

New Designs Give Fresh Lease Of Life To Kashmir's Carpet Industry

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Srinagar: Taking to innovation and adapting new designs, including colour combinations have worked wonders in reviving Kashmir's famed carpet industry which was staring into oblivion just a few years ago.

Carpets were mainly seen as pieces of flooring but converting calligraphic works and paintings into wall hangings has given a boost to the demand for Kashmiri carpets.

Now carpets are made to order with innovative techniques like mixing of Zari and silver threads, minute textures etc.

The GI tagging done by the Department of Handicrafts



has added value to the carpets -- considered to be one of the finest art works -- as customers are now assured of authenticity of the products they buy.

Shahnawaz Ahmad got a degree in fine arts and became a carpet designer, preferring to carry on his family business of carpet exports.

6 PRIMARILY, KASHMIR CARPET IS SILK DRIVEN. THESE CARPETS ARE CONSUMED within the country as well as abroad. Germany is the primary market of Kashmiri silk carpet from where it goes to various parts of Europe."

"During my childhood, I saw carpets as flooring only. I thought if we have to move forward with this trade, we have to innovate as with the passage of time the demand for traditional carpets was dropping," Ahmad said.

Using his training in fine arts, Ahmad started calligraphy work which he later converted

into wall hangings. "The first step I took was calligraphy and cultural craft paintings on canvases which I later converted into carpets. I got good response from our existing clients, both at national level and internationally," he said.

Ahmad said the GI tagging has saved the carpet trade in Kashmir from extinction. "If the

department hadn't taken this step, maybe this trade of hand-woven carpets would have died in a few years. Now with this GI tagging, customers believe and choose authentic hand-made carpet," he added.

Gul Mohammad Sofi has been associated with carpet making since 1956 and he has ensured that his son carry forward the legacy.

"I learned this craft in 1956. I stressed on my son to take up this craft. I didn't allow him for any other work or job because it is our ancestral work and there are blessings in this," Sofi said.

The new developments have given hope to old-timers like Feroz Ahmad Bhat, **More on P6**

Farooq Thanks Almighty, Says 'Something Is Happening'

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Jammu: National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah on Monday said he does not have a magic lamp that can predict opposition unity ahead of the next year's parliamentary elections but said non-BJP parties must realise the need to come together to safeguard democracy in the country.

Abdullah added that his party will not beg for assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir but is ready to fight panchayat and local body polls that are likely to be held later this year.

"I do not have a magic lamp to predict the unity of opposition parties (ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections). Attempts are on (to forge a united front) and we hope that good sense will prevail and they will all come together," Abdullah told reporters at the party headquarters here.

He said former Jammu and Kashmir governor Satya Pal Malik has also pitched for opposition unity to take on the BJP in the parliamentary polls.

"Malik (in the recent past) said a number of things **More on P6**

Assembly Polls In J&K Soon: BJP Gen Secretary Says Saffron Party Will Form Next Government In UT

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National General Secretary, Tarun Chugh, said on Monday that the assembly elections in the Union Territory will be held soon and that the saffron party with the blessings and support of the people will form the next government in Jammu and Kashmir.

Chugh, who is also party in-charge for Kashmir affairs, urged the people to have patience as the assembly election in the Union Territory will be conducted at the earliest. He said a feeling of hatred has grown among the people of J & K for three families including Muftis, Abdullah's, Nehru's and Gandhi's, who he alleged have **More on P6**

....Art-370 Abrogation

WPRs No Longer Treated As Refugees: LG

Says UT Admin Will Ensure Ownership Rights Of Lands To WPRs On Directions Of Central Government

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Monday that Article 370 & 35A had denied political rights & other benefits to West Pakistani Refugee families & prevented their scope of progression and upward mobility.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi provided them the rights enjoyed by other citizens of the country and they are no longer treated as refugees," Sinha said.

He made these remarks while addressing a gathering on the inauguration of Special Governance Camp for WPR families at Chakroi, RS Pura, on Monday. The camp, Sinha said, aims to resolve grievances, verification of pending cases, awareness about various welfare & self employment schemes and placement drive with focus on eligible candidates from displaced families.

Sharing his administration's resolve to extend the benefits



of government schemes to their families, the LG said that the UT administration was working with dedication & commitment to realise the dreams of the community.

"It is a fresh dawn, which offers the people limitless possibilities and a new hope to the youth. We will ensure they become architects of

J&K's strong and prosperous tomorrow," he said.

He also reiterated the government commitment to work for the larger interest of the displaced families

"Governance camp will act as an institutional structure to effectively resolve all the pending cases within a time frame and mitigate **More on P6**

'We Have No Intention To Buy Peace'

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said the government is making efforts to "eradicate terrorism" and working with the firm intention to establish peace in the Union Territory. Addressing a function here to pay homage to poet and freedom fighter Sarwanand Koul Premi on his death anniversary, he also said that "we have got success to an extent in destroying the terror ecosystem" that has inflicted a deep wound not only on Jammu and Kashmir but the entire country.

