

## In Peace Din, Harvesting Begins Along Indo-Pak Border

Press Trust Of India

**Golpattan (Jammu):** Amid peace prevailing along the Indo-Pakistan border due to year-long ceasefire, wheat harvesting on the zero line along the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir's Gajansoo belt began on Saturday. Located bang on zero line, the agriculture department's Seed Multiplication Farm spread on nearly 2,300 acres of land



on two sides of border fencing in the Golpattan-Chinore belt, nearly 55 kilometres from Jammu, saw men and machines getting into action since morning to harvest wheat crop. The ceasefire along the border between India and Pakistan has been prevailing since last year. This has rekindled hopes for a peaceful future among border residents, who have been living under constant fear of cross-border

shelling, in Jammu & Kashmir. The ceasefire was announced by the two armies through a joint statement issued on February 25 last. "We have started harvesting the wheat crop on this farm. Our crops are ripe, we will take a few days to complete harvesting in this farm", the Manager of Seed Multiplication Farm, Chinore, Kuldeep Raj told PTI. He said that harvesting is taking place on **More on P6**

## Airlines, Tour Operators Complicit in Hiking Airfares: Kashmir Inc

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry Saturday alleged that some airlines in collusion with bulk ticket booking operators are hiking the airfares at their sweet will in wake of the huge influx of tourists and Non-Resident Kashmiris (NRK). The Chamber said that the feedback received about the tourist inflow to Kashmir Valley by air route indicates that the rush of air travelers to the valley is increasing as besides the tourists, a large number of NRKs, students and patients taking treatment outside of the state are returning home for the celebration of Eid festival. "It has been learnt that some airlines in collusion with bulk ticket booking operators are hiking the airfares at their sweet will which is not only affecting

the tourist business in Jammu & Kashmir adversely but also overburdens the Non Resident Kashmiris, students studying outside and patients", Kashmir Inc said in a press statement to Kashmir Observer. Quoting Faiz Ahmad Bakshi, Secretary General, the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry the statement said that the business community has already expressed its grave concern about "such ill-advised unwarranted fare hiking practices by the airlines" and the bulk ticket booking operators". He said this practice has been also observed by the Department-related Parliamentary Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture, Government of India. "It appears that the airlines operators on Delhi/Jammu/Srinagar air route have not taken the clear recommendations of the said **More on P6**

## Valley Braces For 5-Day Wet Spell Beginning Today

Agencies

**Srinagar:** The weatherman on Saturday said that a fresh Western Disturbance is approaching over north India and predicted light to moderate rain, snowfall over higher reaches in Jammu & Kashmir from Sunday. The weatherman also said that there is possibility of damage to orchards and abrupt fall in day temperature. Director Meteorological department (MeT), Sonum Lotus said that a fresh spell of intermittent light to moderate rain and snowfall is expected over higher reaches in J&K during April 16-20. He said that the main activity will be during April 17-18. During this wet spell, thunderstorms with strong gusty wind reaching (20-30KMPH) and hailstorm are also possible at some places



of Jammu & Kashmir, he said, adding that the wet spell is due to approaching of a fresh Western Disturbance over North India. In wake of the fresh wet spell, there is a possibility of temporary disruption of surface transportation especially over hilly and snowbound areas. He further said that the waterlogging in low lying

areas and damage to orchards is also possible. Besides, there would be an abrupt fall in day temperature by 7-8 degree Celsius. He advised people that prior to embarking on a long journey, confirm road status from the concerned traffic department. "Stay informed about the weather, as it **More on P6**

## KPDCL Unveils Prepaid Mode For New Power Connections

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** In a major reform aimed to cut transmission and distribution losses, besides bringing in transparency in the department, the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) on Saturday announced smart meters with prepaid for the people availing new power connections. "With this major step towards better reforms, consumers that are applying for new connections

shall be provided smart meters with prepaid functionality for bill payment," an official spokesperson said Saturday. The move, he said, has been made to keep pace with latest state of art technology coupled with empowering consumers with transparency. "The consumers applying for new connections have to apply online at the website www.kpdcl.jkpcdd.net. The consumer shall deposit the **More on P6**

## Snow Clearance On Mughal Road In Full Swing

The snow clearance operation on the Mughal road is likely to be completed next week, officials said on Saturday, as demands grew louder for its opening around the "Eid-ul-Fitr" festival. The road, an alternate link connecting the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri in Jammu region with south Kashmir's Shopian, was closed for winter months in January owing to heavy snowfall in the upper reaches, including at Pir Ki Gali. **More on P6**

## Gangster-Turned-Politician Atiq Ahmed, Brother Shot Dead

Press Trust Of India

**Prayagraj:** Gangster-turned-politician Atiq Ahmad and his brother Ashraf were killed when unidentified assailants opened fire at them near a medical college here on April 15 night. The shooting was caught on camera as mediapersons were following the duo being escorted to the hospital by the police for a medical checkup. At least two persons were seen firing from close range at Ahmad and his brother who fell to the ground, while the police soon overpowered the attackers. The bullet-riddled bodies of Ahmad and Ashraf were taken away from the spot as tension gripped the area after the sensational killing. Both of them had been



brought here for a court hearing in connection with the 2005 Umesh Pal murder case. Earlier, the last rites of Asad Ahmad were performed at Kasari Masari graveyard here amid heavy police security, with only a few distant relatives and locals present inside the burial ground. The burial lasted for an hour, police said. Asad and his accomplice Ghulam, both wanted in the Umesh Pal **More on P6**

## J&K Logs 85 New Corona Cases

Agencies

**Srinagar:** Jammu and Kashmir reported 85 fresh covid-19 cases while there was no death due to the virus during the last 24 hours, officials said on Saturday. They said that 36 cases were reported from Jammu division and 49 from Kashmir Valley, taking the overall tally to 480831. Among the cases, 174560 are from Jammu division and 306271 from Kashmir Valley. Providing district wise details of the cases, they said, 28 cases were reported Jammu district, 13 from Anantnag, nine from Srinagar, eight each from Bandipora and Pulwama, six from Baramulla, five from Udhampur, four from Budgam, and one each from Doda, Poonch, **More on P6**

### SHORT TAKES

#### PSA of Jailed Bandipora Youth Quashed

The High Court of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh has quashed the detention of a Bandipora youth lodged in Agra jail under the Public Safety Act (PSA). The detainee, Ashiq Hussain Teli, son of Ghulam Nabi, a resident of Watrina Bandipora, presently residing at Khoshal Colony Tulibal Sopore, who is a 'Cook', is presently lodged at Central Jail Agra in the Indian northern state of Uttar Pradesh. He was **More on P6**

#### Mortar Shell Defused in Jammu

A rusted mortar shell was found in a forest area on the outskirts of Jammu on Saturday, officials said, adding it was defused by the bomb disposal squad. Special Police Officer Sunil Kumar noticed the mortar shell lying in Shivalikpuram forest area near Janipur Colony and informed the local police station about it, the officials said. A police party rushed to the scene and the mortar **More on P6**

#### Khadim-ul-Hujaj Interviews On April 19

The Jammu and Kashmir Haj committee on Saturday announced dates for conducting interviews of Khadim-ul-Hujaj for this year's annual pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia. In a statement issued here on Saturday, an official spokesperson said that all the candidates who have applied for selection as Khadim-ul-Hujaj for Haj-2023 are hereby **More on P6**

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# Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir.

