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# **Amit Shah Reviews J&K Situation, Preparations For G20 Meet In Srinagar**

Praises UT Govt For Improved Law And Order Situation

**Observer News Service** 

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, including the Line of Control and International Border, sources said.

Shah was given a detailed presentation on the prevailing law-and-order situation in Jammu and Kashmir by security officials of the central government and the union territory administration.

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Union Home Secretary Aiay Kumar Bhalla, Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Dilbag Singh and other senior officials attended the

meeting, the sources said. The situation along the Line of Control and International

**COVID RESURGENCE** 

**Srinagar:** As coronavirus

cases continue to show a surge in Jammu and Kashmir

for the last two weeks, the Directorate of Health Services

Kashmir (DHSK) Thursday

said the situation is being

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Dr Mir Mushtaq Ahmad said

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**Majid Nabi** 

**DHSK To Issue Renewed** 

**Guidelines If Cases Spike** 



Border, infiltration bids from across the border and attempts to target minority community members were discussed at the

meeting here, they said. In a statement released to

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at the moment, the situa-

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Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay

Kumar Bidhuri recently said

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Spokesman added.

lowed in letter and spirit. He said although the hosthe media, an official spokesperson said that the Union Home Minister reviewed the functioning of the security grid and various aspects related to

Shah he said reiterated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Government of India is committed towards zero tolerance against terrorism. More on P6

#### **India Trashes Pak Objection To G-20 Meet In Srinagar**

ndia on Thursday dismissed Pakistan's objection to the hosting of G20 meetings in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and said these conferences are being organised across the country and it is "natural" to hold them in the two union territories too as they are its "integral and inalienable" part. India is hosting a meeting of the G20 Tourism Working Group in Srinagar in May while a youth engagement group meeting is scheduled to take place in Leh later this month. On Tuesday, Pakistan criticised India's decision to

hold the G20 working group meeting in Srinagar and also objected to the scheduling of the Youth-20 forum in Leh. "G20 meetings are being organised across the country. It is natural to hold them (the meetings) in Srinagar and Ladakh as the places are India's integral and inalienable part," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said at a media briefing. He was responding to a question on Pakistan's objection. "I would say that we are holding these meetings in every place. It is our natural response More on P6

#### **NCERT Drops Maulana Azad From New Textbook**

"The Philosophy Of The Constitution", The Reference To Jammu And Kashmir's **Conditional Accession Has** Also Been Deleted

**Press Trust Of India** 

New Delhi: References to freedom fighter and India's first education minister Maulana Abul Kalam Azad have been removed from the new class 11 political science textbook by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

As part of its "syllabus rationalisation" exercise last year, the NCERT, citing "overlapping" and "irrelevant" as reasons, dropped certain portions from the course including lessons on Gujarat riots, Mughal courts, Emergency, Cold War. Naxalite movement, among others from its textbooks.

The rationalisation note had no mention of any changes in class 11 political science textbook.

The NCERT has, however, claimed that no curriculum trimming has taken place this year and the syllabus was rationalised in June, last year. More on P6

#### 43 Women **Injured In Poonch House Collapse**

**Srinagar:** At least 43 women mourners were injured after a house they had assembled in to express condolences collapsed in a village on Thursday in Poonch district.

Police said, "The villagers (mostly women) were attending the customary rituals at the house of one Zakir Hussain Shah in Khanetar village near High School in Poonch district to mourn the death of a woman while the male members had gone for the cremation in Poonch district."

Due to paucity of space in the house the mourners gathered on the rooftop which collapsed leaving several injured, mostly women and girls, said police.

Police said that a police party and villagers swung into action and started the rescue operation and evacuated the injured.

The injured have been identified as Hameeda Begum (600: Shahnaz Bibi (30); Tasveer Begum (40); Misra Khatoon (55); Gulshaid Begum (45); Ameer Fatima (65); Shakeela Kazmi (40); Ruksana Bukhari (50); Naiz Kazmi (40); Ameen Jaan (55); Tabassum Kazmi (28); Javed Akhter (45); Shamshad Fatima (42); Zanib

Noor (450; More on P6

## **Ram Madhav Sends Legal Notice To Ex-J&K Guv Malik**

Kashmir

Seeks Public Apology Within 48 Hours

**Agencies** 

Delhi: Rashtriya Swavamsevak Sangh's (RSS) Ram Madhav on Thursday sent a legal notice to former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satyapal Malik, who alleged that he (Ram Madhav) was involved in corruption.

Madhav through legal notice stated, "Malik made untrue and defamatory statements to stay relevant in a political circle"

Ram Madhav, Rashtriya Karyakarini Sadasya of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh

(RSS) in legal notice stated, "You the addressee are well known in the political circles, however, lately owing your fading popularity and relevance, and to stay relevant in the social life of this country, for the sake of gathering public attention through sensationalism you have made certain untrue, defamatory, and incriminating statements on the said YouTube channel in an interview on 08.04.2023 in conspiracy with the interviewer of a Youtube channel."

Madhav More on P6



A group of boys enjoying bicycle ride on a bright sunny afternoon in the interiors of Dal Lake on Thursday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

#### SMART CITY CONSTRUCTION WORK

# Ahead Of Eid, Srinagar Small Businesses Say Losses Mounting

**Press Trust Of India** 

Srinagar: Ahead of Eid ul Fitr, several traders in Kashmir's commercial hub of Lal Chowk and adjoining areas alleged they are counting losses as business has slumped due to the ongoing construction work in Srinagar under the Smart City Project.

Many businesses were unanimous in their claim that the construction work coupled with the decision by authorities not to allow public transport into Lal Chowk have adversely

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affected footfall as people are unable to come.

Earlier, they said, the market used to be teeming with people during Ramzan, especially towards the end of the fasting month.

"Businesses are suffering due to the construction work. With just eight days left for Eid, this place would have been teeming with shoppers, but this year, there is no footfall as people cannot come here," said Aijaz Ahmad, who deals in dry fruits. Dates and other Ramzan specialities like 'sewaiyyan' used to sell like hot cakes earlier but this year, sales have been severely affected.

"Ramzan and Eid used to be full of activity. But due to the construction work under the smart city project, businesses has been severely affected as people cannot come to Lal Chowk," Bashir Ahmad, another dry fruit dealer, added.

He said Lal Chowk now looks "deserted". "Health of the shopkeepers here has also taken a hit due to the air pollution caused by the construction," Bashir Ahmad said. More on P6

#### School Edu Dept Issues **Homework Schedule For Students**

No Homework For Students Upto Class-II

**Observer News Service** 

**Srinagar-** Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) Thursday issued 'Homework Schedule' as per New Bag Policy-2020, according to which it said there shall be no homework for students upto second standard even as mandating a maximum of ten to twelve hours classwork for the secondary and higher secondarv students each week.

"Heavy homework is an issue, which makes both students and parents stressed because as a general practice it needs to be



completed by night and reported in the school next morning. This practice snatches the play time of child, parents' quality time with child, activities leading to socialization with the family", reads a circular in this regard. This practice, it remarked l,

#### mars student's More on P6

#### **LG Greets People On Baisakhi**

■he Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday greeted the people on the eve of Baisakhi. In a message, the Lt Governor said: On the joyous occasion of Baisakhi, I convey my warmest felicitations and good wishes to all. "Baisakhi marks the beginning of the harvest season heralding happiness and prosperity. It is also an occasion to remember with gratitude about the contribution of our farmers to the progress of the nation," the Lt Governor observed.

May this festival More on P6

#### **Pak Drone With Cash, Ammo Shot Down**

Pakistani drone was brought down by security forces as it crossed the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district, and a massive search operation has been launched in the area, officials said on Thursday. They said five magazines of AK-47 rifle, 131 rounds of fire, Rs 2 lakh in cash and other items have been recovered from the packet attached to the drone. Sources said they suspect some other drones might have dropped weapons, explosives or such items and the search has been launched to recover them. More on P6

#### Labourer **Slips To Death**

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n a tragic incident, a worker fell to death at a stone quarry in the Safapora area of central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Thursday. An official said that a worker Gulzar Ahmad Mir, son of Ghulam Mohammad Mir, a resident of Kondbal Safapora, who was working at a stone quarry lost his balance and fell from a high cliff, resulting in his death on the spot. Police were immediately informed and a team from the local police station was dispatched to the site, the official said, adding that the police have started More on P6

#### **Margan Top Opens After Winter Halt**

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fter a long winter halt, the Margan Top Road in district Kishtwar has finally been opened, officials said Thursday. The road connects the remote regions of Marwah and Warwan with the rest of Jammu and Kashmir. The road was cleared of snow with the tireless efforts of the Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) Projects of Marwah (Kishtwar) and Vailoo (Anantnag). The road's opening is a significant achievement that will bring muchneeded relief to the people by easing mobility and More on P6

#### **Nepalese National Found Dead**

he body of a Nepalese national was found in Nallah Sindh in central Kashmir's Kangan area on Thursday, officials said. An official said that the body that was recovered from Nallah Sindh was identified as Chabi Lal Vishwakarma, a Nepalese national and son of Nar Singh, resident of Karnali Nepal.

"The body was spotted by locals during evening hours and was immediately reported to the authorities. Upon arriving at the scene, the police launched an investigation and More on P6

#### **Youth Killed In Lightning Strike**

youth was killed while another sustained critical **■**injuries after lightning struck them in Rajouri district of Jammu region. Locals said that on Thursday evening, lightning struck the Patli forest area of Kotranka sub-division in which two men fell unconscious with critical injuries.

Both were taken to the Community Health Center Kandi, they said. An official said that 28-year-old Zafar Iqbal, son of Mohammad Bashir, a resident of Panjnara was brought dead to the hospital. Meanwhile, More on P6

No 5- Dal Lake Boulevard Srinagar, 190001, Kashmir

Monday - Saturday (9am - 6pm)

## **Lightning Strike Leads To Discovery Of New Phosphorus Material**

**Press Trust Of India** 

Following a lightning strike to a tree in a New Port Richey neighbourhood in Florida, US, a university professor discovered that the strike led to the formation of a new phosphorus material.

The material, found in a rock and in solid form for the first time on Earth, could represent a member of a new mineral group, said the geoscientist Matthew Pasek from University of Florida.

Pasek examined in a study how high-energy events, such as lightning, can cause unique chemical reactions and, in this instance, result in a new material which is transitional between space minerals and those found on Earth. The study is published in the journal Communications Earth & Environment.

"We have never seen this material occur naturally on Earth - minerals similar to it can be found in meteorites and space, but we've never seen this exact material anywhere," said geoscientist Matthew Pasek.

"When lightning strikes a tree, the ground typically explodes out and the surrounding grass dies, forming a scar and sending electric discharge through nearby rock, soil and sand, forming fulgurites, also known as 'fossilized lightning'," said Pasek.

Pasek purchased the fulgurite from the New Port Richey homeown-



ers, who discovered the 'lightning scar' and found a fulgurite and decided to sell it. He then began a collaboration with Luca Bindi, a professor of mineralogy and crystallography at the University of Florence in Italy.

The team set out to better understand high-energy phenomena by investigating unusual minerals that bear the element phosphorus, especially those formed by lightning.

Pasek said that understanding lightning better would help know the damage a lightning strike could cause on average and how dangerous it is.

Stressing the importance of lightning safety, he said that if it was strong enough to melt rock, it could certainly melt people too.

Not only had the lightning strike combusted the iron on the tree roots. accumulation of which is common in wet environments such as in Florida, it had combusted the naturally occurring carbon in the tree as well. Pasek said that the two elements led to a chemical reaction that created a ful-

gurite that looked like a metal 'glob'. Inside the fulgurite, a colorful, crystal-like matter revealed a material never before discovered.