"I can say one thing with confidence that we have no intention to buy peace. But we are working **More on P6**

Retrieving Pak Kashmir On GOI Agenda: Minister

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New Delhi: To retrieve Pakistan-controlled Jammu and Kashmir (PcJK) and make it a part of India is very much on the government's agenda, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Monday.

In a meeting with London-based Jammu and Kashmir-origin students and social groups, he said after Prime Minister Narendra Modi took over, he sought to "correct several anomalies of the past that were the legacy of successive governments since 1947".

Singh, who is on an official visit to the UK, said the abrogation of Article 370 has created a sense of belonging among the people of Jammu and Kashmir and given them equal rights vis-a-vis their counterparts in the rest of the country.

In 2019, the central



government had abrogated the article, which gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, and bifurcated it into Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Prime Minister Modi will be remembered for having brought "justice to refugees from Pakistan settled in Jammu and Kashmir and to the daughters of Jammu and Kashmir who were deprived of their **More on P6**

6 HOWEVER, HE SAID, IT IS VERY MUCH ON THE AGENDA OF THE GOVERNMENT LED BY PRIME MINISTER MODI and the BJP as a political party to retrieve the illegally occupied PoJK from the control of Pakistan and restore it back to India."

Kashmir Scaling New Heights In Tourist Count

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Srinagar: With an increasing footfall of domestic and foreign visitors, tourism in Jammu and Kashmir is scaling new heights, making the Union Territory one of top destinations in the country.

"Year on year and month on month, we have received more tourists this year compared to previous year. We are ensuring that all domestic and international tourists have a memorable stay in Jammu and Kashmir," tourism department secretary Abid Rashid Shah said.

"It is the responsibility of all stakeholders of the tourism industry in Jammu and Kashmir to make it a warm and hospitable destination for all visitors," he said.

Jammu and Kashmir received 1.88 crore tourists in 2022, a high enough number for any region, but the administration is

expecting still that the arrivals will breach the two crore-mark this year.

Tourism Director Fazlul Haseeb said the number of arrivals was high even before the onset of the regular tourism season in the valley.

"Every single month the tourist numbers are increasing. It's almost six lakh in the first four months it's breaching records," Haseeb said.

Popular mostly with honeymooners once, Kashmir is now attracting even long-married couples, who are coming to celebrate their anniversaries here.

"Today is our 24th anniversary, the reason why we booked this trip. I am feeling good," Kavita Katay from Pune said.

Kavita's husband Govind said it was his idea to celebrate the anniversary in Kashmir.

"It was my plan to celebrate our 24th marriage **More on P6**

Govt Accelerates Developmental Works As G-20 Summit Nears

Div Com Kashmir Reprimands Officers For Delay In Executing, Finishing Works

Auqib Javed

Srinagar: With just over a fortnight left for the prestigious G20 Summit in Kashmir Valley, the Union Territory administration has pushed more men and machinery to accelerate construction and renovation work in this capital city and elsewhere.

An official from the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) told Kashmir Observer that over 70 percent of the work has been completed and the authorities have pressed more men and machinery to meet the deadlines for the rest of the projects.

"The workers are on job even during the night hours to complete the pending projects," the official said.

SMC, he said, has to meet



a lot of challenges, including weather to ensure that the projects are completed well within the time before the arrival of delegates in this capital city.

He said the work on the Polo View project and residency road footpaths is nearing completion. "We are right now blacktopping

the roads and if weather permits, we will macadamize all the roads in the city in coming weeks," the official added.

The official, however, was apprehensive over the compilation of the clock tower project in the city center Lal Chowk. There are over **More on P6**

SGST Collections Show 44.5% Growth Rate In J&K

Rs. 917.85 Crore Collected In April 2023, Marking 30.73% Growth Rate

Observer News Service

Jammu: The GST Collections in Jammu and Kashmir has shown unprecedented growth during the month of April 2023 with total collections for the month touching Rs. 917.85 crores showing an increase of Rs 215.77 crores over last year April collections marking growth rate of 30.73 %, officials said Monday.

Growth in SGST has been one of the highest in the country with growth at 44.51 percent over the same period last year as released by Ministry of Finance data today, an official spokesperson said.

Similarly, he said, IGST settlement shows growth of 22 percent in comparison to last financial year.

It is notable that GST

collections for the month of April 2023 are highest ever recorded by the State Taxes Department since GST implementation. Monthly average in the last financial year was more than Rs 600 crores

In the financial year 2021-2022, the GST monthly collections were Rs. 496.95 crore.

The SGST cash collections has been rising in recent months significantly with April this year making to national headlines with the record growth in J and K since inception of GST as the figures speak more than volumes.