**Scholarship Name 1: IIHS Urban Fellows Programme 2023-24**

Description: IIHS Urban Fellows Programme 2023-24 is an initiative of the Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) for bachelor's degree holders in any subject or discipline. It is a scholarship-based, nine-month, full-time, interdisciplinary and residential programme, delivered through seven months of in-class teaching at the IIHS City Campus in Bengaluru. This programme is followed by two months of internship placements in locations where a fellow's particular internship organisation is located.

Eligibility: Open for Indian citizens below 30 years of age at the time of the UFP's commencement. The applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in any subject or discipline and have basic proficiency in reading English (Note - There is support available for candidates with limited speaking ability in English)

Prizes & Rewards: Tuition fees and stipend to cover daily living expenses

Last Date to Apply: 24-04-2023  
 Application mode: Online applications and through post to - The Admissions Committee IIHS Bengaluru City Campus, No. 197/36, 2nd Main Road, Sadashivanagar Bengaluru - 560 080  
 Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/IIHS4

**Scholarship Name 2: D. K. Bhawe Scholarship 2023**

Description: D. K. Bhawe Scholarship 2023 is an opportunity offered by the Savitribai Phule Pune University. The purpose of the scheme is to encourage students to return to India after their master's degree and help India to compete in the global economy.

Eligibility: Open for applicants who are Engineering graduates or studying in final year of B.E./B.Tech. degree (any branch) of Savitribai Phule Pune University from the NBA (National Board of Accreditation) accredited institutes. The candidates must have secured merit-based 'confirmed admission' in a master's degree course in Engineering and Technology in any foreign accredited university from USA/Canada/Germany/England.

Prizes & Rewards: 50% of total cost of one year for a master's degree  
 Last Date to Apply: 20-05-2023  
 Application mode: Online applications only



Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/DKB3

Scholarship Name 3: Arts University Bournemouth GREAT Scholarships 2023-24

Description: Arts University Bournemouth GREAT Scholarships 2023-24 is an opportunity offered by the Arts University Bournemouth in partnership with the British Council and the GREAT Britain Campaign to students applying for a postgraduate course at Arts University Bournemouth.

Eligibility: Open for Indian citizens holding a valid passport. The applicants must hold an offer/invitation to study a one-year postgraduate course at the Arts University Bournemouth. They must have a language certificate before or by May 15, 2023 and be overseas fee payers.

Prizes & Rewards: £10,000 discount on the course fee for a year  
 Last Date to Apply: 30-04-2023  
 Application mode: Online applications only  
 Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/GAU6

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I have lost my 9th pass discharge certificate somewhere. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Principal Govt Higher Secondary School Palhallan within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Sabina Yusuf  
 D/o Mohamad Yusuf Mir fko  
 R/o Palhallan Pattan

**OFFICE OF THE ADVOCATE RIAZ AHMED BHAT**

In the case of:  
 1. Bilal Ahmad Bhat  
 2. Mohammad Imran Bhat  
 Both Sons of Late Abdul Hameed Bhat  
 3. Toyiba Hameed  
 D/o: Late Abdul Hameed Bhat  
 4. Rafiq W/o: Late Abdul Hameed Bhat  
 All Residents of: Madeen Sahib Botakadal Lal Bazar Srinagar. (Caveators )

V/S  
 Public at Large

(NON-CAVEATOR)  
 IN THE MATTER OF:- Caveat petition  
 That the caveators have reason to believe that the non-caveator(s) may likely approach the Hon'ble Court of Principal District Judge Srinagar with unclean hands and may choose to file any Petition, suit, application or any other legal proceedings against the caveators and may secure interim order(s) by misrepresenting the facts which will cause irreparable loss to the caveators. If the non-caveators choose to file any such case, proceedings against the caveators before the Hon'ble Court of Principal District Judge Srinagar, in that eventuality the caveators may be given prior opportunity of being heard before passing any order (s) against the caveators.

Sd/-  
 Riaz Ahmed Bhat  
 Advocate  
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**From the office of the Advocate Peer Majid Hamid and associates**

In the case of:  
 Mrs Rafiq W/o Lt Mohammad Yousuf Bhat  
 2 Shabir Ahamd Bhat  
 3. Umar Yousuf Bhat Ss/o Mohammad Yousuf Bhat  
 4 Shabana Yousuf 5. Humaira yousuf  
 Ds/o Mohammad Yousuf Bhat R/o Rawatpora Baghat Srinagar (Caveators )

Versus  
 Public at large (NON-CAVEATOS)

In the Petition in terms of Section 48-A  
 The Caveator has reason to believe that Non-Caveators may file any Application, Petition, Appeal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seek in obtaining some relief/order at their back /in experts against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveator be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

Sd/advocate  
 nj

**The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education**  
 New Campus Bemina Srinagar  
 Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-

Roll No: 2604260  
 Class 10th  
 Year & Session : Annual Regular 2017  
 Registration: N16460017  
 Name : Ishrat Lone  
 Father's Name: Shah Mohammad Lone  
 Mother's Name : Khatija Begum  
 Date of Birth:- 07-08-2002  
 Residenc:- Shahpora Payeen Gurez

According to the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice. (Besides the above referred "Qualification Certificate/s" bearing No: FARKAM-4010548 be treated as "CANCELLED")  
 No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)/B/KD/23  
 Dated : 13-04-2023  
 Assistant Secretary  
 Certificates, KD.  
 FKO



**FATEHA KHWANI**

We announce with profound grief the sad demise of Ghulam Mohammad Zaroo (Zargar) originally from Mirza Kamil Sahib, Hawal at his residence 29 Mominabad, Hyderpora on Friday, April 14, 2023.

Fateha Khwani (Rasm e Qul) of the marhoom shall be held at his ancestral graveyard near Mirza Kamil Sahib Chowk Hawal on Monday, 17th April, 2023. Inshallah

**BEREAVED**  
 Abdul Majid Zargar  
 Bashir Ahmad Zargar  
 Farooq Ahmad Zargar  
 Mohammad Amin Zargar

29 Mominabad, Hyderpora  
 Near Asif Filling Station ss

Office address: Padpawan Shopian  
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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

**Office of the Divisional Forest Officer & Forest Division Shopian.**

**AUCTION NOTICE**

An open Auction of Confiscated Horses/Ponies seized at Shopian & Romshi Forest Ranges of Forest Division Shopian shall be conducted through Forest Division Shopian as per the calendar shown below:-  
 At Forest Range Office Romshi Pulwama on 19-04-2023 at 11:00 a.m

Note:-In case the auction is not conducted on fixed date and time due to any reason(s), the Auction shall be conducted on next working day.