Co-principal investigator Tian Feng, a graduate of University of South Florida's geology program, attempted to remake the material in a lab.

The experiment, having been unsuccessful, indicated that the material likely formed quickly under precise conditions, and if heated too long, would turn into the mineral found in meteorites.

Feng said that while previous research indicated lightning reduction of phosphate to have been a widespread phenomenon on the early Earth, there is an environmental phosphite reservoir issue in Earth that these solid phosphite materials are hard to restore.

Feng said this research may reveal other forms of reduced minerals are plausible and many could have been important in the development of life on Earth.

Given the rarity of the mineral occurring naturally, Pasek said that it's unlikely this material could be mined for uses similar to other phosphates, such as fertilizer.

However, Pasek and Bindi plan to further investigate the material to determine if it could be officially declared a mineral and bring additional awareness to the scientific community.

#### **Public Notice**

We are going to register our Mohalla Committee under the name and style of KARBALAYE 72 SERVING HUMANITY, with its Head Office at Lashkari Mohalla, Foreshore Road, Srinagar in the office of Registrar of societies J&K UT Jammu/Srinagar under Societies Registration Act 1998 (1941 AD). In case any body having any kind of objection shall file his/their objection in the office of Registrar Societies J&K Jammu/ Srinagar within the period of 7 days, failing which no objection shall be entertained.

President

Karbalaye Lalashakari Mohalla Roreshore Road Sgr

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Subject:- Grant of Registration of the proposed Travel unit under the name & style "M/s The Hasten Tour And Travels" Situated at Nadiyar Rainawari

#### **Public Notice**

Whereas, I Umar Dar S/O Ghulam Mohammad Dar R/O Jogi Lanker Rainawari Srinagar, Kashmir intends to apply in the department of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel Unit under the name and style "M/s The Hasten Tour And Travels" Situated at Nadiyar Rainawari, Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, I will submit State Subject/Domicile Certificate, Qualification Certificate, Pan Card, Experience Certificate (Minimum 05 Years), Character Certificate (Police Department), Bank Statement (Minimum Balance 10000). Site Plan. Affidavit. Rent Deed duly attested by Sub-Register Printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting Card), Photograph of the Unit (Indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size Photographs to the Department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to Registration of my unit as an **Excursion Agency** 

Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organisation, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism Registration (e-mail Id:- ddtreg123@ gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspapers of the Valley. No objections beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

General Public is hereby informed that my name has wrongly been entered as Farooq Ahmad Wali s/o Ghulam Nabi Wali instead of Peer Farooq Ahmad Wali s/o. Peer Ghulam Nabi Wali in my passport issued vide No. K1877261 date of issue 01-11-2011 and date of expiry 31-10-2021. Now I have applied for a new passport and want the necessary corrections be made in my new passport. Any objection in this regard shall be filed in the office of Passport Authority at Srinagar within a period of seven days. No objection will be acceptable thereafter. Peer Farooq Ahmad Wali

S/O. Peer Ghulam Nabi Wali

R/O. Sheikh Hamzah Colony, Eidgah, Sgr.

#### The Jammu And Kashmir State **Board Of School Education**

**SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA** 

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th session Annual 2008 issued by the board of School Educaton under Below mentioned particulars

Name: Shaheena Bano D/o: Mohd Maqbool Bhat Roll No: 406744 Year & Session: 2008 Annual

Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the some before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is teated as

**Applicant** 

Sd/ Assistant Secretary **Board Of School Education** Sub Office Bandipora

#### Before the Hon'ble Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Srinagar

Judge Small Cause Ghulam Jeelani Bangi S/o Ghulam Mustafa Bangi R/o Umer Hair Syed Pora Srinagar

Registrar Birth & Deaths S.M.C, Srinagar

Non Applicant Application for recording the date of in the matter of : Death of the deceased father of the applicant

May it please your honcur; The application is submitted as under

1 - That the date of death of the below named person has not sofar been recorded in the records SMC Srinagar N.O.C to this effect by Non-applicant is enclosed here within 2. That the applicant wishes to get the date of death of below

mentioned person be recorded in record of SMC Srinagar and solicite this application accordingly That this application is supported by duly sworn

affidavit.

IN THE PREMISES IT IS THEREFORE prayed that the non applicant be directed to record the following particulars regarding Date of Death of the below named parson.

Name	Ghulam Mustafa Bangi
Sex	Male
Father's Name	Ghulam Mohi ud din Bangi
Spouse Name	Mukhta
Mother's Name	Mehtab
Date of death	07-10-1985
Residence	Umer Hair Syed Pora Srinagar
Place of death	At Home situated at Khawaja Bazar
	Srinagar
Cause Of Death	Natural Death

Mushtaq Ahmad

Ghulam Nabi Hajam 😓

رخواست بغرج اندراج تاریخ پیدائش اوفات

ناریخ وفات / : 22-09-2005

ازعدالت سپیشل موبائل مجسٹریٹ پینجر ککس کشمیر پُر وینس سرینگر سائل اسائلہ: غلام جیلانی بنگی ب**نام** رجسٹرار برھس اینڈڈ ڈینھس درخواست بغرج اندراج تاریخ وفات نام:غلام مصطفیٰ بنگی

تاريخ وفات 1985-10-10 معامله مندجه عنوان الصدر میں سائل اسائلہ نے عدالت مذامیں ایک درخواست بشمول حلفي بغرض اندارج تاريخ وفات غلام مصطفى بنكى وكدغلام محى الدين بنكى ساكنه خواجه بإزارسر ينگرمورخه 2023-04-10 پیش كی ہے۔لہذاعوام الناس کوبذریعیاشتہارمطلع کیاجا تاہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی عذر ہااعتراض ہو نے کی صورت میں اپنے عذرات اشعاعت اشتہار کے اندر دس یوم عدالت میں آکر پیش کرے۔بعد گزرنے معیاد کوئی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آینده عدالت بذامیں 2023-04-25 کومقررہے۔

ازعدالت سب جج میونیل مجسٹریٹ سرینگر بااجلاس مہرین مشاق معرار برتھس اینڈ ڈیسٹھس معامله مندجة عنوان الصدر مين سائل سائله نے عدالت مذامين ايک درخواست بشمول حلفی لغرض Ghulam Nabi Hajam S/o Ghulam Mohammad Hajam اندارج تاریخ اوفات R/o Goripora Near Bagh مور نعه مور نعه مور نعم مور نعم R/o Goripora Near Bagh Srinagar ۔ بذریعہاشتہارمطلع کیاجا تا ہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی عذریااعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آیندہ عدالت ہذامیں 2023-04-15 کومقررہے۔

ازعدالت چیف جوڈیشل مجسٹریٹ سب جج سرینگر منبی دختر غلام قادر گنائی ساکنة بمهام مرینگر رسائل) درخرار برتھس اینڈ ڈیستھس الیں۔ایم۔سیسرینگر

> درخواست بمراداندراج کرنے تاریخ فوتگی آزاں غلام قادر گنائی تاریخ فوتگی 1992-03-05 اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام

معامله مندحه عنوان الصدر مين سائل اسائله نے عدالت مذامين ايک درخواست بشمول حلفی بغرض اندارج کرنے تاریخ فوتگی دائر کی ہے۔لہذاعوام الناس کوبذر بعیاشتہار مطلع کیاجا تاہے کہ نبیت درخواست سائل اسائله منظور ہونے میں کوئی عذریا اعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں عدالت میں آ کر مورخ202-04-25 تک پیش کرے۔بعد گزرنے معادکوئی عذر يااعتراض قابل قبول نہيں ہوگا۔ تح ريالصد2023-04-13

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نح برالصد2023-14-13

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نح برالصد2023-04-13

چیف جوڈیشل مجسٹریٹ سب جج میوسپل سرینگر

Government of Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir

#### Office Of The Executive Engineer Mechanical Division Srinagar Mechanical Engineering Department, Kashmir Fax No: 0194-2497093 email: xenmds@gmail.com website: www.medkashmir.org

GIST of Short term e- NIT No: MDS/TS /2023-24/ 03/e-tendering

Date: 13 .04.2023 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from registered fabricators for the below mentioned works:

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	Name of the Work	Cost of Tender	Earnest Money	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	Time of	Position of
		Doc. (In Rupees)	(In Rs)	(In Rs)	completion	funds
					(in days)	
	Providing and fitting of Fixed Wedge Type Ploughs	200/-	1900/-	95000/-	10	Approved
	for available Backhoe Loader of Municipal Committee					
	Tangmarg					

Position of AAA: Accorded vide No: - MC-Ts/2022/2022-23/860-62; Dated:-07-09-2022

Position of TS: Sanctioned vide No. MED/K/Ts/133 dt: 01.03.2023

The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Goyt, website www.iktenders.gov.in from 13

The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website from 13-04-2023 (04.00 PM) to 22-04-2023 (06.55 PM) in two covers.

The bid uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time will be opened on 24-04-2023 (01.00 PM) in the office of the under signed.

Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division, Srinagar

No. MDS/TS/209-13

DIPK-435/23 Date: 13 .04.2023

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

#### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PHE DIVISION SOPORE

TENDER NOTICE

E-NIT 02 of 04/2023 Dated: 13-04-2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, J&K Union Territory e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and registered Govt. contractors, for the works mentioned below:

	S No.		Class of Con- tractor	Validity of contract	Tender Receiving Auth.	M.H	Cost of Tender doc. (in Rs)
Ì			DEE		Ex. Engineer PHE Division Sopore	JJM	500/-
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The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, , bill of quantities (B.O.O), Set of terms 01. and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.iktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates

02. Bids must be uploaded on JKetenders.gov.in with: -

cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt/e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Sopore (Tender receiving authority).

Scanned copy of Registration Card duly renewed for current financial year. (ii)

CDR amounting to Rs.6000/-(Lump Sum) in shape of CDR/FDR/BG of any scheduled bank must be uploaded with the bid. (iii) (iv) The quantity of items in the BOO are purely on tentative basis just to arrive at a genuine / exact comparative cost.

GST with previous month nil

03. The successful bidder shall have to respond within the minimum possible time to execute the requisite job failing which the Engineer In-charge or the authorized supervisory staff shall be at liberty to get the job executed / completed through any other means on the risk and cost of the allottee and the contract shall have been deemed to have been cancelled and the job shall be put to fresh tenders after for forfeiting of his performance security.

04. The tenderers have to submit the tender online without any addition or alteration in the rate schedule items or any conditions thereof. No conditional tender whatsoever shall be entertained even if the rates shall be lowest one.

05. The tenderer has to understand fully the nature of work or works as per proper nomenclature of items of work in rate/quantity schedule in the form of BOO.

06. The contract shall remain enforce from the day and date of issue of allotment order up to March ending 2024. 07. The tentative ceiling for the contract up to 03/2024 is fixed as Rs 03.00 Lacs, which shall increase or decrease depends upon the availability of

funds and actual requirement of the department. 08. The Payment to the concerned agency shall be made as per availability of funds.

09. Work done claims has to be supported with Geo tagging photographs. 10. The tenderers who wish to participate shall have to submit/upload the affidavit stating they're in that, if he is declared L1, after opening of finical

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01	Date of Issue/Uploading of Tender Notice.	13-04-2023					
02	Start of Downloading	13-04-2023					
03	Bid Submission Start Date	13-04-2023					
04	Bid submission end date	24-04-2023					
04 05	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	25-04-2023					

**GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS** 

1. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.