The department has also increased the tax base from 1.17 Lakhs in the year 2021-22 to 1.34 Lakhs in the financial year 2022-23. Around 25982 new registrations were granted in the year 2022-23. **More on P6**

Militant Associate Held In Shopian

A militant associate was on Monday arrested with AK-47 and other ammunition in Keegam area of South Kashmir's Shopian district. An official said that based on input received regarding the presence of militants in Daramdora Keegam Shopian, a joint team of forces including Shopian Police and 44 RR launched Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) in the area. He said that during the search operation, an OGW **More on P6**

2 Students Injured In Knife Attack

At least two students' sustained injuries in an alleged knife attack by an unidentified youth in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, this afternoon, sources said. Reports that two students, Hidayat Ahmad Tantray son of Ab. Rashid and Ibrahim Ahmad Tantray son of Noor Mohd - both residents of Beehama Ganderbal, were attacked by an unidentified youth, leaving them with multiple injuries. The duo, they said, **More on P6**

Eight Gamblers Held In Baramulla

Police on Monday claimed to have arrested eight gamblers during two separate raids in North Kashmir's Baramulla district. Acting on specific information, a team from police station Sheeri carried out a raid at Barrage Gantamulla and arrested five gamblers who tried to flee from the spot, a police spokesperson said. He said an amount of Rs 34,650 besides playing cards were seized from their possession. **More on P6**

IEDs, Grenade Launcher Seized From Hideout

A militant hideout was busted in a remote forest area in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district with the recovery of arms and explosives including two improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and a grenade launcher, police said on Monday. The hideout was busted on specific information about its location in the far-flung hilly and forested area of Burzalla in Khari tehsil, a police spokesperson said. The recoveries made from the hideout **More on P6**

Four Injured In Gas Cylinder Blast

At least four persons sustained critical injuries in a gas cylinder blast after a fire erupted in a residential house in Qazi Mora in Poonch district this morning, officials said. Quoting officials, news agency GNS reported that information was received this morning about the breaking out of fire in a house belonging to one Qamar Din at Qazi Mora. "Soon after the receipt of this information police party rushed on the spot during **More on P6**

Heart Attack Kills Tourist



A tourist from Chhattisgarh died after suffering a heart attack in Bijbehara area of South Kashmir Anantnag district. 67-year-old Ziauddin Sheikh from Raipur Chhattisgarh fell unconscious in Bijbehara town of the district, reports said. He was **More on P6**

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AUCTION NOTICE

It is notified for the information of general public that an open auction of Poplar trees (16 No) at Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School, Budgam will be held on 10-05-2023 at 11:00 AM. The minimum bid for the auction of the Poplar trees has been fixed at 160,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Thousands Only). The interested bidders can submit application proforma with caution money (cash) of Rs. 1500/- (Rupees Fifteen Hundred Only) in the Office of the undersigned by or before 10-05-2023. The detailed notice along with bid application form and terms and conditions can be obtained from the office of undersigned.

DIPK-956/23
dated: 01-05-2023

Sd/
Principal,
Govt. Boys Hr. Sec. School,
Budgam.

Office Of The Principal Government Medical College Baramulla

Subject: - Appointment of candidates for the post of "Radiography Technician" Health and Medical Education Department Govt Medical College Baramulla.

Ref.: 1. J & K SSB Letter No: SSB/Sel/Secy/26/K/2020/8497-8503, Dated: 07-12-2021
2. Administrative Deptt. No: ME-NG/355/2021-02 Dated: 07-03-2022

Order No: 104 / GMCB of 2023
Dated: 29/04/ 2023

Pursuant to recommendation of the JKSSB vide communication No: SSB/Sel/Secy/26/K/2020/8497-8503, Dated: 07-12-2021 duly forwarded by Administrative Department vide their letter No: ME-NG/355/2021-02, Dated: 07-03-2022, read with JKSSB letter No. JKSSB-SDOSECY(KAS)/16/2022-03 dated. 30-11-2022 duly forwarded by the Administrative Department vide letter no. ME-NG/343/2021-02 dated. 12-01-2023. Sanction is hereby accorded to the temporary appointment of the following waiting list candidate as Radiography Technician division cadre Kashmir in the Pay Level 4 (25500-81100) in Govt Medical College Baramulla with immediate effect.

S.NO	NAME	PARENTAGE	ADDRESS	CATEGORY
1.	Mohd Arsheed Khan	Mohd Maqbool Khan	Latipora, Mamoosa Pattan Baramulla	OM

The appointee shall report in the office of Principal Govt Medical College Baramulla within a period of 21 days along with following original certificates: -

1. Date of Birth Certificate.
2. Qualification certificates.
3. Domicile Certificate of J&K (UT).
4. Medical fitness Certificate from CMO concerned
5. Certificate from the concerned Deputy Director, Employment, and general manager, DIC to the effect that no loan under self-employment scheme has been taken by the appointee.
6. Relevant category certificate, where applicable.
7. Any other documents as required under rules.