**TERMS/ CONDITIONS**

All the persons interested in the Auction of these animals may participate in the open Auction on the following terms and conditions:-

- The intending bidders shall have to prove his /her identity before participation in the auction
- No person involved/accused in any Forest offence shall be allowed to participate in the action. All the participants shall affirm their non-involvement in any forest offence, otherwise it shall lead to legal action against the person.
- The interested bidders shall have to deposit an amount of Rs. 5000/= (Rupees Five Thousand only) as security deposit in cash/CDR (pledged to DFO: Forest Division Shopian) before participating in the auction. The security deposit in case of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned on closure of the auction. In case of successful bidder, the security deposit amount in cash/CDR shall be adjusted towards payment of cost of auctioned Horses/Ponies.
- The successful bidder shall have to deposit the entire bid amount on spot against proper receipt before taking delivery of the purchased horses on the same day. No delay in deposition of cost and delivery of Horses/Ponies shall be allowed. In case any bidder fails to deposit the entire cost or fails to take delivery of the Horses/Ponies on the same day, the auction of the particular Horses/Ponies shall be deemed as cancelled.
- The Auction committee may reject any offer without assigning any reason thereof.
- The intending bidder shall have to participate personally in the auction and no proxy or Telephonic offer /Internet based offer shall be accepted.
- No offer after the closure of auction shall be entertained under any circumstances.
- The Horses/Ponies purchased through this auction shall not be utilized for any illegal activity including any Act(s) prohibited under J&K Forest Act. The purchaser shall have to furnish an attested undertaking to this effect. In case of any violation, the purchaser shall be liable for legal action. In case the auctioned Horses/Ponies were found involved in Forest offence an amount of Rs= 25000/= (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) shall be imposed as penalty/fine to the bidder. He/she shall also be debarred from participation in the auctions.
- Any other conditions that the auction committee may deem necessary shall be announced on spot before the commencement of auction.

DFO: Shopian Forest Division

No: DFO/SPN/68-76/L  
 DIPP-486/23 Dated:15-04-2023

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

**HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (J&K) SRI PRATAP COLLEGE**  
 NAAC RE-ACCREDITED GRADE-A CLUSTER UNIVERSITY SRINAGAR M.A. ROAD SRINAGAR

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW (JRF) POST**

Applications are invited for the post of Junior Research Fellow (JRF) available in the Department of Biotechnology of this college under Dr. Roohi Mushtaq (Principal Investigator) for sanctioned research project, "Metabolite profiling of Some important Medicinal Plants of J& K" (funded by JKST&IC).

Interested applicants should submit their applications written on plain paper along with their brief CV, contact details; self-attested copies of qualification certificates and copies of other credentials/testimonials in the Office of the Department of Biotechnology, Sri Pratap College, Srinagar, before 30th April, 2023.

The Date, Time & Venue of the interview for the said post shall be communicated through e-mail to all the eligible shortlisted candidates.

**Eligibility & other terms for the post:**

- > Minimum educational qualification is M.Sc. degree in Biotechnology/Botany, with at least 60% or equivalent marks from a recognized Institution.
- > Desirable qualification: Relevant and Recognized Research Experience.
- > Shortlisted eligible applicants shall produce Original Certificates/Testimonials at the time of interview.
- > No TA/DA is permissible for attending the interview.
- > The tenure of appointment is till the termination of the project.
- > The remuneration for the selected position (JRF) is Rs: 10,000 per month (Consolidated)

DIPK-469/23 dated: 15-04-2023

Principal Investigator  
 Sri Pratap College

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

**Office of the Joint Director Fisheries, (South) Kashmir Division**

**PRESSNOTE**

Sub: Availability of Trout /Carp fish on the eve of Shabi Qadar and Eid-ul -Fitr.

In order to ensure adequate availability of the fish on the eve of Shabi Qadar and Eid-ul- Fitr, the Department of Fisheries has arranged the special sale of fish (Carp /Trout) at their existing sale centers / rearing units in the Kashmir Division we.f.16/04/2023.

Moreover, the special sale outlets will be established at all District Head quarters. As such the general public is informed that they can purchase Carp/Trout fish from the Departmental sale outlets on Govt. rates.

No: JDF/S/K/Sgr/910-26  
 DIPK-473/23  
 Dated. 15-04-2023

Sd/-  
 Joint Director Fisheries,  
 (South) Kashmir Division.

از عدالت سبج پیٹیشنل موبائل مجسٹریٹ سرینگر

با اجلاس احسان ملک صاحب

مشتاق احمد شاہ

رجسٹرار تحسین ایبڈو تحسین

نام

سائل اسما لکھ

درخواست لغزغ اندراج تاریخ پیدائش

نام: صادقہ مشتاق

تاریخ پیدائش: 11-03-2010

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل اسما لکھ نے عدالت ہڈا میں ایک درخواست بشمول ملحق بغرض اندراج تاریخ پیدائش: صادقہ مشتاق احمد شاہ ساکنہ نور باغ بانوان پورہ سرینگر مورخہ 11-04-2023 میں کی ہے۔ لہذا انعام الناس کو بڈ ریویشنیا مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی عدالت یا اعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے عدالت شاعت اشتہار کے اندر ہی پید عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔ بعد گزرنے مینا کوئی عدالت یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آئندہ عدالت ہڈا میں 09-05-2023 کو قہر ہے۔

تحریرا الصدر

سبج پیٹیشنل موبائل مجسٹریٹ

از عدالت سبج پیٹیشنل موبائل مجسٹریٹ سرینگر

با اجلاس احسان ملک صاحب

مشتاق احمد شاہ

رجسٹرار تحسین ایبڈو تحسین

نام

سائل اسما لکھ

درخواست لغزغ اندراج تاریخ پیدائش

نام: خشبو

تاریخ پیدائش: 30-08-2012

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل اسما لکھ نے عدالت ہڈا میں ایک درخواست بشمول ملحق بغرض اندراج تاریخ پیدائش: خشبو مشتاق احمد شاہ ساکنہ نور باغ بانوان پورہ سرینگر مورخہ 11-04-2023 میں کی ہے۔ لہذا انعام الناس کو بڈ ریویشنیا مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی عدالت یا اعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے عدالت شاعت اشتہار کے اندر ہی پید عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔ بعد گزرنے مینا کوئی عدالت یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آئندہ عدالت ہڈا میں 09-05-2023 کو قہر ہے۔

تحریرا الصدر

سبج پیٹیشنل موبائل مجسٹریٹ

از عدالت چیف جوڈیشل مجسٹریٹ سبج پیٹیشنل موبائل مجسٹریٹ سرینگر

با اجلاس راجا محمد تسلیم

نثار احمد چیلو (سائل)

رجسٹرار تحسین ایبڈو تحسین

نام

درخواست برادر اندراج کرنے تاریخ نوٹگی

آز اس عبدالرحمان چیلو تاریخ نوٹگی 14-01-2022

اشتہار برادر گاہی ہر خاص و عام

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تحریرا الصدر

چیف جوڈیشل مجسٹریٹ سبج پیٹیشنل موبائل مجسٹریٹ

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## Police Arrests Two Bike Borne Thieves For Robbing Tourist

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Police on Saturday said they arrested two bike borne thieves who robbed an old aged tourist lady in Bishamber nagar locality of the city on Wednesday.

"During investigation of FIR No 17/23 U/S 392 IPC of Khanyar police station two where an old aged tourist lady was robbed by two bike borne thieves at Bishamber nagar on 12.04.23." Srinagar Police tweeted.