2. The Bidder shall be debarred for participation in tendering process for 02 years in the Department and performance security is forfeited if: -

a. Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any Modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid. b. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.

c. Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 07 days after fixation of contract.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, JS PHE Division Sopore

No:JS/PHE/CIVIL/SPR/571-88

DIPK-430/23 dated: 13-04-2023

#### FCS&CA Realizes 12700 Fine From 17 Erring Traders In Srinagar

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: The Enforcement squad of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) Department under the supervision of Assistant Director Enforcement, Fayaz Ahmad Shah today penalized 17 erring traders with a sum of Rs. 12700 in Srinagar district for violating Essential

Commodities Act, 1955. The action against the erring was taken during a massive market checking drive within the vicinity of Srinagar City i.e., Sonwar, Buchpora, Rainawari, Khanyar, Nowhatta, Chanapora, Baghi Mehtab. Shalteng, Mustafaabad & Lawaypora areas.

During the course of action as many as 102 establishments were inspected, out of which 17 erring traders were penalized.

So far as other Districts of the valley are concerned, 613 business establishments have been inspected, out of which 151 erring traders have been penalized with a fine of Rs 401501.

The drive will continue in the same passion in future as well and whosoever is found violating the norms will be brought to justice.

In case of any complaint, people may contact the toll free number 18001807011.

#### **Water Shortage Sparks Protest** In SD Colony Batamalloo

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The residents of Sheikh Dawood (SD) Colony here in the Batamalloo area of Srinagar city Thursday staged a protest against the PHE Department for failing to ensure a regular supply of potable water to the area during the holy month of Ramadan.

The female protesters

displaying empty buckets and pitchers blocked the road and disrupted traffic to grab the attention of the concerned authorities.

One of the female protesters said the scarcity of water in the area is making it difficult for them to get on with their life. She pointed out that they had submitted numerous appeals in black and white, but to no avail.

#### Office of the Executive Engineer **Jal Shakti Mechnical Irrigation Division Anantnag HQ Awantipora**

**GIST** 

GIST for E-NIT S. No. 03/MIDA of 2023-24

For & on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor Union Territory of Jammu &Kashmir e-tenders in single cover system are invited from reputed and experienced Registered Electrical/Mechanical contractors/ Workshop holders /Firms whose registration are valid in terms of standing rules with sufficient experience and financial resources dealing with below mentioned works and other similar works of the same capacity or higher for the following work: -

S. No		mate d	Cost of Tender Docu- ments	Earnest Money @2% of Adv Cost			Position of AAA/ TS	Position of Funds
1.	Shifting and fit- ting of 10 cusec pump coupled with 50 HP mo- tor on common base frame from LIS Patikawni to LIS Tokina	lacs	200/=	4418/=	10 days	M&R 2702	Avail- able	Budget- ary Provision under M&R for F.Y 2023- 24

tities (BOQ), terms and conditions of contract can be seen/downloaded from the departmental web site (jktenders.gov.in) as per the dates shown

S. No.	Description	Date	Date		Time
		DD	MM	YYYY	
1	Publishing date of NIT	13	04	2023	04:00 PM
2	Download start date	13	04	2023	04:00 PM
3	Bid submission start date	13	04	2023	04:00 PM
4	Bid submission end date	22	04	2023	04:00 PM
5	Bid opening date	24	04	2023	11:00 AM or any date conve-
					nient to Deptt

All the terms and conditions will remain same as laid down in e-Nit & PWD form No.25-double.

> Sd/= **Executive Engineer Mechanical Irrigation** Division Anantnag **HO** Awantipora

No.MIDA/143-49 DIPK-447/23

Dated:-13.04.2023

#### Before the Hon'ble Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Srinagar

Judge Small Cause Bashir Ahmad parray S/O Late Abdul Rahman Parray R/O Near Narbal crossing, Sozeith, Goripora Beerwah, Badgam.

VERSUS

Registrar Birth & Deaths S.M.C, Srinagar

Non Appl icant Application for recording the date of in the matter of : Death of the deceased father of the applicant

May it please your honcur; The application is submitted as under

1- That the date of death of the below named person has not sofar been recorded in the records SMC Srinagar N.O.C to this effect by Non-applicant is enclosed here within

2. That the applicant wishes to get the date of death of below mentioned person be recorded in record of SMC Srinagar and solicite this application accordingly

That this application is supported by duly sworn

IN THE PREMISES IT IS THEREFORE prayed that the non applicant be directed to record the following particulars regarding Date of Death of the below named parson.

	action from particular
<ol> <li>Name of the de- ceased:</li> </ol>	Abdul Rehman Parray
2. Sex:	male
3. Father's Name:	Mohammad Asad parray
4. Mother's Name:	Jana Begum
5. Wife's Name:	Raja Begum
5. Date of death:	15.04.2020
6. Place of death:	Maqdam Mohallah Sozeith Goripora,
	Srinagar;
7. Residence:	Maqdam Mohallah Sozeith Goripora,
	Beerwah, Budgam.



Boy Rides A Bicycle After Taking Bath At Dal Lake On A Sunny Day On Thursday, KO Photo Abid Bhat

## **Iranian Qari Mesmerizes Audience At Jama Masjid, Srinagar**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Internationally claimed Quran reciter from the Islamic Republic of Iran, Qari Ehsan Bayat Hamdani mesmerized the audience with his melodious voice, breath control and engaging tone at the historic Jama Masjid, Srinagar Thursday afternoon.

The audience was in a state of spiritual rapture as a result of the guest Qari's artful performance.

Qari Ehsan Bayat Hamdani recited the Holy Quran at Zuhr prayers in presence of a large gathering.

On behalf of the head of Anjuman Auqaf Jama Masjid Mirwaize-Kashmir Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, the honorable guest and his companions were warmly welcomed by the officials of the Anjuman, Haji Altaf Ahmad Bhat, Mufti Ghulam Rasool Samoon and Maulana M S Rehman Shams. They were honoured with Kashmiri traditional shawls.

The guests were apprised that with the advent of Islam in Kash-

to be the guardians of Islam and propagate the religion in the region.

Maulana Syed Sibat Shabbir Qumi, head of Peeran-e-Wilayat acted as interpreter on the occa-



mir after Hazrat Ameer-e-Kabeer Mir Syed Ali Hamdani (RA), the Mirwaizeen-e-Kashmir continued

sion and presented a gift of gratitude to Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir on behalf of the distinguished guest.



ایک ایک کر کے ہم سے رُخصت ہورہی ہیں اور بیوائیں، پٹمیٰ ومستحقین آیکی زکو ۃ وصدقات سے مستفید ہونے کیلئے جموں وکشمیریتیم ٹرسٹ کی طرف آس لگائے بیٹھے ہیں۔زکو ۃ وصدقات انہی ساعتوں میں ادا کر کےستر ہزار فیصدی اجر وثواب حاصل کرلیں۔جموں وکشمیریتیم ٹرسٹ آیکا جانا پہچانا 51 سالہ معتبر ومنتند ترین ادارہ ہے۔جونہ صرف ایک رجسر ڈ ادارہ ہے بلکہ رجسر ڈ ٹرسٹ بھی ہے۔ اور جسکے منتظمین محض رضائے الہی کی خاطرخلق خدا کی خدمت سرانجام دے رہے ہیں۔اپنی زکو ۃ وصد قات اسی رجسڑرڈ ا دارے جموں وکشمیر بنتیم ٹرسٹ کوا دا کر کے اجرعظیم کے حقد اربنیں۔

مرکزی دفتر باران پقرمفت چنار متصل ا قبال پارک سرینگر مرکزی دفتر نز دیک فائر شیش ما کسمه سرینگر فون: 0194-2475114 ، 9419488948 و 0194-2310559,7006034564

براہِ کرم اینے عطیات مندرجہ ذیل بینک ا کا فیٹس میں داخل کر کے کا ونٹر فائل محفوظ رکھیں تا ک<u>ہ رسیدا جرا کی حاسکے</u>

1.J&K Bank Hari Singh High Street SB 17523 2.J&K Bank Medical College 0349040100036317

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5. J&K Bank Nowhatta 0038040100014795 6. J&K Bank Channpora SB 5445

7. J&K Bank Jawahar Nagar 0322040100114912

8. J&K Bank Rawalpora SB 33155 9. J&K Bank Balgarden 7638 SB

10. J&K Bank Magarmal Bagh 0991040100000184

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11. J&K Bank Solina SB 8693

11. J&K Bank Shaheed Guni SB 20833

13. J&K Bank Bagh-e-Mehtab 0534040100002229 جمول وتشمير بينك اميرا كدال برانج

14. J&K Bank SKIMS Soura SB 10488

15. J&K Bank Chadura SB 14291

16. Axis Bank H.S.H.S Srinagar 910010017821750 17. ICICI Bank Residency Road Sgr.040701000588 18. J&K Bank Humhama 0386040100864029

19. J&K Bank JVC Bemina 1206040100001720

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TRAFFIC POLICE: 9419993745, 01998-266686 PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883 PDD: 0194-2450213

Ambulance: Kashmer EMS Service: +919484100200

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES: 2479488,2452222,2452155 CAPD: 18001807011 SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081

**AIRPORTS** 

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311



**RAILWAYS** 

SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259 ANANTNAG: 01932-228243 BARAMULLA: 0194-102029 BIJBHERA: 01932-228243 PAMPORE: 01933-294132 PATTAN: 01954-293507

QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

#### **HIGHWAY STATUS**



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



#### **PRAYERS FAJR** 4:34 **ZUHR** 12:32 **ASR** 5:11 7:04 Magrib ISHA 8:29

#### This Day In History

- 193 Lucius Septimus Severus crowned Emperor of
- 754 Pact of Quierzy: between Pope Stephen II, [III] & Pippin the Korte
- 966 Christianisation of Poland
  - 972 Notger becomes bishop of Liege
- · 979 Challenge to throne of King Aethelred II of England
- 1028 German emperor Conrad II the Sailor crowns his son Henry III, king
- · 1191 85-year old Giacinto Bobo becomes Pope Coelestinus III · 1341 - Sack of Saluzzo (Italy) by Italian-Angevine
- troops under Manfred V of Saluzzo. 1434 The foundation stone of Cathedral St. Peter
- and St. Paul in Nantes, France is laid • 1471 Wars of the Roses: Battle of Barnet - Yorkists
- defeat the Lancastrians and kill the Earl of Warwick · 1699- Khalsa: Birth of Khalsa, the brotherhood of

the Sikh religion, in Northern India in accordance with

- the Nanakshahi calendar. 1792 - France declares war on Austria, starting
- French Revolutionary Wars 1919 -Following Gandhi's nonviolent methods. Muslim and Hindu protest British rule; British troops fire on the crowds, killing 400
- 1940 Allied troops land in Norway
- · 1944- Freighter "Fort Stikene" explodes in Bombay India, killing 1,376
- · 1945 WWII: US 7th Army & allies forces capture Nuremberg & Stuttgart in Ger®many · 1967 - In the Vietnam War, US planes bombed
- Haiphong for 1st time 1971 - President Nixon ends blockade against People's Republic of China
- 1981 1st Space Shuttle, Columbia 1, returns to Earth 1988 - USSR, US, Pakistan & Afghanistan sign Afghanistan treaty
- 1994- US F-15 accidentally shoots 2 US helicopters down over Iraq, 26 die
- 1995- India beats Sri Lanka to win the Asia Cricket Cup final in Sharjah
- 2000 -Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich files a lawsuit

#### From KO Archives

## Rail Comes To Udhampur Finally

54.85 Kilometers In 22 Years, Now Only 236.15 Kilometers To Go **Observer News Service** 

dhampur – Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Wednesday flagged off a train service between Jammu and Udhampur promising that it would go right up to Srinagar and Baramulla by 2007.

The foundation stone of the rail link from Udhampur housing the Army's Northern Command, was laid by the then Prime Minis ter Indira Gandhi in 1983

The train "piercing the heights of the Pir Panjal mountains and taming nature's fury is a challenge that engineers have accepted" he said.

The launch of the 'Uttar Samparak. Kranti Express' brought the prime minister to the state for his second visit in six days. The first was six days ago to flag off Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service.