The appointment of the candidates shall be subject to the following conditions: -

1. The appointee shall join within the period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of issuance of the appointment order. In case, appointee failed to join within stipulated period his appointment shall be deemed to have cancelled ab-initio without any further notice.
2. Verification/ Genuineness of the qualification certificates and the reserved category certificates from the concerned issuing authorities.
3. The salary of the appointee shall not be drawn and disbursed unless the satisfactory report in respect genuineness of (2) above is received. The appointment of the candidate shall be governed in terms to the Jammu & Kashmir special recruitment Rules 2020 notified vide S.O.194 of 2020 dated 17-06-2020 and Jammu and Kashmir Probationer (Condition of Service, Pay and Allowance) and Fixation of Tenure Rules 2020 notified vide S.O - 192 of 2020 dated 17-06-2020.
4. The appointees shall be governed by the "New Pension Scheme" as notified vide SRO 400 of 2009 dated 24- 12-2009.
5. The interim arrangement, if any made against the above post(s) shall be deemed to have been terminated forthwith.
6. The appointment in Divisional cadre is non- transferable from one Division to another or from one Medical College to another.
7. The appointment of the selected candidate(s) shall further be subject to outcome of writ. Petition(s), if any, pending on the subject in any court of competent jurisdiction.
8. The inter-seniority of the above appointees shall be as per the merit secured by him in the selection process as indicated against each in the select list furnished by the J&K Services Boani.

Dr. (Prof.) RubyReshi
Principal Govt, Medical College
Baramulla

No: GMC/BLA/ADM2023/288-85
DIPK-966/23 DATED: 01-05-2023

Bandipora Literary Bodies Anguished At Mudslinging Campaign

A meeting of prominent literary and cultural organisations from District Bandipora namely Rahmat i Aalam trust Ajas Bandipora, Halqa i Adab Sonawari, Bazm i Shaban Bandipora, Inder Cultural Forum inderkoot Sumbal, Bandipora Artists association, Wular Adbi Forum Madwan Sonawari, Karwan i Adab Dab Ganderbal, Jehlum Valley Cultural Forum Sumbal, Dilshad Cultural Forum Nowgam Sumbal, Wa-haab Cultural Society Hajin and Wular Cultural Forum Nadihal Bandipora, in an important meeting held at Sumbal on Monday discussed at length the literary and linguistic scenario of Kashmir with specific reference to the role of cultural institutions in general and national academy of letters Sahitya Akademi New Delhi in particular.

While recalling the contribution of Sahitya Akademi and Adbi Markaz Kamraz J&K for the past half century, the participants expressed their deep anguish on the mudslinging campaign against most respectable and distinguished writers. The language used in the said campaign speaks volumes about the intellectual bankruptcy of the individuals and condemned their blackmailing tactics.

It was reiterated that all selfish efforts to malign the literary and cultural institutions in general and the national academy of letters in particular shall be defeated by extending full support to the efforts being made by these institutions for promotion of Kashmiri language and literature.

The meeting extended best wishes and full cooperation to the recently constituted Kashmiri Advisory Board of Sahitya Akademi Headed by Prof Shaad Ramzan.



Division of Food Science and Technology Faculty of Horticulture Shalimar - 190025

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Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the position of Senior Research Fellow under the project "Ethanobotanic Survey, Characterization and Utilization of Wild Edible Fruits and Vegetables of Himalayas for Development of Functional Products" sponsored by Department of Biotechnology, Government of India. The position was earlier advertised vide No.:F(DBT-Wild)FST/AU/22-03 Date: 17-06-2022. Application form should reach office of undersigned by or before 09-05-2023. For details visit University website www.skuastkashmir.co.in.

No.:F(DBT-Wild)FST/AU/22-10
Date: 01-05-2023

Sd/-Dr. Sajad Mohd Wani
Principal Investigator

WhatsApp Bans Record Over 47 Lakh Bad Accounts In India In March

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Meta-owned WhatsApp banned a record of over 47 lakh bad accounts in India in the month of March, in compliance with the new IT Rules 2021, the company said on Monday.

Between March 1 and March 31, "4,715,906 WhatsApp accounts were banned and 1,659,385 of these accounts were proactively banned, before any reports from users", WhatsApp said in its monthly compliance report.

The most popular messaging platform, which has nearly 500 million users in the country, received another record 4,720 complaint reports in March in the country, and the records "actioned" were 585.

"This user-safety report contains details of the user complaints received and the corresponding action taken by WhatsApp, as well as WhatsApp's own preventive actions to



combat abuse on our platform," said a company spokesperson.

Moreover, the company mentioned that the orders received from the Grievance Appellate Committee between March 1 and March 31 were 3, and orders complied with were also 3.

Meanwhile, in a bid to empower millions of Indian social media users, Minister of State for Electronics and IT, Rajeev Chandrasekhar recently launched the Grievance Appellate Committee (GAC) that will look into their concerns regarding content and other issues.

The newly-formed panel, a move to strengthen the country's digital laws to tame the Big Tech companies, will look into appeals by users against decisions of social media platforms.

The IT Ministry last month notified to establish three GACs as required under the recently amended IT Rules, 2021.

In a major push towards an open, safe, trusted and accountable Internet, the Ministry of Electronics and IT has notified some amendments aimed at protecting the rights of 'Digital Nagriks'.