They have been identified as Mohammad Asif

of Shahdara Sharief Rajouri and Mohammad Younis of Thanamandi Rajouri. They have been arrested and stolen property has been recovered from their possession.

In a tweet Srinagar police said, "During investigation of FIR No 17/23 U/S 392 IPC of Khanyar PS where an old aged tourist lady was robbed by 2 Bike borne thieves at Bishamber nagar on 12.04.23. Mohammad Asif of Shahdara Sharief Rajouri & Mohammad Younis of Thanamandi Rajouri arrested, stolen property recovered."

## Prominent Store AFJAN Opens Outlet In City

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A prominent global store, AFJAN opened its exclusive showroom in the summer capital's Jawahar Nagar area here. Pertinently, the large demand for dates during Ramzan is owing to both dietary and cultural reasons. Opening the Iftar (breaking of fast) with dates is customary as dates, rich in iron and vitamins, can give an instant energy boost.

Chairman of the prominent global brand, AJFAN dates, and nuts, Mohamed Kutty Nechikkatte, said "At AJFAN, we respect and connect with Mother Nature and earth and we do not do anything that does not go in sync with nature. Hence, dry fruits that we grow at our farm are free of pesticides or insecticides," he said, adding "The cultivation measures that we have been using are purely organic. There is minimal use of machines and we prefer using our hands for our cultivation. We ensure that each pack of our dry fruits is hygienic and does not contain any preservatives. Keeping nature intact and saving the environment is our way of giving back what Mother Nature has given us!"

He said that feasting and fasting go hand-in-hand during Ramzan. The sumptuous spread for Iftar may vary but the feasting in the evening begins with dates, a staple all during the season. Right from roadside vendors and fruit stalls to general stores and supermarkets, one can find it everywhere. "Kashmir is a vibrant market and people love good products here. Also, they have good buying power as well. All we are focusing on at the moment is to provide quality services with world-class products."



An Arts exhibition featuring artworks of Dr Jahangir Aslam Makhdoomi was held at Kashmir Arts Emporium on Saturday. KO Photo Abid Bhat.

## Ramazan 2023: People Serve Iftar To Travelers, Passersby In City Outskirts

Agencies

Srinagar: As serving Iftar to a Muslim is considered a highly-rewarding act in Islam, Muhammad Ramzan from central Kashmir's Srinagar district ensures he never misses carrying out the good deed in the holy month of Ramazan.

The 52-year-old, after every Asr (later afternoon) prayer along with his family members, prepares hundreds of Iftar kits and serves them to the travelers and passersby on the Srinagar-Baramulla highway at the time of breaking the fast. Muslims fast from pre-dawn to dusk in the month of Ramazan.

"It is a routine for me in the month of Ramazan to serve Iftar to anyone traveling on the highway. A few minutes before Iftar time, I start distributing Iftar kits to passersby on the road," Ramzan said.

For him, serving Iftar is the "happiest and most peaceful moment" for which he spends money from his own earnings. "Serving

Iftar to a fellow Muslim has a great reward from the Almighty," Ramzan said.

Normally, an Iftar kit consists of a couple of dates, a mineral water bottle, a banana, muskmelon, watermelon, grapes, slices of other

distribution. Another neighbour Ramzan, a 33-year-old Nisar Ahmad also serves Iftaar to travelers on the highway.

"Every Ramazan, I ensure that I make the arrangement of Iftaar for those who are traveling on the

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fruits, etc. It can also be a cooked rice packet, locally known as biryani, and other delicious eatables.

Another person, Nazir Ahmad, also has a practice of serving Iftar, however, not daily but weekly. He serves a glass of 'Babri Byol Treishi' (milk mixed with basil seeds) or with the fruit chat.

I prepare around 200 fruit chaat kits and 150 to 175 liters of 'Babri Beol Treishi' for Iftar

highway. I make around two buckets of milk mixed with basil seeds and use disposable glasses for distribution," he said.

The scenes are not just confined to a single area of Srinagar but many people from across the valley offer Iftar to passersby.

As the holy month of Ramazan has entered its last phase, more people would make Iftar arrangements for people—(KNO)

## FCS&CA Imposes Fine On 43 Erring Traders

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 fined 43 erring traders in Srinagar with a sum of Rs. 28900 for violating Essential Com-

modities Act, 1955.

The action against the erring was taken during a massive market checking drive within the vicinity of Srinagar City i.e. Bota Kadal, Dalgate, Sonwar, Shivpora, Harwan, Shalimar, Nowpora, Baba Demb, Habba Kadal, Kani Kadal, Qamarwari, Parimpora, Batamalo, Rawalpora, Baghi Mehtab, Chanapora etc.

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S/o Ghulam Nabi Dar

R/o Pethpora, Pandach, Srinagar, Kashmir

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FAJR	4 :32
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Magrib	7:05
ISHA	8: 31

## This Day In History

- 1799 -- Napoleonic Wars: The Battle of Mount Tabor - Napoleon drives Ottoman Turks across the River Jordan near Acre.
- 1865 - Battle of Columbus & West Point, GA (Ft Tyler)
- 1913 - The Bulgarians and the Turks agree to an armistice that will be accepted by the other nations involved
- 1917 - Lenin arrives back from exile in Russia at Finland Station, Petrograd to join the Russian Revolution
- 1921 - Liberal Freedom League forms in The Hague
- 1922 - German-Russian treaty signed in Italy, Soviet Union recognized
- 1922 - Rapallo Agreement, between Germany and Russia, is signed
- 1939 - Stalin requests British, French & Russian anti-nazi pact
- 1943 - 40 NZ bombers attack Haarlem, Netherlands (85 killed)
- 1945 - Red Army begins Battle of Berlin
- 1945 - US troops enter Nuremberg, Germany
- 1946 - 1st US launch of captured V-2 rocket, White Sands, NM; 8 km alt
- 1953 - British royal yacht Britannia launched by Queen Elizabeth II
- 1957 - USSR performs atmospheric nuclear test
- 1972 - Two giant pandas arrive in US from China
- 1972 - Apollo 16 launched; 5th manned lunar landing (Decartes Highlands)
- 1974 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalitsk USSR
- 2003 - Treaty of Accession is signed in Athens admitting 10 new member states to the European Union

## From KO Archives

## Pervez Visit To Begin With Prayers

India to fire new CBMs At Pak

New Delhi - Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf will begin his two day India visit Saturday with prayers at dargah of Sufi saint Khwaja Moinudin Chisti at Ajmer before commencing extensive talks with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on all outstanding issues, including Kashmir, on Sunday.

Seeking to break fresh ground, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is expected to place new confidence building measures to carry forward the peace process in his talks with Pakistan President, who visits India on his first visit after the failed 2001 Agra Summit.

Singh, who will hold parleys with Musharraf after witnessing the last one-day Indo-Pak cricket match for over an hour in the morning, is likely to suggest opening of additional bus routes and ways to promote tourism in Kashmir to enable people-to-people contacts. A joint statement after the talks is not ruled out.

Official sources said that Musharraf, who will be accompanied by his wife Seeba and a 40-member delegation, has been conveyed Singh's suggestion that providing full security to the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service was the "joint responsibility" of the two countries and signals from that side have been "positive".