The rail track passes through mountainous terrain with 20 per cent of the track going tunnels including an over 2.5-km long one that is considered longest in the country.

The 54.85-km broad gauge railway line, an engineering marvel with 158 bridges and 20 tunnels was built at a cost of Rs 515 crore. The prime minister said the train link has led to hopes of the train running right up to the valley.

"The train will run from Udhampur to Katra, Qazigund, Srinagar and Baramulla by '2007. We have earmarked Rs 1000 (Rs.10 billion) for this." the prime minister said, with the fervent hope that the service would help build a stronger relationship between the people of the "state and the rest of the country

(Kashmir Observer, 14 April, 2005)

## KASHMIR OBSERVER®

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## Surge in **Covid cases**

he recent surge in Covid-19 cases in India is a stark reminder that the pandemic is far from over. The country reported 10,158 new cases in the last 24 hours, with the active caseload reaching 44,998. While these numbers may seem small compared to the peak of the second wave, they are still a cause for concern. The Union Health Ministry has reported that on average, India recorded 5,555 Covid-19 daily in the last week, as compared to 3,108 the week before. This shows that the virus is still spreading and people need to take precautions to protect themselves.

The spike in infections is believed to be caused by a new variant called "Arcturus". Over the past month, the number of cases has increased by 13 times, and there are concerns that the Omicron sub-variant XBB.1.16 strain could further worsen the situation. In response, the country's health ministry has conducted mock drills to assess the readiness of hospitals to handle a potential influx of patients.

On the vaccine front, Serum Institute of India CEO Adar Poonawalla announced that the company has restarted manufacturing of the Covishield vaccine. Poonawalla also stated that the company already has six million booster doses of the Covovax vaccine available, and adults must take the booster shot. It is crucial that people take the vaccine and the booster shot, as it is the most effective way to control the spread of the virus and prevent severe illness and death.

However, it is important to note that the pandemic since it broke out in February 2020, has had a significant impact on the economy. It has hit the most vulnerable sections of society the hardest. According to a media report, between July 2020 and February 2023, just 17.51 percent of the total number of loans in India turned bad or non-performing. While this is a relatively low number, it is still a cause for concern, as it shows that many people are struggling to repay their loans due to the economic impact of the pandemic.

The recent surge in Covid-19 cases is a reminder that the pandemic is far from over. People must continue to take precautions to protect themselves and those around them. In Kashmir too, there are signs that the infection is spreading again. But people are far from observing the Standard Operating Procedure. Masks have been abandoned long time ago. But given the highly transmissible nature of the new strain, it is time people take to observing Covid protocol again. We shouldn't allow the virus a gestation period before it once again blows up in our face.

#### OTHER OPINON

## The Scourge of Poverty

Peer Faizan Bashir

ountless people are dying as a consequence of poverty; the future of children, being devastated by the same factor, and there is hardly a facet of life that is left untouched by this scourge. We, in the modern era, must find solutions for the overwhelming number of people that face such a situation in life and are in need of help. It is both our religious and ethical duty to come forward and help people to mitigate the effects of this plight, if not eradicate it entirely.

The following vignette/episode might offer a glimpse

A couple of days ago, I had some guests coming home and I had to go out and buy some things from the market. It was an exhausting day, and I stopped by a bakery shop to satiate my hunger. Before I could fill my belly, a small child with winsome, bright eyes; brimmed with tears, beautiful face; thick with grime, passed by. Her gait described everything, and she came closer to me seeking alms (money) to buy something to eat. I lost my appetite and I felt powerless.

Her condition was evidence of a tragic story, a story that landed her in such a state of being. I gave her a 50 rupee note and the little girl continued seeking alms from others while showing some documents. But, unfortunately they didn t bother listening, some even disparaged her and shunned her off. On that day, I realized that we can t be a civilized society, and the vital core values of our humanity have been hollowed out.

Whilst observing the poor child I saw something strange happen. She was writing something on a wall outside. As I tried to decipher the scribbles, I found that she had scratched the wall with alphabets and words I could hardly

Eventually, I went home. After serving the guests, and as my thoughts returned, I began asking myself: Who was she? Why was she begging at such a young age? Why was she scribbling something on the wall? Why didn t anyone bother to listen to her? Whatever the question, one thing was clear; it was poverty that had brought her onto the streets.

Helping the poor should be our practical, moral and religious duty. It is important to keep in mind that were all humans. Apart from the failure of our leaders, it is also a collective failure of our society and people who have turned  $% \left( x\right) =\left( x\right) +\left( x\right$ a blind eye to these issues. We have been drained of empathy and all that matters is our own wellbeing.

A loaf of bread or some cash might temporarily help a destitute, but an organized, organic and well thought plan could help thousands and eventually eradicate this scourge.

## **How Shift in Geopolitics is Changing Map of West Asia**



Mohamad Hasan Sweidan

reat-power competition has the potential to significantly impact the future of Israel. As a key player in West Asia, Israel is likely to be affected by the actions and strategies of major powers such as the US, China, and Russia.

The US has historically been a strong ally of Israel, providing significant military and economic aid. However, Washington's current strategy of thwarting growing Chinese and Russian political and economic influence around the world may lead to increased pressure on Israel, a western-creation, to align with US interests in the region.

At the same time, China and Russia are rapidly expanding their stakes in West Asia, which may set back Israel's recent rapprochement progress with neighboring states. In the past few years, Tel Aviv has offered itself to Arab states as a strong regional replacement for waning US presence, and a buffer against Iran's rise.

But Beijing's key role in brokering an agreement between Saudi Arabia and Iran is likely to impact Israel's dealings with both of those countries – and other Arab states. Will they need that Israeli military buffer if global power China - or Russia can troubleshoot conflict and usher in peace?

Furthermore, as great-power competition intensifies, Israel, like other small states, will come under pressure to align with one side. This could impact Israel's ability to maintain its independence and pursue its own interests

#### Great Power competition: a heavy burden on Israel

In recent years, Israel has developed mi tifaceted relationships with both China and Russia, which have reaped both economic and political benefits for Tel Aviv. China has been one of the top global investors in West Asia and North Africa, with Israel ranking eighth on the list of beneficiary states since 2005 and receiving just over \$12 billion in Chinese investments since 2010. In the past, Washington has given Israel some leeway in its foreign policy initiatives, but since the Ukraine conflict, US flexibility has been abruptly halted

Senior analyst on Israeli affairs at Al-Akhbar newspaper, Ali Haidar, told The Cradle that "Israel has a specific margin to preserve its interests. This is something that the United States understands and considers.

"At the same time, there are red lines that Israel cannot cross, but it can, through its relations and contacts with the US administration and influential parties, contribute to adapting and circumventing them to some extent."

As the competition between the US, on the one hand, and Moscow and Beijing on the other. intensifies, Israel's ability to maneuver is becoming increasingly limited, and Washington's pressure is mounting. This pressure demands that Tel Aviv take positions more aligned with US interests, which in turn constrain cooperation between Israel and Russia, and China.

According to Manuel Trajtenberg, director of Israel's National Security Institute:

"The increasing pressure on Israel to pivot in this context presents it with weighty dilemmas, and a policy change in the wake of that could significantly reduce its space for politicalsecurity maneuvering.'

This was exemplified by Israel's attempts to mediate the conflict in Ukraine, which were quickly abandoned under coercion from Washington to take a clear position in support of the west and against Moscow.

This US pressure was also reflected in Israel's military aggressions against Syria. In March 2022, the number of Israeli strikes targeting Syria decreased to only one strike from four the month before, suggesting that Tel Aviv was apprehensive of a Russian reaction. As a result, any imbalance in the relationship between Israel and Russia may have direct consequences for Israel's interests - if Moscow decides to take action.

#### China's presence in West Asia and North Africa

In the early 2010s, China began to expand its presence in the West Asia-North Africa (WANA) regions. One of the major milestones of China's modern foreign policy was the announcement of its ambitious, multi-continent Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in 2013. To date, at least 17 countries from the region have joined the initiative:

China also signed bilateral partnership agreements with 13 countries in the region between 2014 and 2022. Notably, Israel has not entered into any association agreement with China and has not joined the BRI.

By brokering the Iran-Saudi deal in the aftermath of high-profile visits to Tehran and Riyadh by Chinese President Xi Jinping, Beijing has now signaled that it intends to play a more active role in resolving conflicts and disputes in the region, much to Washington's alarm. US reaction to this game-changing agreement has been hyper-focused on the geopolitical ramifications of China bringing the two parties to the table, rather than discussion about the agreement itself.

As China's influence in the region continues to grow, Israel remains constrained by "American concerns," preventing it from deepening its relations with China, while other regional states are lining up to strike deals with Beijing.

Analyst Haidar has noted that "the US's obstruction of Israeli engagement with China will limit Tel Aviv's ability to forge strong economic and political ties with Beijing," adding, "This is a practical example of Israel's commitment to what the United States regards as its vital inter-

He also contends that "rapid international changes" could present new opportunities for Iran, which is currently facing an economic assault from the west. These changes, Haidar explains, may enable Iran to counter the sanctions pressures, which undermines Israel's multi-pronged strategy for confronting Iran.

Today, Israel's position in the western axis limits its ability to keep up with Iran's geopolitical expansion eastward. As the Global Power conflict intensifies and the opposing poles become more defined, Israel's maneuvering room will shrink, while the Islamic Republic - never reliant on the west - will have a wider range of options available to it.

Last month, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's former national security adviser, Meir Ben-Shabbat, argued that Iran occupies an important place in the process of reshaping the axis of countries hostile to the US and the west:

"The Iranian regime is positioning itself as an active player in the confrontation with the liberal democratic camp led by the US. It identifies the West's weakness and is exploiting it as far as possible.'

#### Israel's shrinking geopolitics

According to the latest annual intelligence estimate of the Israeli military's Intelligence Directorate, global trends, the Iranian and Palestinian theaters form Tel Aviv's 2023 threat triangle

'At the center of this triangle will be the in-

#### One significant consequence of the intensifying competition between great powers is China and Russia's efforts to strengthen their cooperation with key states, particularly those that oppose aggressive western hegemony

ests, which Israel is prohibited from crossing."

In 2019, in order to protect Washington's interests, the Israeli government established a committee to evaluate the national security implications of foreign investments - with a specific focus on China.

Furthermore, the US and Israel have agreed to tighten control over the export of advanced technologies to China. That noose will further tighten as the economic competition between Washington and Beijing intensifies, and Israel a major recipient of US technologies - may well be forced into this confrontation with China

#### Iranian cooperation with Russia and China

One significant consequence of the intensifving competition between great powers is China and Russia's efforts to strengthen their cooperation with key states, particularly those that oppose aggressive western hegemony.

Their alignment of interests has led to a palpable warming in relations between Iran, Russia, and China, and some concrete steps forward. The three states are more frequently engaging in joint military exercises, and military cooperation between Moscow and Tehran has thrived over the broader Eurasian-Atlanticist conflict in Ukraine.

Hostile US policies aimed at Russia and China have encouraged them to seek out and establish supportive multilateral institutions such as the BRICS and Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). Tehran has, in turn, applied for membership in both organizations, which led to Iran's formal ascension to the SCO last year making it the organization's ninth member state and its first West Asian participant.

In this context, Haidar points out that "One of the most important concepts that resonate on the tongues of officials and experts in Israel is the seriousness of the repercussions of the intensification of the international conflict on the region and Israel." This, he argued, is "centered on Iran's openness to Asian powers and the imternational tendencies that affect Israel and its security; the global instability that stems mainly from the conflict between the United States and China will continue and intensify.