NAME & DOB CORRECTION

I Ex No.9102839M Rank Rifleman Name Ab Majeed Khan R/o Chhill Brass PO: Zogokharin Tehsil Khansahib District Budgam State J&K do hereby declare that my wards name & DOB has been incorrectly mentioned in my service record as
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Before the Honorable Court of Judge Small Cause Srinagar

In t he case of Firdousa Akhtar
W/o late Hafiz Fayaz Ahmad R/o Buchwara Dalgate Sgr
Petitioner

V/S

Union Territory of J&K
Registrar Births and Deaths
Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Sgr

Respondent

in the matter of Petition for seeking the death certificate of deceased **Hafiz Fayaz Ahmad.**

May It please your honour

The petitioner most respectfully submits as under:

1 The petitioner is The permanent resident of J&K as such is entitled to obtain death certificate of her deceased husband from this Honourable Court

2 That the petitioner's husband has expired on 11-07-2020 at his residence i.e. Buchwara Dalgate Sgr and was buried in his ancestral graveyard situated at Malteng Sgr and in this connection petitioner has approached for issuance of the death certificate of her deceased husband within time but on one pretext or the other the respondents have failed to issue the same without any justification or reason

3. That subsequently respondent on 25/06/2022 in their communication letter wherein the respondent stated that the death of the deceased husband of the petitioner mad was not registered in the registration records of the respondent Copy of the same is enclosed herewith a ANNEXURE A/

It is pertinent to mention it here that the report of the concerned ward Officer vide No W2/370 71 dated 13/07/2021 reveals that the deceased husband of the petitioner was expired on 11/07/2020 after proper Verification on spot as such the respondent has failed to consider the report of the concerned ward officer without any justification or reason. Copy of the report is enclosed here with as Annexure B for your kind perusal.

4 That under rules and regulations of the corporation and circumstances the respondent was bound to register the name of the deceased in their registration records as issue the death certificate of the deceased husband of the petitioner. And in case if the present petitioner is not allowed it will cause irreparable loss and injustice to the petitioner.

5. That duly sworn affidavit is also enclosed with the petition
It is therefore prayed that the respondent may kindly be directed to issue death certificate with regard to deceased Hafiz Fayaz Ahmad who expired on 11/07/2020 at his residence Buchwara Dalgate Sgr in favour of the Petitioner in the interest of Justice.

Petition through counsel
Ali Mohammad Jan Advocate

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From Office Of The Advocate Bashir Sidiq Chamber No.215

In the case of

1 Aleena meem
D/o sajad Hussain
2 Afsheen sajad
D/o sajad Hussain
3 Yasmeen
W/o late sajad Hussain
All residents of umarabad peerbagh srinagar

(Caveator)

V/S
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(Non-Caveators) In the matter of: Caveat petition in terms of section 148-A of C.P.C

The caveator has reasons to believe/apprehension that the non-caveator may file a suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court of Principal Sessions Judge Srinagar on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation or cooked up story and may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at his back/expense against the caveator and in such eventuality the caveator will be put to an irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveator is given opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble Court before passing any order.

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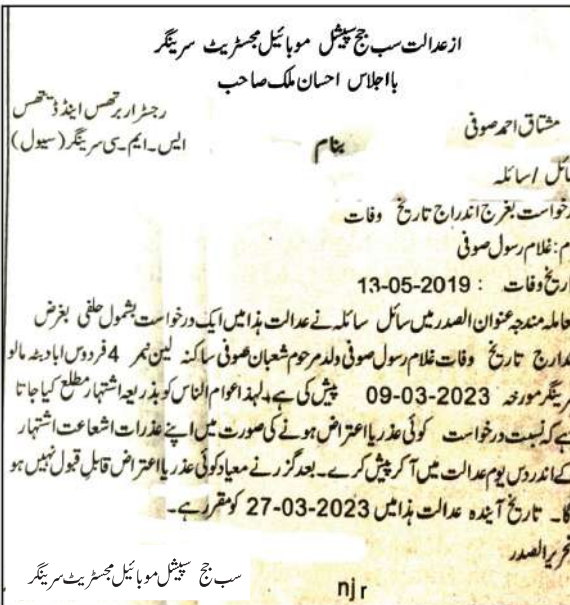
SAD DEMISE



With profound grief and sorrow we inform you the sad demise of **Nisar Hussain Khan s/o Late Muzaffer Hussain Khan R/O Barji Bala Harawn Srinagar** who died on 30-04-2023. May Almighty Allah grant Janat -ul- Firdous to the departed soul.

Fateha Khawani will be held on Wednesday, 03/05/2023 at his Residence Barji Bala Harawn Srinagar.
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Div Com Reviews Progress On Special Summary Revision-2023 In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to review the progress achieved under ongoing Special Summary Revision-2023 of Electoral Rolls in District Srinagar, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Biduri, who is also the Electoral Roll Observer here at Conference Hall of DC Office Srinagar.

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, who is also District Election Officer (DEO), Srinagar was also present on the occasion.

At the outset, the Divisional Commissioner took a detailed review of the progress achieved in the District under ongoing SSR-2023 and sought details about the number of fresh applications received, as well as the number of claims and objections. He emphasized upon the concerned Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) to conduct revisions according to guidelines of ECI as per notified schedule and expedite the process for achieving targets. He also asked them to ensure timely disposal of claims and objections.

Pertinently, the date

for filing claims and objections regarding the Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls has been extended to May 6, 2023.