On the eve of Musharraf's visit, the Prime Minister told a Chief Ministers' conclave here that "it is the joint responsibility of the Governments of India and Pakistan." to provide full security to the bus passengers. The two countries should fight the scourge of terrorism in the region, he added.

FIGHTING TERROR TOGETHER: India and Pakistan can work together in fighting the sources of terrorism in the region making it clear it was their joint responsibility to ensure full security to the passengers of Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service.

He said "I do believe that it is the joint responsibility of the Governments of India and Pakistan, and of the local authorities on both sides of the line of control, to work together in providing full security cover to the bus service which is a service for peace and for promotion of reconciliation."

"I sincerely hope we can work together in protecting the lives of innocent people and in lighting the sources of terrorism in the region," Singh said.

(Kashmir Observer, 16 April, 2005)

# The Unwanted Burden: Why School Bags Need to Get Lighter

Mushtaq Ahmad Rather

School education is an integral aspect of an individual's life. If we try to visualize school proceedings in the current context, the first thing that strikes our mind is the exhaustive image of a school with an oversized bag hanging down their and the structural layout of the school premises puts additional burden as the bag is to be carried up and down a multi storey school building.

going child with an oversized bag hanging down their and the structural layout of the school premises puts additional burden carried up Recently, the Director Education Kashmir, on Friday night issued guidelines to heads of the institutions asking them to set maximum weights for the school bags besides specifying which subject to be taught from which class as per the new National Educational Policy (NEP). The School Education Department also ordered against any bags for pre-primary students.

This is a positive step in the direction. However, the advocacy around heavy bags is not new. Renowned writer R.K.Narayan had once made a resounding speech in the parliament regarding abolition of heavy school bags for students, which in his words, "hang their arms forward like Chimpanzees and like a pack-mule."

NCF 2005 had drawn insight from the report Learning Without Burden (Yashpal committee report, MHRD,1993) and made significant remarks that heavy school bags are a source of physical discomfort and there is also a curriculum load that students are being subjected to.

A number of research scholars have unanimously concluded that the weight of the school bag should not exceed 10 percent of the child's body weight, based on the fact that it can affect their spinal posture, foot shape and walking style. Kyphotic and balanced body postures dominate during the age of seven to eight years, however, when the child begins to attend school, their time spent in a sitting position is extended, which can result in disorders of posture genesis. Hence this period is called "the first critical period of posture genesis" (Katarzyna Walicka-Cupry, et al.2015). The weight of the school bag carried by school going children is primarily related to the individual's body weight. The forward leaning posture and weary face of the child reflects an expression that the bag is quite heavy for the child to carry along.

School system needs to offer basic required subjects at every stage as per the school bag Policy 2020 direction. More subjects and textbooks at different stages, particularly at the primary stage, creates not only stress of studying but also imposes the additional pressure of carrying those textbooks to school. Once the school system makes transition from text book dominated culture to learner centric competence based culture, the issue of heavy bags will automatically be mitigated.

The National Curricular Framework 2005 and draft policy of National Curricular Framework of School Education 2021-2022 recently released for public feedback has strictly recommended only two subjects: language and mathematics for classes 1st and 2nd. This recommendation was implemented in entirety in Government run institutions of UT of Jammu



**“The qualitative output of the student should not be determined by the weight of the bag and this ill notion needs to be discarded. We must provide equal space to co-curricular areas and invest in humanistic qualities of the school going child to prepare them for real life challenges**

and Kashmir but private schools totally junked this recommendation and instead introduced a chain of other subjects for these classes. The same is the case with classes from 3rd to 5th standard. Beyond the suggested recommendations like language, mathematics and environmental studies, a wide range of other subjects is prescribed by private schools.

How can a 5 year old manage 14 books? It is not merely a matter of the weight of 14 books, note books, lunch packs and water bottles. Such a trend further adds to the miseries of students and has adverse repercussions on their psyche and physical health.

Besides affecting the health of the child, it has far reaching consequences on the economic condition of the family as well, where a parent has no option but to buy these articles at whopping costs.

With the implementation of NEP 2020, the UT government of Jammu and Kashmir made it obligatory via an order that all the schools (including private schools) across the UT shall stick to common curriculum from 6th grade onwards but the unholy nexus of private schools with publishers forces parents to buy a parallel set of books besides the recommended one. In this manner, instead of following the recommendations of school bag policy 2020 to curtail the weight of school bag, private schools have

further aggravated the problem of the school going child by compelling them to bring an additional set of books to school.

The Para 3.15 of School Bag Policy and Para 4.26 of NEP 2020 emphasizes that every school going child will be involved in a fun centric module during grades 6th to 8th. All students will actively take part in a 10-day bag less span in a flexible slot during grades 6-8 where they will be motivated to intern with local vocational experts such as carpenters, potters, gardeners, artists etc. Similar internship opportunities to experience vocational subjects will be made available to students throughout grades 6-12. Bag-less days will be encouraged throughout the year for various types of enrichment activities including arts, quizzes, sports and vocational crafts.

School curriculum has a strong linkage with the weight of the school bag. More number of subjects offered in schools indicates more text books to be carried along and home work on regular basis implies additional weight on tender shoulders.

The expert group on National school bag policy 2020 has advocated the implementation of following recommendations for the curtailment of weight of school bag including recommendation on home work and number of subjects offered

The committee has recommended to adhere to universally accepted ratio of weight of school bag as 10 percent of the body of weight of the student from classes 1st to 12th.

Weight of the school bag need to be regularly monitored at the school level.

It must be the obligation on the part of the school to provide potable water in sufficient quantity accessible to all the students to avoid carrying water bottle in school bag.

Lockers in every classroom for students with bench mark disabilities for sorting and retrieving books and other stationary items

The school or classroom time table needs to be flexible providing adequate space for sports and physical education and time slot for reading books in school libraries.

For selecting a text book for children, the criterion of weight should be taken into consideration. Weight of each text book may be printed on the text book by the publisher

School bag awareness program needs to be held in the beginning of every academic session, wherein parents and students would be sensitized on the issue.

As per the recommendations of National curricular framework, subjects such as computer studies, Moral education, General knowledge, like skills, Conversation books etc. need to be infused across the core subjects in the school without additional separate books. Students should not be made to carry textbook for these areas.

The issues related to heavy school bag need to be included in the pre-service and in-service teacher education curriculum

Concerted efforts through suitable changes in curriculum and pedagogy by NCERT, SCERTs, schools and educators. In consonance with this National Curricular Framework for School Education (NCFSE 2020-2021) has released its draft report and recommended a practice-based curriculum for grades 6 to 8

Though the National Bag Policy 2020 has been in public domain for a couple of years, its implementation has not seen the light of the day as it faced multiple impediments especially in Jammu and Kashmir.

For a better tomorrow, the recommendations of National Bag Policy 2020 and the guidelines formulated by the School Education department pertaining to weight of school bag need to be followed in spirit at the institutional levels and every stakeholder including parents, school management and concerned citizens have to be on the same page to ensure the wellbeing of our kids.

The qualitative output of the student should not be determined by the weight of the bag and this ill notion needs to be discarded. We must provide equal space to co-curricular areas and invest in humanistic qualities of the school going child to prepare them for real life challenges rather than merely relying on bookish knowledge which has become obsolete. We need to hone 21st century skills like creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and communication among modern learners.