Today, Israel faces some momentous challenges to its future, not only from extreme domestic polarization but particularly from the intensification of global conflict and the decline of western hegemony. Iran's growing international engagement, and the solidification of its relations with Asian powers, are unfolding as Tel Aviv's options are shrinking.

There is also a correlation between the strength of US deterrence and influence in the region and Israel's ability to exercise its own deterrence capabilities. As US power weakens, it is likely to have a negative impact on Israel's ability to deter its enemies.

Moreover, the growing number of states "oscillating" between east and west, and maneuvering to take advantage of great-power competition, is another challenge for Israel. Even staunch US allies in the Persian Gulf - once scrambling to normalize relations with Israel - are looking for room to maneuver with the rising east, as seen with Riyadh's readiness for Chinese mediation in negotiations with Iran.

While Israel may have some margin to distance itself from direct confrontation with China and Russia, the repercussions of the Great Power conflict are likely to buoy the fortunes of the region's Axis of Resistance - in Iran, Syria, Yemen, Lebanon, and Iraq - with any balance of power shift away from US and Israeli hegemony.

In short, Israel's ability to leverage its western connections for geopolitical gain has shrunk considerably while its rivals race ahead to establish themselves comfortably in West Asia's new multipolarity.

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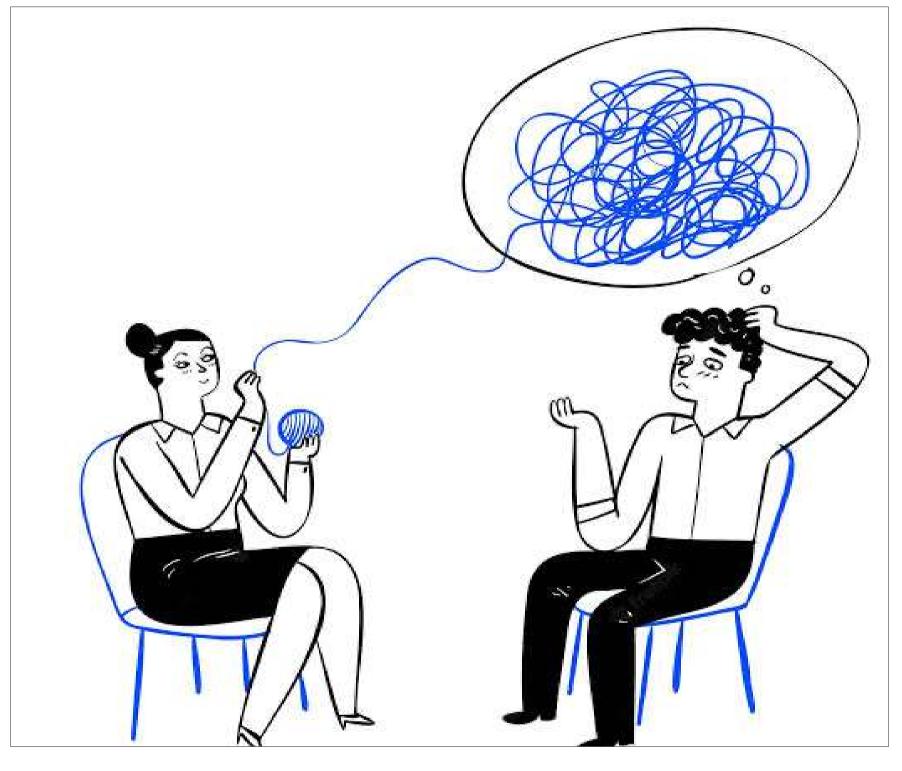


## Mindful Fridays

# BREAKING BARRIERS: The Importance of Collaboration between Clinical Psychologists and Medical Professionals for Comprehensive Public Health Services



**TO PROMOTE COLLABORATION BETWEEN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS AND MEDICAL** PROFESSIONALS, **SEVERAL SOLUTIONS CAN BE** IMPLEMENTED. One solution is to provide education and training for both medical professionals and clinical psychologists about each other's roles and responsibilities. This can help to increase understanding and trust between the two groups and promote better communication and collaboration



#### Wasim Kakroo

The field of medicine has witnessed a significant transformation in the past few decades, with the focus shifting from a purely biomedical model to a biopsychosocial model. The biopsychosocial model views health as an interplay between biological, psychological, and social factors, thereby highlighting the need for a more collaborative approach to healthcare delivery. In today's article, I, as a licensed clinical psychologist, will discuss the importance of building strong relationships between clinical psychologists and medical professionals from various branches of medicine in providing effective public health services.

#### The Role of Clinical Psychologists in Public Health Services

Clinical psychology is a field of psychology that specializes in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental health disorders. Clinical psychologists work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, clinics, schools, and private practices, and collaborate with other medical professionals to provide comprehensive

healthcare services. One of the primary roles of clinical psychologists in public health services is the assessment and treatment of mental health disorders. Mental health disorders, such as depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), are prevalent and can have a significant impact on an individual's overall health and wellbeing. Clinical psychologists work closely with medical professionals (psychiatrists) to identify the symptoms of mental health disorders, provide psychotherapy and counseling, and develop treatment plans tailored to the needs of each patient.

Clinical psychologists also play a crucial role in the prevention of mental health disorders. By identifying risk factors, such as trauma, stress, and substance abuse, clinical psychologists can work with medical professionals to develop preventive measures and early interventions. Prevention programs may include education and awareness campaigns, stress management techniques, and support groups.

#### The Role of Medical Professionals in Public Health Services

Medical professionals play a vital role in public health services by diagnosing and treating physical health disorders. Medical professionals include physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals, such as pharmacists etc. The role of medical professionals extends beyond the treatment of physical health disorders, as they also play a critical role in preventing the spread of infectious diseases and promoting healthy behaviors.

Medical professionals can collaborate with clinical psychologists to provide comprehensive healthcare services. For example, medical professionals may refer patients with mental health disorders to clinical psychologists for assessment and treatment. Conversely, clinical psychologists may refer patients with physical health disorders to medical professionals for diagnosis and

#### The Importance of Collaboration between Clinical Psychologists and Medical Professionals

Collaboration between clinical psychologists and medical professionals is essential for effective public health services. A collaborative approach ensures that patients receive comprehensive care that addresses both their physical and mental health needs. Collaboration also helps to improve patient outcomes by promoting better communication and coordination between health-

care providers.

Collaboration between clinical psychologists and medical professionals can also lead to the development of more effective treatment plans. Mental health disorders often co-occur with physical health disorders, and the treatment of one may impact the treatment of the other. By working together, clinical psychologists and medical professionals can develop treatment plans that address both physical and mental health needs, leading to better patient outcomes.

Stigma associated with mental health disorders may also gets reduced due to the collaboration between clinical psychologists and medical professionals from various faculties. Many individuals with mental health disorders are reluctant to seek help due to the stigma associated with mental illness. By working with medical professionals, clinical psychologists can help to educate patients and the public about mental health disorders, reduce stigma, and encourage individuals to seek help when needed.

Collaboration between clinical psychologists and medical professionals is crucial in the treatment of many health conditions. Medical professionals have the knowledge and expertise to diagnose and treat physical illnesses, while clinical psychologists have the training and expertise to diagnose and treat mental health issues. By working together, medical professionals and clinical psychologists can provide patients with a comprehensive treatment plan that addresses both their physical and mental health needs.

It is crucial for general physicians and clinical psychologists to collaborate in treating various health issues. Usually, patients approach general physicians initially and present with diverse physical and psychological symptoms. A comprehensive treat-

ment approach that considers both the physical and mental health needs of patients can be achieved when general physicians and clinical psychologists work together.

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For example, a patient may present to their general physician with symptoms of depression, such as fatigue and low mood. The general physician may refer the patient to a clinical psychologist for a psychological assessment and treatment. The clinical psychologist can work with the patient to develop coping strategies to manage their depression, while the general physician can prescribe medication if necessary.

Another example of collaboration between medical professionals and clinical psychologists is in the treatment of patients with cardiovascular disease. Cardiovascular disease is a leading cause of death worldwide, and it has been linked to a number of psychological factors, including stress, anxiety, and depression. Cardiologists can treat the physical aspects of cardiovascular disease, such as high blood pressure, while clinical psychologists can help patients cope with the psychological aspects of the disease.

For example, a cardiologist may prescribe medication to lower a patient's blood pressure, while a clinical psychologist may work with the patient to develop coping strategies to manage stress and anxiety. Additionally, clinical psychologists can provide support to patients who have undergone cardiac procedures, such as heart surgery or angioplasty, to help them cope with the emotional impact of these procedures.

A further instance of cooperation between medical experts and clinical psychologists can be seen in the management of patients suffering from skin ailments. Conditions like eczema and psoriasis can adversely affect an individual's life by causing humiliation and guilt. Dermatologists can address the bodily symptoms like inflammation and itching, whereas clinical psychologists can aid patients in coping with the emotional aspects such as anxiety and

depression.

For example, a dermatologist may prescribe medication to reduce inflammation, while a clinical psychologist may work with the patient to develop coping strategies to manage the emotional impact of their condition. Additionally, clinical psychologists can help patients with skin conditions to improve their self-esteem and body image, which can have a positive impact on their overall well-being.

#### Challenges to Collaboration between Clinical Psychologists and Medical Professionals

and Medical Professionals

Despite the benefits of collaboration, there are several challenges that can hinder effective collaboration between clinical psychologists and medical professionals. One challenge is the lack of understanding and awareness of each other's roles and responsibilities. Medical professionals may not fully understand the role of clinical psychologists, and vice versa, leading to a lack of trust and collaboration.

Another challenge is the lack of time and resources. Medical professionals and clinical psychologists are often busy with their respective duties, leaving little time for collaboration. Additionally, resources, such as funding and staffing, may be limited, making it difficult to provide comprehensive care.

Another challenge is the differences in communication styles and language used by medical professionals and clinical psychologists. Medical professionals often use medical jargon, which can be difficult for clinical psychologists and patients to understand. Clinical psychologists may also use terminology that is

unfamiliar to medical professionals, leading to miscommunication and misunderstandings.

#### Solutions to Promote Collaboration between Clinical Psychologists and Medical Professionals

To promote collaboration between clinical psychologists and medical professionals, several solutions can be implemented. One solution is to provide education and training for both medical professionals and clinical psychologists about each other's roles and responsibilities. This can help to increase understanding and trust between the two groups and promote better communication and collaboration.

Another solution is to create interdisciplinary teams that include medical professionals, clinical psychologists, and other healthcare providers. Interdisciplinary teams can work together to develop comprehensive treatment plans that address both physical and mental health needs. This can also help to ensure that patients receive coordinated care and reduce the risk of miscommunication and misunderstandings.

Another solution is to implement integrated care models that bring together medical and mental health services in one location. Integrated care models can help to reduce stigma, increase access to care, and promote collaboration between medical professionals and clinical psychologists.

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## Countdown to Israel's 'Collapse' has Begun, Says Iran Ahead of Quds Day

**Tehran:** Israel will cease to exist in the near future as the country faces an "unprecedented chain of crises," Iran's top military body said on Thursday, ahead of the annual Quds (Jerusalem) Day.

In a statement carried by state media, the General Staff of the Armed Forces, responsible for coordinating between Iran's conventional army and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), said that "Islamic resistance" from outside and internal protests are "challenging the nature of the Zionist regime" - the term used by Tehran to refer to Israel – and that "the countdown to the collapse of Zionism has begun."

"By God's grace, there will be no such thing as the Zionist regime in the not too distant future." The statement came ahead of Quds Day, an annual event that was launched in 1979 by former supreme leader and founder of the Islamic Republic, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

It is held on the last Friday of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, which falls on April 14 this year. Marches on Quds Day traditionally feature demonstrators chanting "death to Israel" and "death to America" and burning the flags of the two countries. Iran does not recognize its arch-foe Israel and supporting the Palestinian cause has been a cornerstone of its foreign policy



since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Earlier Iran slammed the "shameful" silence of the United States and some European countries in the face of Israel's crimes and murders, calling for unity among Muslim nations to counter the Zionist regime and support the oppressed people of Palestine.