The Divisional Commissioner also enjoined upon the concerned EROs and AEROs to complete the revision of the special summary with 100 percent enrolment of eligible voters, including the addition of new voters and deletion of duplicate voters, within the extended date.

The Div Com stressed the need for organizing special outreach programs for young eligible electors particularly in educational Institutions of the District, as well as door-to-door campaigns for achieving set targets.

The Div Com further asked the EROs and AEROs to remain proactive to build awareness and activate all their resources for successful conduct of all SVEEP programs across all Assembly segments of the District Srinagar with focused attention to ensure 100% registration of all eligible and ensure no elector is left unregistered keeping in view the limited time period to conduct the exercise. He also emphasized on holding meetings with registered political parties and attaining the target of EP ratio.

J&K Bank Closes Century In Srinagar Branch Network

Observer News Service

Srinagar: As part of measures to enhance ease of banking for its growing customer base, J&K Bank today dedicated a new branch for the public at Tengpora, Srinagar. The latest addition has taken the branch count in Srinagar zone to one hundred.

The Bank's General Manager and Divisional Head Kashmir, Tabassum Nazir inaugurated the branch in presence of Zonal Head Srinagar, Shabir Ahmad, Cluster Heads Shabir

Ahmad Bulla & Asmat Ara, and Branch Manager Syed Irrum amid a gathering of senior citizens and local businessmen.

Highlighting the Bank's sustained efforts to enhance ease of banking across its areas of operations, GM Tabassum Nazir told the gathering, "It is a significant occasion for J&K Bank to have established its 100th branch in Srinagar Zone. We at J&K Bank always devise plans to ensure new banking touch-points are commissioned in line with the needs of our customers."



PIc: Abid Bhat/KO

Solidarity Rallies, Protests Mark International Workers Day In Srinagar

Tarigami Seeks End To 'Exploitative' Policies Against Labor Class

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Solidarity rallies, protests and seminar's marked the International Workers Day in Srinagar on Monday. The day is celebrated every year to commemorate the struggle and sacrifices of the workers' and laborers' movement.

Several Trade and employees unions staged a protest in Srinagar on the International Workers Day to highlight the demands of daily wagers, need-based workers, Anganwadi and Asha Workers.

They appealed to the government to implement labor laws including that of Minimum Wages Act in J&K and increase monthly stipends of Asha, Anganwadi Workers.

They also urged the LG administration to consider the regularization of all daily rated, need-based and casual employees, who have been working in the different departments on meager monthly salaries on priority.

Center of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) also staged a rally from Polo Ground to Press Enclave seeking equal work, equal pay and implementation of labor laws in J&K. Dozens of

We also observe this day as a mark of respect to Chicago martyrs, who sacrificed their lives for the rights of the working class. They breathed a new life into labor laws and forced the then rulers to change their stance towards the labor class

workers including women participated in the rally to press for the demands of the labor class.

Talking to Kashmir Observer, CITU J&K president, Mohammad Yusuf Tarigami said exploitative forces continue to exploit the working class across India including J&K. Tarigami said the labor class cannot be deprived of their rights, hence the government bearing in mind their contribution towards building a society should announce a hike in their daily earnings.

The former MLA from Kulgam Assembly constituency said Asha and Anganwadi

workers have been protesting for years for their rights but the government seems to be least bothered to fulfill their genuine demands.

"International Workers Day is observed across the globe including India every year on this day. We also observe this day as a mark of respect to Chicago martyrs, who sacrificed their lives for the rights of the working class. They breathed a new life into labor laws and forced the then rulers to change their stance towards the labor class," he added.

Paying rich tributes to Chicago martyrs, CPI-M leader said that they laid the foundation of a struggle against the exploitation and atrocities on the laborers, a prominent section of the working class.

Meanwhile several other employees unions including Casual and Daily Wagers Forum held a protest in Srinagar on the occasion and asked the administration to shun stubborn approach and fulfill the demands of all daily rated, casual, consolidate, need base and contractual employees and release their salaries without any delay.

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HIGHWAY STATUS



Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
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CALENDAR**
11 Shawwal
1444

PRAYERS
FAJR 4:10
ZUHR 12:28
ASR 5:17
Magrib 7:17
ISHA 8:48

This Day In History

- 1335 - Otto the Merry, Duke of Austria, becomes Duke of Carinthia.
- 1345 - "Quaden Maendach" in Ghent: battles between fullers & weavers
- 1497 - John Cabot's expedition departs Bristol searching for new lands across the Atlantic
- 1526 - German evangelical monarchy joins Schmalkaldische League
- 1598 - France & Spain sign Peace of Vervins
- 1776 - France & Spain agreed to give weapons to American rebels
- 1808 - Uprising against French occupation begins in Madrid
- 1833 - Russian Tsar Nicolas I bans public sale of serfs
- 1889 - Abyssinian Emperor Menelik II and Italy sign Treaty of Wichale
- 1905 - French newspapers publish lists of Jules Verne's unpublished work
- 1906 - Tsar Nicolas II of Russia dismisses his moderate Prime Minister Witte and appoints Ivan Goremykin, a conservative bureaucrat
- 1911 - French troops occupy Fès El Bai Morocco
- 1924 - Netherlands refuses to recognize USSR
- 1926 - US military intervenes in Nicaragua
- 1927 - Intl Economic Conference (52 countries including USSR) opens
- 1933 - In Germany, Adolf Hitler bans trade unions
- 1942 - Japanese troops occupy Mandalay, Burma
- 1945 - Allies occupy Wismar, Northern Germany