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## The Future Of News

Santosh Kumar Biswal

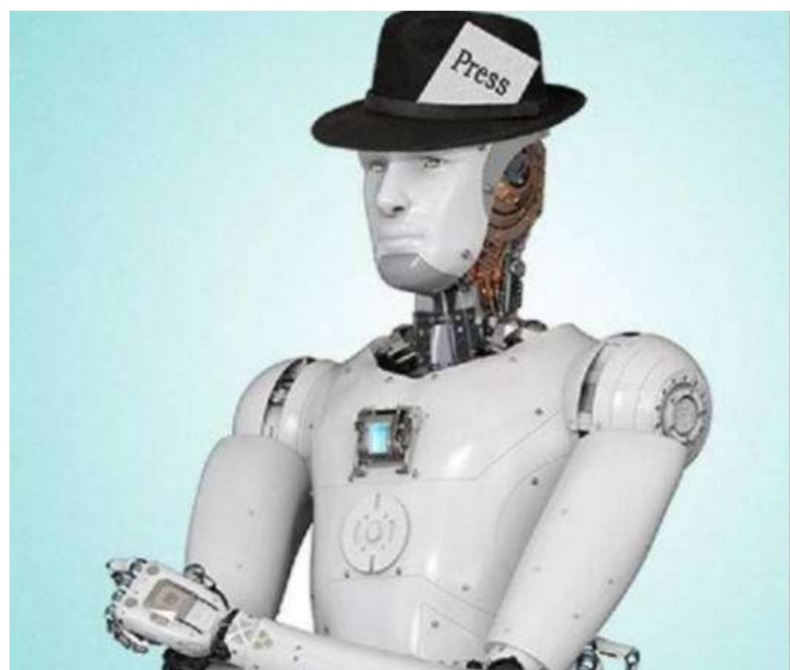
The popular definition of news attributed to, among others, the former editor of The New York Sun, John B. Bogart, "When a dog bites a man, that is not news, because it happens so often. But if a man bites a dog, that is news", is no longer pertinent in this fast-changing technological world. Traditionally, it was thought that news should be unusual and taken from everyday life. However, with the advent of Artificial Intelligence, the definition and the ecology of news are being redefined. From the printing press to the metaverse, the changing role of technologies has leapfrogged the journey of journalism from a standalone profession to a participatory and plural space. Transmedia storytelling, for instance, is catching the attention of the audience and is providing fodder for judicious deliberations across the globe. However, AI's excessive weaponisation could be a stumbling block in the ecosystem of news media.

Technology has always been cen-

tral to journalism. The telegraph, telephone, radio, television and, more recently, AI, blockchain, and the metaverse have transformed the nature and the pace of the profession. Hence, a discussion of the history and the current form of journalism would be incomplete without deliberating on communication technologies.

AI has started influencing several facets of the news media. Powered by AI tools, data journalism is going great guns. Computer-assisted reporting, infographics, data visualisation and interactive visualisation are increasingly being used in newsrooms. Storytelling through computational journalism is ushering in paradigmatic shifts and setting newer trends.

The advent and proliferation of communication technologies have also led to the prioritisation of participatory journalism via the 'citizen journalist'. User-generated content is, in turn, generating social change and inclusive development. The transformation of journalism through AI for change and development has become feasible. AI has initiated and intensified upward communication, which



is a fundamental requirement for participatory journalism.

Journalism and activism remain inseparable. Media activism has in-

intensified thanks to the massive use of technologies, including AI tools, by activists and non-governmental organisations. Emancipatory journal-

ism facilitated by technology is also aiding policy advocacy initiatives and policy reforms.

But the AI revolution in journalism is not free of ethical concerns. This technology is going to curtail manpower in newsrooms. It will force existing journalists to be skilled in data science, statistics, designing and other presentation skills. Excessive and inappropriate use of AI tools has also created the notions of 'Good AI' and 'Bad AI' in the news media. None is discussing the dichotomy between the Global South and the Global North when it comes to the use of AI in the production, distribution and consumption of news.

Machine versus man in newsrooms remains the larger talking point. Would AI tools be useful for journalism? Or would they be a superspreader of misinformation?

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# From 'Roohdaar' to 'Rooh', Kashmir Story Stays Personal

Saima Shakeel

A new Kashmir paperback hitting the bookstands on April 17 is telling another personal history with a soulful narration that reflects the three-decade-old existential anguish of a community.

Actor Manav Kaul's 'Rooh' is a corresponding-chronicle of a roaming pilgrim finding penance in his homeland's mesmerizing beauty and his meditative moorings for his lost times in Kashmir.

Many hail Kaul's book as a "deeply intimate and refreshing" voice when Kashmir is seen or heard from the "biased" literary and televised lenses.

The novel, originally written in Hindi, is published by Penguin Random House India. The book is pristine, beautiful, raw and engaging attempt by Kaul who's able to capture "the essence of its being like a reverie".

In this stream-of-consciousness novel, the protagonist, Manav, makes a physical and metaphorical trip to his homeland and relives the past as a part of the present.

Plot thickens when Rooh tells Manav in a bar in New York that he ought to go to back home to the hills in Kashmir. He's suddenly thrown into the loop of his past: a blue door, white walls, and a house at a cul-de-sac.

Rooh emerges as a deeply touching story of tender but broken people he meets along this journey.

"It's an imaginary world in which a writer sees himself travel," Kaul writes in the book. "The main journey is inwards, of a traveller who is struggling to collect the lived portraits of his childhood."

Born in Baramulla, on 19 December 1976, Manav moved to Madhya Pradesh with his family in early nineties when his tribe of Kashmiri Pandits migrated from the valley due to violent turmoil.

Over the years, Manav became an admired actor with powerful performances in films like "Tumhari Sulu", "Jolly LLB 2", "Thappad" and Netflix anthology "Ajeeb Daastaans".