Iran's Foreign Ministry issued a statement on Thursday to mark International Quds Day, the last Friday of the holy month of Ramadan which was named by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the late founder of the Islamic Republic, more than four decades ago.

"Now, Palestine and holy Quds have turned into the symbol of unity in the Muslim world and represent the cause of the world's rightseeking oppressed and freedom seekers from any race and religion," it said.

## **Latest Leak Suggests US Spying on UN Chief Guterres**

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Washington: The United States has been monitoring and spying on the UN Secretary-General, according to new revelations in classified US documents released online.

The leaked documents show that Washington believes that UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is too willing to accommodate Russia's interests during the Ukraine war.

The files contain several documents of private communications between Guterres and his deputy. This is the latest case of disclosure of confidential documents. These documents contain Guterres' candid comments on the war in Ukraine and a number of African leaders.

One of the leaked documents focuses on the Black Sea grain deal brokered by the United Nations and Turkey in July following fears of a global food crisis. This shows that Guterres was so keen to preserve the agreement that he was willing to accommodate Russia's interests.

"Guterres emphasized his efforts to improve Russia's ability to export, even if this involves sanctioned Russian entities or individuals," the document said.

His actions in February "undermined broader efforts to hold Moscow accountable for its actions in Ukraine," according to the assessment.

Another document from mid-February contains frank conversation between Guterres and his deputy, Amina Mohamed, in which Guterres expressed "dismay" at EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen's request for Europe to produce more weapons and ammunition as a result of the war in Ukraine. he does.

It is abundantly clear that the US is among a number of countries that regularly spy on the UN - but when the data from this spying is revealed, it is deeply embarrassing and potentially damaging to the world's leading diplomat.

The first screenshots of the documents that news sources have been able to verify appeared on Discord - a popular social media platform among gamers - and were shared across several chat channels.

'Malfeasance incompetence'

Commenting on the report, Guterres' spokesperson cited the UN chief's long tenure at the helm of the world body to say he is "not surprised by the fact that people are spying on him and listening in on his private conversations"

"What is surprising is the malfeasance or incompetence that allows for such private conversations to be distorted and become public," Stephane Dujarric told Al Jazeera.

Earlier, a senior UN official had told the BBC that the organisation's primary concern was "to mitigate the impact of the [Ukraine] war on the world's poorest".

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#### **Amit Shah Reviews**

"Amit Shah also reviewed the Area Domination Plan, Zero Terror Plan, Law and order situation, cases related to UAPA and other security related issues," he said.

The Home Minister, the spokesperson said, appreciated the efforts of the security agencies and administration of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir for substantial reduction in cross border infiltration and improvement in law & order and also advised to strengthen the routine policing.

He said that Shah also reviewed the preparation of G-20 Meeting which is scheduled to be held in Srinagar in May, 2023 and asked all agencies to work in a coordinated manner for successful conduct of the event.

On April 6, DGP Singh had said militancy has not ended in Jammu and Kashmir yet, but it is on the wane as the number of ultras has declined to an all-time low.

He said local youths, who were pushed towards militancy, have now returned to the mainstream after leaving that path.

On March 30, a suspected Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast rocked a border hamlet in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, creating a huge crater in the ground.

There were several targeted killings in Jammu and Kashmir in previous years.

The government had informed Parliament that as many as 118 civilians, including five Kashmiri Pandits and 16 other Hindus and Sikhs, were killed in J-K since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 till July 2022.

In May 2022, four Hindu pilgrims were killed and at least 20 injured when their bus caught fire near Katra in Jammu.

Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir was abrogated on August 2019 and the state was divided into two Union territories - Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh. (With PTI inputs)

#### **India Trashes**

to have them there," Bagchi said. In its comments, the Pakistan Foreign

Ministry had said, "India's irresponsible move is the latest in a series of self-serving measures."

The ties between India and Pakistan came under severe strain after India's warplanes pounded a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist training camp in Balakot in Pakistan in February 2019 in response to the Pulwama terror attack.

The relations further deteriorated after India in August 2019 announced the withdrawal of special powers of Jammu and Kashmir and the bifurcation of the state into two union territories.

India assumed the Presidency of the powerful grouping G20 from Indonesia on December 1 and is hosting about 200 meetings in 32 different sectors in multiple locations across the

The G20 or Group of 20 is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies.

It comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the US and the European Union

#### **NCERT Drops**

"Certain changes not finding mention of in the rationalised content book could be an 'oversight'," NCERT Director Dinesh Saklani reiterated.

In the class 11 political science textbook's first chapter, titled 'Constitution - Why and How', a line has been revised to omit Azad's name from the constituent assembly commit-

The revised line now reads, "Usually, Jawaharlal Nehru, Rajendra Prasad, Sardar Patel or BR Ambedkar chaired these Committees."

In the tenth chapter of the same textbook, titled "The Philosophy of the Constitution". the reference to Jammu and Kashmir's conditional accession has also been deleted.

"For example, the accession of Jammu and Kashmir to the Indian union was based on a commitment to safeguard its autonomy under Article 370 of the Constitution," says the dropped paragraph.

Last year, the Ministry of Minority Affairs had discontinued the Maulana Azad Fellowship, which was launched in 2009, and provided financial assistance for five years to students from six notified minorities.

"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 portions referring to Gujarat riots have also been dropped from class 11 sociology textbook; months after NCERT removed the reference to the 2022 communal violence in two class 12 textbooks.

#### **43 Women Injured**

Zameer Fatima (42); Shabir Fatima (60); Farida Begum (40); Shamshad Begum (36); Shamim Akhtar (60); Shamim Akhtar (35); Safeena Bi (48); Khatoom Bibi (75); Nasreen Akhter (54); Rubina Begum (52); Mehnaz Akhter (40); Tasleem Begum (58); Rabia Bi (55); Narqus Naqvi (37); Shamshad Akhtar (40); Afia (19); Saira Bano (35); Hafiza Begum (60); Naseem Akhtar (55); Hanifa Bi (58); Zoheen Akhter (32); Sweety Bukhari (39); Saira Kouser (33); Sajda Begum (25); Shammem Akhter (50); Mir Jaan (60); Safeena Bi (72); Raqiza Bi (40) and Misra Khatoon (55)

"All the injured were taken to nearby hospital for immediate treatment", Police further said.

SHO Poonch Ranjit Rao also confirmed about the incident. "All the injured persons are under

treatment at a hospital", the police officer said.

#### **DHSK To Issue**

measures will be followed in case the caseload continues to rise in J&K, he said the UT administration follows center's instructions and that the authorities would take a call in this direction if need arises.

The DHSK spokesman further said that crowd gathering, use of face masks is the only weapon to combat the deadly Covid -19 and that the virus could be contained, if people follow the guidelines meticulously.

"We appeal to the people not to take the contagion for granted. J&K has witnessed several waves in the past and are well aware of the consequences. Now it's for the people to decide whether they want to overcome the situation or not," Dr Mushtaq said.

It may be in place to mention that the Secretary Health and Medical Education (H&ME), Bhupinder Kumar recently said the majority of patients undergoing genome sequencing are tested with the highly contagious XBB1.16 sub-variant of the Omicron virus.

He said the Covid -19 cases have steadily increased in Jammu and Kashmir for the last one month and that the administration is fully prepared to tackle any eventuality that might arise in the future.

Secretary H&ME urged people to adopt Covid appropriate behavior meticulously to avoid contracting the virus.

#### **Ram Madhav Sends**

seeks immediate issuance of an open and public apology from Malik within 48 hours of receipt of this Notice, for the mental agony and harassment faced by him.

A legal notice sent through Ayush Anand stated, "Malik deliberately and Maliciously conspired to defame my client Ram Madhav." It stated, "In a conspiracy to defame my client the editors and interviewer have deliberately and maliciously defamed my client by imputing his involvement in some health insurance scheme.'

Madhav stated that the claim made by Malik are baseless, disgraceful, and utter falsehood. This is nothing but an attempt to influence, albeit maliciously, an ongoing investigation into the matter related to Hydel Power Project that the CBI is conducting. Ever since your interview was broadcasted, my client has been receiving phone calls and Twitter messages regarding the same. It is deeply disturbing for his regular work of nation-building of great importance. He is also receiving calls from many media groups and other organisations because of your act of gross misrepresentation of the facts and speaking untrue conjectures, stated the legal notice.

"Because of the baseless and unacceptable allegations made in the video interview his political image and credential among the masses are severely tainted, which may hurt him in future by creating negative prejudice," stated the lawyer through legal notice. Recently Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera targeted Ram Madhav in Satyapal Malik's interview on a YouTube Channel and said, "Malik had claimed that a senior RSS functionary had offered him a bribe to clear two files related to 'Ambani' when he was the Jammu and Kashmir governor. Satyapal Malik in an interview had claimed the RSS functionary as Madhav." (ANI)

#### **Ahead Of Eid**

Abdul Rashid, a street vendor, said the government should have taken up the work in phases instead of closing down the entry of public transport into Lal Chowk.

"They could have completed the M A Road tube first and then shifted to the Residency Road side. By stopping traffic into the city, they have just brought businesses of shopkeepers and street vendors to a standstill," he added.

#### **School Edu Dept**

creativity and there remains no space for a teacher to inculcate creativity, critical thinking and other 21 century skills among students as envisaged in NEP-2020.

"Moreover, it is often observed that homework beyond their capacity is being given to students while as Children should be given an opportunity for creative work at home in which they can take interest along with their family members."

Remarking further that children need to be encouraged to read books beyond curriculum at home, the circular opines that there is a need to discuss some of these books in the school which will improve reading habits of children. "Book clubs may be opened in the school so that children can get variety of books free of cost in the school itself. Children need to be engaged with creative activities and critical thinking, group discussions so that they can

express themselves without any fear. Continuing it, the circular says there will be no homework up to Class-II and a maximum of two hours a week from Classes III-V and for middle schools from Classes VI-VIII, there shall be a maximum of one hour a day that is about five to six hours a week.

For the secondary and higher secondary level there shall be a maximum of two hours a day (about 10 to 12 hours a week).

"Teachers need to work together to plan and rationalise the amount of homework that they assign to students," emphasises the circular.

Remarking that further it has been given to understand that all the concerned teachers of a particular class assign homework without coordinating with each other and thus resulting in heavy burden of homework for a student, the circular further reads that as such it is impressed upon the all the school heads of (both government and private) to ensure that the homework to students is given as per the School Bag Policy 2020 replicated above and

strictly adhere to the said schedule without any deviation.

#### **LG Greets**

strengthen our resolve to contribute to the nation's progress and usher prosperity and happiness for all in the year ahead, added the

#### **Pak Drone With**

"On the intervening night of April 12 and 13, alert troops of Indian army in coordination with police recovered a drone, which crossed the Line of Control from Pakistan into Indian territory in Beri Pattan area of Sunderbani sector of the district," a defence spokesperson said.

Earlier official sources said suspicious movement of aerial objects was detected in areas of Beri Patan, Siot of LoC after which a massive cordon and search operation was launched, they said.

In this operation, teams of security forces managed to bring down a drone, they said. Sources claimed that extensive search opera-

tions are going on in many villages of this area and some more recoveries are expected. "We can only share that a drone has been

successfully tracked and recovery has been made. More details will be shared later." an official had said earlier in the morning. Drones smuggling in arms, cash and narcot-

ics have become a major challenge for security forces in border areas of both International Border and Line of Control. Officials have said that repeated attempts are being made to drop these material to fuel terror activities in Jammu and Kashmir.