From KO Archives

Love Bug' Computer Virus Wreaks Fresh Havoc

Agencies

NEW YORK- Copycat variants of the "Love Bug" vi-rus labeled "Joke" and "Moth-er's Day" infected computers around the world on Friday, a day after the most widespread cyberattack ever-wreaked havoc on business and government operations.

Tens of millions of the com-puters have been disabled so far as the virus, first detected in Asia, spread around the globe, forcing network administrators to shut down e-mail systems at major companies and penetrating the Pentagon, the Central Intelligence Agency and Britain's Parliament.

Security experts said the vi-rus was far more devastating than last year's Melissa bug, with losses now counting in the billions from damaged data and the distractions of fighting the software scourge, and warned that it could take weeks to stem the invasion. "There's a potential ' that anyone who receives this virus can go to the Internet and (nd) tools to change codes within the virus program that can give the e-mail or the attachment a new name," said Simon Perry, vice president for security products at Computer Associates Inter-national Inc. (NYSE : CA - news).

The Islandia, N.Y is a leading maker of anti-Virus software such as inoculate!T. For the time being, most of the virus variants are only cos-metically different from the original virus. "Based on our research, we believe that the variants are coming from a number of different people," Perry said.

ASIA AND EUROPE TAKE STOCK OF IMPACT: Computer users woke up on Friday to the chilling implications for a world that is now so wired up that quarantining such bugs may prove an endless cat-and-mouse game — with far-reaching financial consequences. Computer Economics, a market research firm located in Carlsbad, Calif, estimated that the virus already had caused \$2.61 billion dollars in damages worldwide, but most experts said precise figures would be difficult to pin down.

The impact of the bug in Asia on Friday was possibly muted by the fact the markets in four countries-Japan, South Korea, China and Thailand - were closed for pub-lic holidays on Friday.

European Enterprise Com-missioner Erkki Liikanen said: "The Love Bug is a warning to us all that security must be given top priority if consumer and user confidence is to be maintained as we move into the information age."

A German government spokeswoman said the virus had penetrated its foreign, jus-tice, interior and economics min-istries. The spokesman re-ported no serious damage as the interior ministry called in a special task force to advise on coun-ter-measures.

Britain's Consumers Asso-ciation said 30 to 50 percent of UK businesses seemed to be af-fected. "It is spreading very rap-idly. Yesterday we had 10 to 15 percent," said Alan Stevens.

Kit experts warned the full effects of the bug may carry through the weekend.

(Kashmir Observer, 02 May, 2000)

Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mechanical Irrigation Division Anantnag HQ Awantipora

GIST

GIST for E-NIT S. No.10 /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	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Cost of Tender Documents	Earnest Money (2% of Adv Cost	Time for completion	Major Head
1	Repairs Replacement of flat moving parts to Mather and Plat end section 10 cases horizontal pumping unit 2nd with allied jobs at LIS Hasanwani	0.56	50/=	1120/=	10 days	M&R2702
2	illumination system at various Lift irrigation Sub-Division Padampora	0.27	50/=	540/=	5 days	M&R2702
3	Rising Main at LIS Wullerhama, LIS Budoo , LIS Sirlhama and LIS Hapothnar	1.018	100/=	2036/=	10 days	M&R2701
4	Repairs to the 10 Cases Capacity Horizontal Pumping Unit No 2nd installed at LIS Kawan.	0.31876	50/=	638/=	10 days	M&R2702

The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOQ), terms and conditions of contract can be seen/downloaded from the departmental web site (tenders.gov.in) as per the dates shown below:-

S. No.	Description	Date	Time
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1	Publishing date of NIT	01 05 2023	04:00 PM
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3	Bid submission start date	01 05 2023	04:00 PM
4	Bid submission end date	09 05 2023	02:00 PM
5	Bid opening date	10 05 2023	11:00 AM or any date convenient to Deptt

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

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dated: 01-05-2023

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Office Of The Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Tangdar

Subject: Corrigendum

This office (REW) NIT No. 03 SSD Tangdar of 2023-24 issued under Endtt No: 160-69 dtd: 29.04.2023 Please Read "The key construction material shall have to be arranged by the contractor of his own as per the quality/specifications [1] "Cement of approved brand" [2] Steel of all sorts " of approved brand instead of

- Cement = Jehlum Brand
- Steel of all sorts = SAIL Certified (The sail certificate shall have be produced /deposited in the division by the AEE concerned at the time submission of the work done bills). No extension in quantities/Cost is allowed in any case