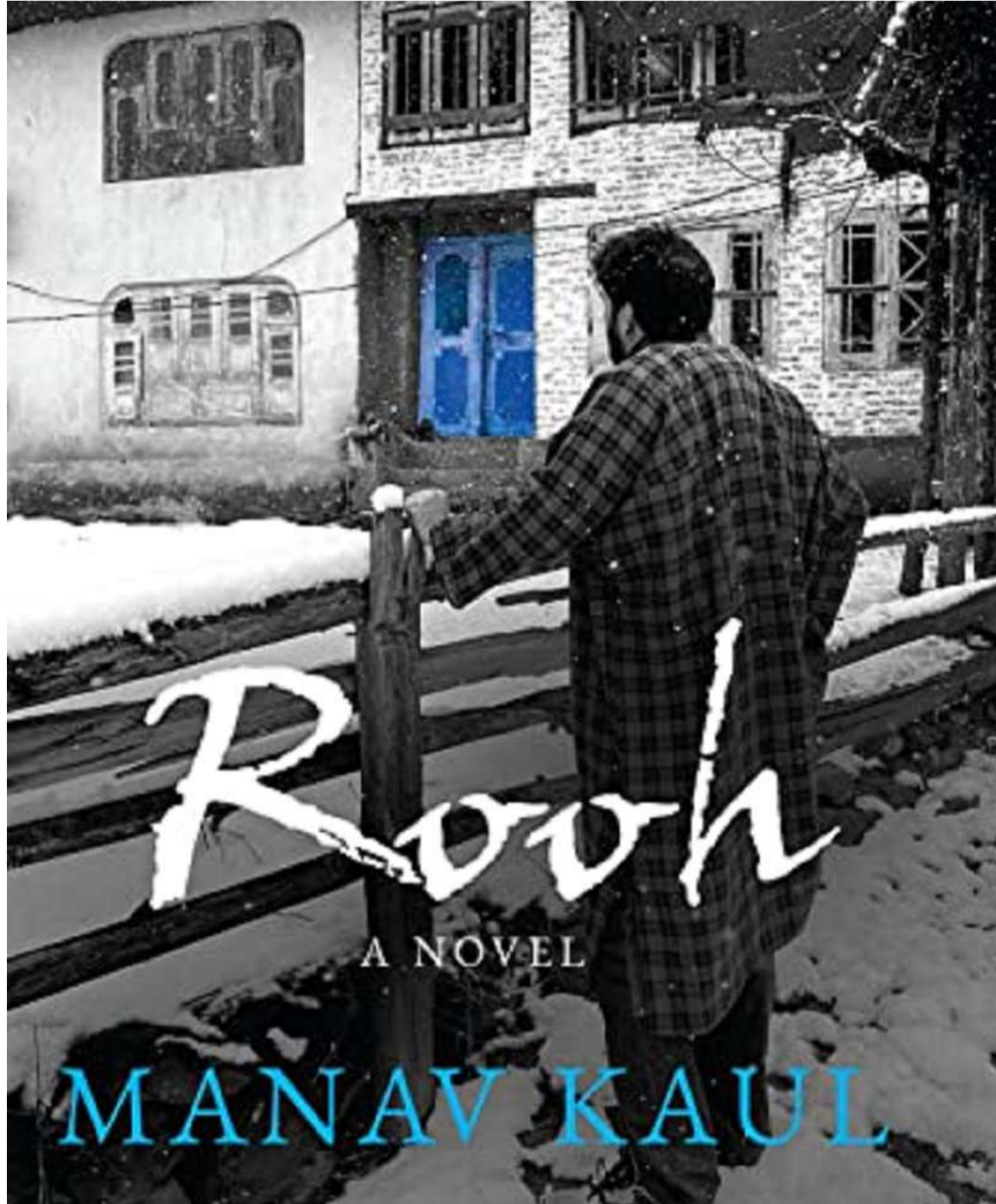
In actor-director Sugandha Garg's Kashmir, Kaul played a middle-aged man who sits in a stark white, oft-dissolving room to come face to face with his deceased father who had to leave Kashmir with his family and couldn't go back for a visit before passing on.

Most of Kaul's books capture this existential anguish in depth and detail. His "Theek Tumhare Peeche" (Right Behind You) and "Prem Kabootar" (Love Pigeon) have been dominating the Neilson bestseller list.

In 'Rooh', Kaul writes about his Cherrapunji sojourn—during pandemic lockdown—when longing for his roots got resuscitated.

"When we go far away, a kind of wait begins," he writes in a deeply moving monologue. "We are looking for something that we can't find in the place we had been living in. We have to leave our homes to touch the old roots on which this tree stands. We are not trees, though we can wander."

When Kashmir had been left behind, Kaul says, he would go back there in his dreams each night. In those dreams, he would take all his recently made friends along too.



"But when I woke up in the morning, I would find myself crying," he writes. "Our colony in Khwaja Bagh, Baramulla, was deep within me. Mother would ask, "Why do you cry every morning when you wake up?" I would lie to her and say, "Nightmares." Fa-



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ther was Kashmiri. Whenever I would go to him to talk about my nightmares, I would end up blurting out only one question, 'When will we go back to Kashmir?'

Before 'Rooh', it was late actor Irrfan Khan's 'Roohdaar' character in Haider movie that had deeply moved Kaul. Both the characters, many reckon, chronicle Kashmir story from a deeply personal perspective.

"When actor Irrfan Khan said 'Roohdaar' in Haider, it gave me goosebumps," Kaul recalls his reaction about the controversial character drawing mixed responses back in the day. "'Rooh' follows the same trajectory with a rattling personal effect."

## Post Ramazan Book Recommendations

Traversing Tradition

This list was compiled in the hopes of facilitating a closer connection with Allah ﷻ, His Book, and aid in perfecting our worship.

**1. Concerning Divine Wisdom in the Creation of Man by Abu Hamid Al Ghazali, translated by Dr. Kamran Riaz**

This wonderful book is crowned by a sublime introduction written by Shaykh Amin Kholwadia of Darul Qasim College, wherein he presents an excellent primer in understanding the Muslim worldview that so often leads to the production of such great works. The introduction alone is worth buying the book, and the subsequent sections will allow the reader to marvel at the creations of God and the impressive breadth of knowledge exhibited by our tradition's intellectual luminaries.

**2. The Endless Banquet (3 volumes) by Hamza Abdul-Malik**

To rectify the dearth of original English works that engage with God's Holy Book, Imam Hamza Abdul-Malik published a reading guide that does away with the difficult phrasing often experienced in translated works. It is divided into chapters based on the 30 'ajza' of the Qur'an, and thematically groups passages within the surahs with an emphasis on subtleties that often escape the reader in simple translations of the Qur'an.

**3. The Pearled Necklace translated by Nuh Saunders**

Ramazan is the month of the



Qur'an, and by extension, it should be a special time for the haamileen (carriers) of the Qur'an. The Pearled Necklace is a translation by Ustadh Nuh Saunders of a poem on the conditions and etiquettes of memoriz-

ing the Qur'an and the methods of reviewing. It aims to provide a strategy on memorizing and retaining the Qur'an in our hearts, and maintaining the standards of huffaz in our community.

**4. The Beginning of Guidance by Imam al-Ghazali**

This is the book for anyone looking for a road map to follow a spiritual journey and put Islamic principles and practices into action. The book

is divided into three sections: obedience, refraining from disobedience, and the adab of companionship with Allah and His creation. Imam al-Ghazali emphasizes the importance of seeking knowledge, purification of the heart, and perfection in our worship.

**5. Al-Ghazali on Disciplining the Soul and on Breaking the Two Desires: Books XXII and XXIII of the Revival of the Religious Sciences**

A vital aspect of fasting is abstinence from otherwise permissible actions. The ultimate end is to cultivate Taqwa (God-consciousness) in each and every living moment. To attain that, complete avoidance of desires that contravene or are otherwise disliked by the Lawgiver is essential. Imam al-Ghazali, in the 22nd and 23rd books of his magnum opus Ihya Ulum al-Din, advises us on how to discipline our souls so as to refine our character to God's liking and cure the diseases that ail our hearts.

**6. The Beneficial Epistle & Decisive Proof on The Science of Divine Unity by Muhammad Salih al-Furur**

This is a condensed but thorough book that summarizes some of the more complex works in the area of mainstream Sunni theology. It has served as the main introductory text for decades. The author outlines and provides proof for the central tenets of faith that every Muslim should hold: Allah ﷻ and His attributes, prophethood, the revealed scriptures, angels, predestination, and the Last Day.