#### **Labourer Slips**

an investigation in this regard—(KNO)

#### **Margan Top**

transportation of essential goods. Making the announcement, Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav shared that the road would be opened for light vehicular movement from next week. "The opening of the road will facilitate intra-district movement of people and essential services, bringing much-needed respite to the region" he said. Starting next week, the Margan Top Road will be made operational in a phased manner, enabling hassle-free travel and commute well before the

#### auspicious Eid-ul-Fitr 2023 celebration. **Nepalese National**

were able to identify the deceased," they said. The cause of death has not been determined yet while a thorough investigation has been started in this regard, they said-(KNO)

#### **Youth Killed**

Showkat Ali, 22, son of Wali Mohammad, a resident of Panjnara is critically injured and has been referred to Government Medical College Rajouri for specialised treatment, the official said. (KNO)



## **J&K Admin Sets Up Approx 1,65,000 Bee Colonies**

**Press Trust Of India** 

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has set up approximately 1,65,000 bee colonies with local, European and Italian origin bees as part of a mega project.

With an estimate of Rs 560 crore, the mega project "promotion of beekeeping in J&K" is aimed at promoting apiculture to significantly increase honey production in the union territory.

"An amount of Rs 47 crore has been taken as a provision to spread this bee farming in our union territory. At present, we have approximately 1,65,000 bee colonies and 3,000 beekeepers," Associate Professor Sheri-Kashmir University of Agriculture and Science technology Dr Davinder Sharma said.

Sharma said that there are many kinds of bees, including local, European, and Italian. Stress is given to box beekeeping here,

He said that the university and agricultural department are trying hard to scale honey production. "Regarding this, our UT govt sanctioned Rs 560 crore particularly to raise the production of honey under the holistic development programme", he said.

Under the beekeeping programme, we are giving training to young entrepreneurs, farmers, students and now army personnel under Sadbhavna programme. There are more bi-products like bee pollen, bee wax, bee royal jelly and many other bi-products to raise the income of farmers, he said.

"Efforts are underway to introduce Apitherapy to a wider audience. The sector is projected to grow from its current annual output of Rs 69 crore to Rs 682 crore within five years, resulting in gainful employment for 8,122 persons and creation of 82 private sector enterprises,' Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo said.

He said the project has been allocated at a budget of Rs 46.65 crore with an avowed objective of increasing honey production three-fold, bee population by 333 per cent and crop production of cross-pollinated crops by 20-25 per cent.

#### **Around 1 Lakh Tourists Visit** Pahalgam In Last

**Agencies** 

tourists visited Pahalgam in the first three months of the ongoing year even as the number of tourists visiting Pahalgam is increasing with each passing day.

Due to the uptick in tourist footfall, tourism players in Pahalgam are feeling jubilant as the number of tourists visiting the tourist destination is witnessing an uptick this season again. Shopkeepers, ponv walas and others said they earn that their livelihood and income is proportional to the rush of visitors and this year foot-

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"Beekeeping is an important source of income and livelihood for many rural youth, landless farmers, and small and mediumfarmers in J&K. The honeybees not only produce honey but also play a crucial role in pollinating thousands of flowering plants, thereby contributing to food security," he said.

"Beekeeping is our high-generating business programme. At present, the government is giving more stress to increase its production side by side with the income of young entrepreneurs and farmers. Our motto is to spread bee farming in all the areas like Poonch, Rajouri, Nowshera, Smote, Samba, Kathua, Dayala Chack, Basoli Billawar etc as per their temperature", Director Agriculture K K Sharma said.

He said that at present, we have various kinds of honey like Jamun, mustard, white honey and flower honey which are being checked in our testing labs to come up to the taste of good quality.

"There are many kinds of bee farming. One is box bee farming, which is most prevalent nowadays and the other is naturally found on trees," he said.

Additional Chief Secretary said that after full implementation of the project, the number of bee colonies is expected to increase from 1.43 lakh to 3.085 lakh and the number of beekeepers is also expected to rise from 4,526 to 7,396, and honey production from 23,050 quintals to 66,100 quintals.

In addition to honey production, he said the income from bee by-products such as royal jelly, bee venom, pollen, and wax worth Rs 474 crore per an-

num will also be realised. An amount of Rs 4.4 crore has been allocated for research and development in this area, he said.

## Shiv Sena (UBT), SSP **Demands Article 371 For J&K**

**Press Trust Of India** 

**JAMMU:** The Shiv Sena unit of Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray and Sainik Samaj Party (SSP) on Thursday batted for the imposition of Article 371 and the constitution of the minority commission to safeguard the special rights and cultural identity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

They also demanded the restoration of the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Under Article 371 of the Constitution, we demand the imposition of special provisions of the article to protect the right to land, employment, education

(UBT) J&K president, Manish Sahni told reporters here.

Article 371 is a provision with respect to the states of Maharashtra (Vidarbha and Marathwada) and Gujarat (Saurashtra and Kutch) that grants some temporary, transition and special provisions to some states in the country.

Sahni said, "Both the parties have decided to jointly fight forthcoming elections in Jammu and Kashmir.'

He said minorities like Hindus and Sikhs in Jammu and Kashmir have remained deprived of the benefits of all the centrally sponsored schemes, the welfare of the community.

Sainik Samaj Party president, Col S S Pathania demanded the removal of anomalies in the reservation of jobs for soldiers, ex-servicemen and family pensioners and one-time grants to gallantry award winners on the lines of neighbouring states like Punjab.

"We will jointly go to the public and make a list of public aspirations to raise our voices in the interest of people," Sahni added. Both the parties will emerge as a better political alternative with support and cooperation, they said.

## **Devotees Throng Subar Nag Temple** In Bhaderwah To Celebrate Baisakhi

**Press Trust Of India** 

JAMMU: Thousands of devotees converged at the ancient Subar-Nag temple in Jammu and Kashmir's Bhaderwah district on Thursday to celebrate Baisakhi.

Located at a height of 12,000 feet, the doors of the 1,600-year-old temple were opened on Thursday.

The festival marks the beginning of spring. The festival at this temple is considered the first Baisakhi in the country. In other other parts of the country, the festival will be celebrated tomorrow.

The traditional celebrations started early in morning with the opening of doors of the temple at Subar Dhar, 35 Km from Bhaderwah town that was followed by sacrificing of rams.

Thoursands of devotees converged at the temple after trekking 12 km steep hill to pay their obeisance to the Lord Subar Nag. On this occasion dozens of sheep were sacrificed as per ancient custom. "This festival has not only

the religious importance but this is also the most ancient festival of this area. Devotees from the different parts of the



valley, including Chinta, Bhlaara and Sharora, arrive here with holy mace to get blessings of Lord Subhar Nag.

The doors of 1,600-year-old temple were thrown open for the devotees this morning," Anil Kumar Raina, Head Priest said. Locals also demanded that

the ancient spring festival be brought under pilgrimage tourism circuit. "This is not only ancient and historic festival symbolizing

the unique Nag culture but the temple is also located amid lush green grasslands surrounded with snow peaked mountain," said Phulail Singh (61) head organiser of the mela. "Having all the ingredients

to attract devotees and tourists from across the globe, the tourism department and BDA (Bhaderwah Development Authority) has done nothing concrete so for to project it as pilgrimage destination," Phulail Singh added.

"After four months during which we mostly remain indoors due to harsh climatic conditions and snow, this festival which marks the new spring season, not only rejuvenates us but also gives us a chance to meet our relatives and friends.

"Besides all our wishes are full filled by Lord Subhar Nag," a young devotee, Diksha (21), said. Superintendent of Police, Bhaderwah, Kameshwar Puri said elaborate security arrangements were made to facilitate the smooth conduct of

the festival.

"A total of 15,000 devotees, including 9,500 women, visited the ancient temple. To keep the high altitude meadow clean and free from plastic waste, authorities had deployed men as well as kiosks were made for collection of polythene and plastic waste," said Puri.

## **Judges Are Like Architectural Designers** While Deciding A Case: CJ

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir Judicial Academy organized a one day interactive programme on "order/judgment writing, application of the law, sharing best practices and finding solutions to practical problems faced by them in justice delivery" for Čivil Judges (Junior Division) of Kashmir Province.

The programme that was inaugurated by Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy, Justice N Kotiswar Singh, aims to provide a platform for Civil Judges to exchange ideas and share experiences as well as learn techniques from the experts in the field of law.

Yash Paul Bourney, Registrar Vigilance, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, M K Sharma, Director, J&K Judicial Academy and Jatinder Singh Jamwal, Special Judge, Anti-Corruption (CBI Cases), Srinagar were the resource persons for the programme.

Delivering the inaugural address, Chief Justice stated that it is the primary duty of a Judge to write judgement understandable by a litigant and not for the higher courts. All focus must be on the litigant who has come for justice, he said adding that judgement should be clear, lucid and with good reasoning. He said application of mind is important to make any decision because we are dealing with human sufferings. For a good judgement the facts of the case should be properly marshalled and the law should be applied with clear reasons for accepting or rejecting any claim of the litigant, he asserted. Chief Justice emphasised that

the judges are like architectural designers while deciding a case. Though in the criminal cases, charge-sheet is the basis for decision but the facts of the case must be taken care of while deciding the case, he added. Justice Sindhu Sharma, Chair-

person, I&K Judicial Academy, in her special address, while quoting a Greek Philosopher said that the qualities of a judge are to hear courteously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly and to decide impartially. She emphasised that

while deciding a case and writing a judgment a judge must consider the arguments and claims put forth by the parties. Further quoting Justice H.K. Sema, former judge of Supreme Court of India, she said that Judgement is best when given with reasons. While quoting Justice R.C. Lahoti, former Chief Justice of India, she said that while writing a judgement don't go into the verbosity of the document.

She also deliberated that a litigant must understand that why a case is in his favour or against, that should come out from the judgement. The basic factors that should be considered, is to maintain integrity while passing a decision and it should not be influenced by any other matter even our own prejudices and biases. We have to consider the facts while writing a judgement that it should be based on the provision of law, the aspect on which we are doing and how we are going to write the judgement.

Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Member, J&K Judicial Academy, in his special address, citing the case of Barender Kumar Gosh said that the trial Judge quoted from the sonnet 'On His Blindness' of a famous English poet John Milton i.e., "They also serve who only stand and wait" while turning the plea of innocence of Barender Kumar Gosh in a robbery and murder case quoting that even if you were guard at the door still you were guilty of the crime for taking no action.

Justice Wani, citing another recent judgement of the Supreme Court of India, said while quoting Justice Roslyn Atkinson, former judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland, who had said that there are purposes for any judgement that is written, i.e., to spell out judges own thoughts; to explain your decision to the parties; to communicate the reasons for the decision to the public and to provide reasons for an appeal to consider. Every judgement has to have various basic elements such as statement of material (relevant) facts, legal issues or questions, deliberation to reach at decision and the ratio or conclusive decision, he added.

# **Three Months**

SRINAGAR: Around one lakh

As per the figures, 24,182 tourists visited Pahalgam in the month of January followed by 29,562 in February and 44,187 in the month of March.

fall is very good. (KNO)

#### GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

#### OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY **COMMISSIONER BUDGAM**

NOTICE

It is to inform all the Structure owners whose structures fall within the alignment of Semi Ring Road at estate Jawaharpora Tehsil Narbal and who have not submitted their account details and other relevant documents in support of their claim for release of the amount of compensation. The amount of compensation is available with this office. Now through the medium of this notice, all concerned structure owners are hereby informed to submit their account numbers and other relevant documents in the office of Collector Land Acquisition Budgam within seven days failing which no further notice shall be served upon them and the compensation amount will be deposited in the Hon'ble District Court Budgam, and structures shall be removed accordingly.

