as a bowler, he will get better as the tournament goes on.

"He is a big bowler for us and when he gets it right he gets three or four wickets in the powerplay," Moeen said.

Suryakumar Can Win You World Cup: Ponting

Press Trust of India
DUBAI: Australian great Ricky Ponting feels Suryakumar Yadav has the ability to "win" the ODI World Cup for India and the selectors should stick to him despite his woeful run in the format.

The T20 batting sensation is yet to recreate his magic

in the 50-over format, and in the recent three-match ODI series against Australia he became the first Indian batter to register a hat-trick of golden ducks.

"Everyone around the world knows what Surya can do in white-ball cricket," Ponting said on ICC Review.

"His previous 12 or 18 months have been absolutely outstanding. I feel they should stick with him because he's the sort of player that can win you a World Cup," Ponting added.

Suryakumar has scored 172 runs in the format at an average of just 12.28 since his last fifty in February last year.

But the former Australia skipper firmly backed the Indian batter, and said he could do what the late Andrew Symonds did in winning the 2003 and 2007 World Cups under his captaincy.

Arsenal's Trust In Arteta Paying Off, Says Klopp

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LIVERPOOL: In a season of so many coaching changes in the Premier League, Jurgen Klopp says Arsenal is a good example of what can happen when a club practices patience.

Mikel Arteta takes his first-place team to Liverpool on Sunday as the Gunners try to move a step closer to capturing what would be their first Premier League title since 2004.

"I know people are always asking for time for managers. I really think Mikel deserved each minute he got there when it was not going perfectly well," Liverpool coach Klopp said Friday at a news conference. "In the beginning, maybe the steps were not big enough for some people and stuff like this and now they are (in first place)."

Chelsea's firing of Graham Potter on Sunday was the 13th managerial departure this season - the most in league history. All but one - Potter's resigna-

tional break on the back of a 5-0 loss at Manchester City before bouncing back to finish fifth.

Now, Arsenal holds an eight-point lead over City, which plays at bottom club Southampton on Saturday.

"Mikel is building this team for a few years now. Obviously the outcome is pretty impressive," said Klopp, who in his seventh season is currently the league's longest-serving manager. "The way they play is fun to watch. It's super lively, really good football, top players on the pitch, good match plans.

"It's not exactly what you can say about us at the moment."

A three-game winless run in league play has left Liverpool eighth, and 10 points back from the last Champions League spot.

Klopp might have midfielder Thiago Alcantara back from a hip problem, but winger Luis Diaz's return from a knee injury is targeted for the trip to Leeds on April 17.

"He looks good, everything was fine but it was a long, long



tion from Brighton - were related to underperformance.

Arteta took charge of Arsenal in December 2019 and guided the team to back-to-back eighth-place finishes.

The start of last season was rough, however. For the first time in club history, Arsenal started a campaign with three losses and no goals scored. The Gunners went into an interna-

injury and so we have to be careful and we will probably not involve him for Sunday," Klopp said of Diaz.

He confirmed defender Virgil van Dijk will be back after having missed Tuesday's 0-0 draw at Chelsea because of illness.

Liverpool plans to mark the 34th anniversary of the Hillsborough Stadium disaster with a minute's silence before kick-off.

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