**7. On Prayers Upon the Prophet (Gems from the Shifa) translated by Talut Dawood**

A habit that is beloved to Allah ﷻ and a means of being with His Beloved in the hereafter that every Muslim should cultivate in their daily routine is sending prayers and blessings on the Prophet ﷺ. Because of its vitalness and the reward attained by sending prayers and blessings (salawat) upon our beloved Prophet saws, many scholars have written treatises on the topic. This short treatise by Qadi Iyad is the perfect read for the Muslim who wishes to learn the virtues and method of sending salawat.

**8. Al-Ghazali on the Ninety-nine Beautiful Names of God**

This work, a translation of Hujjatul Islam Abu Hamid al-Ghazali's al-Maqasad al-Asna, is a comprehensive commentary on the 99 names of Allah from a theological, cosmological, and moral perspective. Although he delves into technical semantic and logical discussions in certain parts of the text, there is great benefit to be derived by the average Muslim from al-Ghazali's sublime explanations of the many names with which we have been commanded to call upon Allah. Even if not read cover to cover, the book is invaluable as a reference text when one wishes to learn more about our Lord.

Compiled by Abu Zayd Abdurrahman, Wassim Hassan, and Raissa Khalil







## T-20 Cricket Tourney By Gandhi College Concludes

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Physical Education Department of Gandhi Memorial College, Srinagar successfully concluded its T-20 Intra-mural cricket tournament.

As many as six teams participated in the said tournament. The final was played on April 13th at Chinkral Mohalla Sports Stadium, Baba Domb, between Green and Red teams in which the Red team

emerged as winners. Chasing a target of 176 runs, the Red team won the match by four wickets.

The Principal, Prof (Dr) G M Lone presided over the award distribution function. In his remarks, Prof (Dr) Lone applauded the efforts of players and appreciated their sportsmanship spirit.

He also congratulated the Physical Education Department for giving students a platform to showcase their talent.

## ZPEO Zone Bijbehara Holds Inter School Yoga Competitions



Observer News Service

**BIJBEHARA:** The Department of Youth Services and Sports Zone Bijbehara organised Inter School Zonal Level Yoga Competitions at Dara Shikow Garden, Bijbehara on Saturday.

The Yoga Competitions were held among Under-14 Boys and Girls and Under-17 Boys and Girls of different school students of Zone Bijbehara. In the programme all students and field officials of ZPEO Zone Bi-

behara participated with great zeal and zest.

Almost 250 students of various schools of Bijbehara participated in the competitions. In the Yoga Session the following Yoga Asana were performed by the participants:

Sitting Asanas: 1.Padmaasana 2.Vajra Asana 3.Govmukh Asana Lying Asanas: 1.Navasana 2.Bhujang Asana 3.Dhanurasana Standing Asanas: 1.Tadasana 2.Virkshasana 3.Trikonasana and Savasana for Relaxation.

## IPL2023: MI, KKR Battle To Regain Lost Ground



Press Trust of India

**MUMBAI:** Mumbai Indians face an uphill task against the firepower of Kolkata Knight Riders batters when the teams clash in Mumbai on Sunday in the Indian Premier League, with both former champions looking to get their campaigns back on track.

While Mumbai Indians were able to break their winless streak in their last game against Delhi Capitals, Kolkata Knight Riders went down fighting on Friday night to Sunrisers Hyderabad in a high-scoring contest at the Eden Gardens.

However, despite winning the previous game, Mumbai Indians, the most successful IPL team, will be under added pressure at the Wankhede stadium as they haven't been able to harness their potential so far in IPL 2023.

With two wins and as many defeats, KKR have had their share of highs and lows and are placed fourth on the points table with a good net run-rate (0.711) as compared to Mum-

bai Indians, who are ninth after two points and a NRR of -0.879. Rohit Sharma scored a match-winning 65 against Delhi Capitals but the challenge for the captain is attaining consistency, especially when the other senior, Suryakumar Yadav, is going through a lean patch.

Mumbai Indians are likely to be without ace pacer Jofra Archer, who is sidelined by fresh elbow trouble post his appearance in the first match of the season. Jason Behrendorff and Riley Meredith will have to shoulder the responsibility in the fast-bowling department, while Piyush Chawla is expected to carry forward his form from the previous game where he took 3/22.

Mumbai Indians will bank on young guns Tim David, Cameron Green, Tilak Varma and Ishan Kishan to fire, given that KKR have shown incredible fight right till the end to pull off a stunning win against Gujarat Titans, and fight till the last ball against SRH. Rinku Singh will be the big-

gest threat with the bat for MI, since the left-hander has smacked an unbeaten 48 and 58 in his last two outings batting at No 7.

Besides, skipper Nitish Rana, Venkatesh Iyer, Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Shardul Thakur have been among runs for KKR, which indicates MI will have to be at their best in all departments.

KKR have some concerns too in the form of all-rounder Andre Russell, who has struggled with the bat in this IPL. Russell could not complete his quota of overs against SRH in Kolkata on Friday night as he suffered cramps, but his three wickets did keep KKR in the game for long.

It remains to be seen if KKR will try out explosive English batter Jason Roy at the top, given that Gurbaz has performed his role at the top with flair. Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarthy have been amongst the wickets for KKR, who also have Bangladesh wicketkeeper-batter Litton Das joining them recently. Match starts: 3:30 PM IST

## IPL: RCB Beat DC



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**BENGALURU:** Royal Challengers Bangalore defeated Delhi Capitals by 23 runs in their IPL match here on Saturday.

Invited to bat, RCB posted 174 for 6 with Virat Kohli top-scoring with a 34-ball 50, while Mahipal Lomror and Glenn Maxwell chipped in with 26 and 24 respectively. For DC, Mitchell Marsh and Kuldeep Yadav took two wickets apiece.

In reply, DC lost three quick wickets to be reduced to 2 for 3

at one stage and the team never recovered from the setback, eventually finishing at 151 for nine in their 20 overs.

It was Delhi's fifth loss on the trot, leaving them with the task of winning eight of their next nine games to have any hopes of making it to the knockout stage.

Brief Scores: Royal Challengers Bangalore: 174 for 6 in 20 overs (Virat Kohli 50; Mitchell Marsh 2/18, Kuldeep Yadav 2/23). Delhi Capitals: 151 for 9 in 20 overs (Manish Pandey 50; Vijaykumar Vyshak 3/20).

## PL: Woeful Chelsea Lose 2-1 To Brighton



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**LONDON:** Frank Lampard's disappointing start to his second spell as Chelsea manager continued as the team lost 2-1 at home to Brighton in the Premier League on Saturday.

Julio Enciso's 69th-minute, long-range piledriver secured victory for the visitors, who outplayed Chelsea as Lampard rang the changes

for a match taking place between his team's home-and-away games against Real Madrid in the Champions League quarterfinals.

Lampard has taken charge of three games since coming in as interim manager following the firing of Graham Potter, and he's lost all of them. First there was a 1-0 loss at Wolverhampton last weekend before a 2-0 defeat at Madrid on Wednesday.

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