No. DCB/LAS/2023/813-18 **DIPK-413-23** Dated: 13/04/2023

Collector Land Acquisition Semi Ring Road Budgam Government of Jammu & Kashmir

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION PULWAMA

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (for Road work/bridges/Buildings)

TWO COVER SYSTEM(above Rs. 2.50 Crores)4thCall

Fresh to NIT 381 of 09-01-2022 NIT No:-Fresh/02/437-447/EEP/RNB/e-tender/of2023-24Dated: 13/04/2023

J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost	Cost of T/Doc.	EMD	Time of	Time & Date of Opening of	Class of
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1	Development of Bus Adda including Construction of	401.24	5500/-	2% of Adver-	1.5 Years	05-05-2023	AAY
1.	Shopping Complex at Bus Stand TRAL	401.24	5500/-	tised cost.	1.5 fears	05-05-2023	AAT

Position of AAA = approved vide No: 28 of 2021 Dated: 14-09-2021 Position of Tech. Sanction = CE(R&B)K/TS/790 of 2022-23 Dated: 21-11-2022

Major Head of Account =FC Grants

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Dated: - 13-04-2023

**Executive Engineer** 

= Executive Officer MC-Tral

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of

	contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website http://www.pmgsytendersjk.gov.in/ as per above schedule:							
1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	13-04-2023						
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 14-04-202310.00 A.M to 04-05-2023 upto4.00 P.M						
3.	Date. Time and place of pre-bid meeting	15-04-2023 at 11:00 AM in the Office of the Superintend-						
Э.	Date, time and place of pre-blu meeting	ing Engineer R&B Circle Pulwama-Shopian HQ Pulwama.						
4.	Bid submission Start Date	16-04-2023 From 10.00 A.M						
5.	Bid Submission End Date	04-05-2023upto 4.00 P.M						
	The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the							
6.	shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Pulwama and 2% EMD will be	As per time specified in SBD.						
	released after receiving 5% of Security Bid Performance.							
7	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	05-05-2023at 11:00 AM in the Office of the Superintending						
۲.	Date & time of opening of reclinical bids (offinite)	Engineer R&B Circle Pulwama-Shopian HQ Pulwama.						
8.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed						

The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploaded softcopy any short fall found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected 1.1 Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama

(The Date of Treasury e-Challan) must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date). 1.2

All bidders have to submit Earnest money in the Shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Pulwama-Shopian HQ Pulwama as per the circular of Finance Department, Non submission of FMD shall render the hidder as non-responsive

The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Superior Sup Shopian HQ Pulwamawithin 21 days after the date of receipt of letter of acceptance and shall be released after successful completion of DLP. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45 Bidders can resubmit/withdraw the bids as specified. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mai

address. The Financial-bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Chief Engineer (R&B), Engineering Complex.\_The date for same shall be intimated separately. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids The earnest money shall be forfeited. If:-

Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period issue of letter on intent. In case contractor fails to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

7.1 nission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "BiddersManual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.into acquaint bid submis

7.2. . Toparticipate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approve

7.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form

7.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-2. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid. Documents which has/have not been uploaded shall notbe

entertained in form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in shape of e-challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama

7.5.

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

ent Registration Card Verification Certificate from concerned Chief Engineer / Superintending Engir Note: Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

(The Date of Treasury Challan must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date). All bidders have to submit Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department Non submission of bid EMD shall render the bidder as non-responsive The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Pulwar Shopian HQ Pulwamawithin 21 days after the date of receipt of letter of acceptance and shall be released after successful completion of DLP. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45

relevant details in respect of e-tendering process. 11. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for

days beyond DLP.Bidders may contact office of the Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) Department Kashmir or concerned Executive Engineer Pulwama for any guidance for getting DSC or any othe

filling the item rate/%age rate(as the case may be) inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains. 12. The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work

unless otherwise, specified. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required

Defect Liability Period shall be 03 Years after date of completion. All key construction material (i.e. cement, steel, bitumen, pipes etc) shall have to be arranged by the contractor strictly as per specifications with the approval of Engineer-in-charge. Qualification criteria for the work and other terms and conditions are contained in the bidding document available on website. 16.

Tech. Officer Head Draftsmar Executive Engineer DIPK-439-23 No: -Fresh/ 02/434-47 / EEP/RNB/ of 2023-24 DT: 13/04/2023

#### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ELECTRIC **DIVISION-IIIRD. SHEREEN BAGH, SRINAGAR. NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

E-NIT NO: ED-III / 07 of 2023-24 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, e-Tenders, (In Two Cover System) are hereby invited from reputed companies Registered with ROC of INDIA, Original Manufacturers or relevant class A registered electrical contractors enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways/DGS&D and Inspection Agency of JKPDD, for "Rate Contract for Maintenance and Up-keep of Street Lights under the jurisdiction of Electric Division 3rd for the Name of the work. **EMD** Cost of Tender Document | Job Completion

Rate Contract for Maintenance and Up-keep of Street Lights under the jurisdiction of Electric 10000.00 Rs. 500/-Division 3rd for the Year 202324 Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its

implications by the bidder. The tender document is available on website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek

	clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:							
Α	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document/Sale of Bid Document	The standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://						
	(Start)	jktenders.gov.in from 15-04-2023; 10:00 AM						
В	Sale of Bid Document (End)	04-05-2023; 02:00 PM						
С	Clarification start date	24-04-2023; 10:00 AM						
D	Clarification End date	04-05-2023; 02:00 PM						
E	e-Bid submission (start) date and time (Submission of e-tender fee, and other support-	24-04-2023; 10:00 AM						
	ing documents in PDF/XLS format)							
F	e-Bid submission (End) date and time Submission of e-tender fee, and other supporting	04-05-2023; 04:00 PM						
	documents in PDF/XLS format)							
G	Hard copy of tender document Submission end date (along-with Original Copy of e-ten-	Required for L1 only & to be submitted on or one day after opening						
	der fee, Instruments and other supporting documents)	of financial e-bid.						
Н	Online commercial and technical e-bid opening date and time	05-05-2023; 02:00 PM						
I	Online financial e-bid opening date & time (only of the technically qualified bidders)	Will be communicated to the technically qualified bidders						
1	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-bids	Office of Executive Engineer ED-III, Sgr.						

DIPK-NB-218-23

DT: 13/04/2023

K | Cost of e-bid document. (Copy of treasury challan/receipt to be uploaded with e-tender) | Rs. 500/- (Rupees five Hundred only)

## IPL 2023: KKR Face SRH, Eye Hat-Trick Of Wins

**Press Trust of India** 

**KOLKATA:** On a high after Rinku Singh's phenomenal knock, Kolkata Knight Riders will be gunning for a hat-trick of victories when they face a resurgent Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Indian Premier League here on Friday.

Having started off their campaign with a reversal against Punjab Kings at Mohali, KKR found two unlikely heroes in two matches to get their campaign up and running.

First, it was Shardul Thakur's storm with the bat that took a star-studded Royal Challengers Bangalore by surprise as the pace bowling allrounder's 29-ball 68 led KKR to their first win of the season, a dominant 81-run victory.

Then the low-profile Rinku has become the flavour of the season after pulling off the greatest heist in T20 history by scoring 31 runs in the last over to win a match.

KKR defeated the reigning champions Gujarat Titans by three



wickets in their den, the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, courtesy Rinku's astonishing power-hitting

KKR have tried out different opening combinations in the three matches so far and it is likely to be changed again against SRH, with England opener Jason Roy likely to be included in place of Rahmanul-

lah Gurbaz.

As for SRH, the Aiden Markramled side looks strong on paper after some big buys like Harry Brook, Mayank Agarwal and Heinrich Klaasen at the auction.

Overflowing with white-ball specialists, SRH, however, have failed to impress in their first two matches. However, a Rahul Tripa-

thi special — 48-ball unbeaten 74 — led them to their first win of the season when they defeated Punjab Kings by eight wickets.

Boosted by the win, the Brian Lara-coached side would look to hold on to their winning momentum and give KKR a strong fight at home.

The high-profile Brook, who has been signed for Rs 13.25 crore, has so far managed scores of 13, 3 and 13.

A member of the England side that won the T20 World Cup last year, Brook has looked out of sorts in the opener's role, and it would not be a bad idea to bring him down the order.

They also have a potent spin attack in Washington Sundar and Mayank Markande, fresh from his 4/15 against Punjab Kings, while the pace attack, led by Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Marco Jansen, will give KKR a tough fight.

A win for KKR, currently placed third, may take them to the top of the table

## AIFF Scouts To Visit Every J&K District: JKFA

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** In a significant development, two scouts from the All India Football Federation (AIFF) will visit every district in J&K to identify local talent through selection trials.

The announcement was made on Thursday by Jammu & Kashmir Football Association (JKFA) Election Commission Chairman, Waseem Aslam, who raised the issue with AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey and Secretary General Shaji Prabhakaran dur-

ing their recent meetings.

"(AIFF) will prioritize identifying and nurturing young talent in J&K. In this regard, AIFF has proposed a pilot project wherein they will send two scouts from

AIFF to every district who will hold trials and identify young players with potential who will be given advanced training outside

J&K," the JKFA Chairman said.
"The AIFF President also revealed that the organization will be holding coach education programs in the 12 most footballing districts of J&K," Waseem Aslam added.

## Srinagar Taekwondo Championship Winners Felicitated By DSTA



**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** District Srinagar Tae-kwondo Association (DSTA) organised a prize distribution ceremony at Gindun sports Complex, Rajbagh, on Thursday, for the athletes and coaches who recently participated in the District Srinagar Taekwondo Championships 2022-23.

The championships were organised by DSTA under the aegis of J&K Taekwondo Association.

A number of athletes, coaches and parents took part in the ceremony, which opened with a great demonstration skills of Taekwondo by young male and female athletes by performing the three main aspects of the game, i.e., Kyorugi (Fighting), Poomsae (Pattern) and Ho Sin Sul (Self Defense).

Adv Neelofar Masood (Joint Secretary, JKTA) was chief guest and distributed the prizes among the participants who had clinched various medals in the championship.

## Inter School Sports Competitions Held In Srigufwara

**Observer News Service** 

**ANANTNAG:** The Department of Youth Services and Sports Anantnag Zone Srigufwara held Inter-School Under-14 and Under-17 Boys and Girls competitions in carrom, chess and table tennis on Wednesday.

The Zonal Physical Education Officer Srigufwara organised these Inter School Zonal Level competitions at two locations. At HSS Srigufwara, the Principal HSS Srigufwara was the chief guest. Almost 300 boys and girls participated in these competitions.

In U-14 Boys Chess, Nice Srigufwara was the winner and Ms Movera came as runner up.

In U-17 Boys Chess, MS Dehwatoo emerged as winner and HSS Kharim came as runner up. In U-14 boys Carrom, MS Badroo emerged as the winner while Sha-



hine Ps were the runner ups. In U17 Boys Carrom, Allmans School were the winners and HSS Srigufwara came as runner ups.



**CANCER SOCIETY OF KASHMIR** 

كينسر سوسا ئيتى آف كشمير

The management & the staff of the Cancer Society of Kashmir place on record their sense of deep heartfelt grief & sorrow over the sad demise of husband of Prof. (Dr.) Fir Afroz (EX. H.O.D. Radiation Oncology SKIMS). Life-Member of Cancer Society of Kashmir. It is really an irreparable & unbearable loss which we have to share equally. It is unfortunate that death has laid its icy hands on him.

Anyway man is a tool in the hands of destiny. Mysteries are the ways of Almighty Allah. We have to bear them & face them with utter patience because as per Holy Quran "Innallaha ma sabireen" May Allah grant him highest place in Janatul-Firdouse & Sabri Jameel to the bereaved family.