No:
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Dated: : 01-05-2023

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POSSESSION NOTICE

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

Whereas Mr. Mohammad Aslam Ganai, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices dated 17.02.2020 thereby calling upon 1) **Mr. Ghulam Qadir Mir SIL/O Abdul Ahad Mir R/O Amirabad, Tral, Proprietor of M/s Gh. Qadir Mir (Borrower), 2) Mst. Maryam Jan D/O Ab. Ahad Mir R/O Amirabad, Tral (Mortgagor)** to repay an amount of **Rs.1,12,64,825.00/- (Rupees One Crore Twelve Lac Sixty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five only)** being the balance outstanding as on 31.01.2020 in the account of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon. Copies of the said notices were served upon the Guarantors namely 1) **Mr. Showkat Ahmad Najar S/O Bashir Ahmad Najar R/O Shariefabad, Tral, 2) Ghulam Hassan Bhat S/O Gh. Mohammad Bhat R/O Kangloora, Tral and 3) Mr. Mohammad Amin Mir S/O Ghulam Mohammad Mir R/O Amirabad, Tral.**

The said borrower/mortgagor/guarantors having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the **29th day of April 2023.**

The said borrower/mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount aggregating to **Rs.1,58,89,139.77 (Rupees One Crore Fifty Eight Lac Eighty Nine Thousand One Hundred Thirty Nine and Paise Seventy Seven only),** being balance outstanding in the borrowers Cash Credit loan account as on 31.03.2023 together with future interest thereon from 01.04.2023 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

The attention of the said legal heirs of the borrower is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

● Land measuring **01 Kanal** falling under **Khasra No. 1646/849, Khata No. 1085, Khewat No.275** situated in Estate Amirabad, Tral, Pulwama standing in the name of Mst. Maryam Jan D/O Ab. Ahad Mir R/O Amirabad, Tral.

● Land measuring **02 Kanals 10 Marlas** falling under **Khasra No. 856, Khata No. 951, Khewat No.292** situated in Estate Amirabad, Tral, Pulwama standing in the name of Mst. Maryam Jan D/O Ab. Ahad Mir R/O Amirabad, Tral.

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Two Crore Tourists

The recent announcement by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha about the aim to host a record two crore tourists this year is certainly a positive development for the union territory. However, it raises concerns about the region's readiness to handle such a massive influx of visitors.

While it is commendable that the J&K administration is committed to creating an enabling environment for the private sector for economic development, employment, and income generation, it is imperative to note that the UT's infrastructure is not yet up to par to handle a large influx of tourists.

Kashmir is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful places in the world, but it is also plagued by a lack of infrastructure, roads, hotels, transportation, and basic amenities. To achieve the ambitious goal of two crore tourists, the government needs to address these issues first.

Improving transportation infrastructure, including road and rail connectivity, is crucial to attracting tourists to the UT. The current connectivity infrastructure is outdated and insufficient to handle the increased traffic. The J&K administration must prioritize improving the infrastructure to make it more accessible and convenient for tourists.

The UT must also address the issue of accommodation for tourists. While it is encouraging to see the private sector investing in the UT's health sector and building medical colleges and hospitals, the lack of quality hotels and other lodging facilities remains a major obstacle. The UT needs to incentivize the investment in the hospitality sector to ensure that there are enough high-quality and affordable hotels for tourists.

The UT must focus on improving the basic amenities like drinking water, sanitation, and waste management facilities. It is critical to ensure that tourists have access to clean drinking water and hygienic toilets.

Lastly, the UT must also address the issue of security. While the situation in the region has improved significantly in recent years, there is still a perception of insecurity among tourists. The government must work to improve the security situation in the region to reassure tourists that they are safe.

While the goal of hosting two crore tourists is undoubtedly ambitious and commendable, the administration needs to focus on building and upgrading its infrastructure before bringing more tourists to the region. Improving transportation infrastructure, providing quality accommodation, ensuring basic amenities, and addressing security concerns must be the top priority for the government. Only then can the UT truly capitalize on its potential as a tourism destination and achieve its ambitious goal of two crore tourists.

OTHER OPINION

A fragile peace

This was the first meet between the defence ministers of the two sides since September 2020 when Singh met Li's predecessor in Moscow. Singh's sternly worded message to Li was spelt out in a Ministry of Defence statement: He "categorically conveyed that development of relations between India and China is premised on prevalence of peace and tranquility at the borders"; "all issues at the LAC need to be resolved in accordance with existing bilateral agreements and commitments"; "the violation of [these agreements] has eroded the entire basis of bilateral relations"; "disengagement at the border will logically be followed with de-escalation". In tone and substance, it was a strong assertion of India's position that matters had not been resolved yet, that the resolution had to come through the comprehensive set of agreements on border management arrived at after painstaking negotiations that Beijing had signed on to but violated. It also made clear that unless there was de-escalation following disengagement — the deployment on the Chinese side is now at permanent levels with infrastructure and hybrid villages — the situation could not be normalised.

For his part, Li brought the message that as far as China was concerned, the situation at the LAC has been resolved and it is time to move on to normalise bilateral relations. According to a statement from the People's Liberation Army on the talks, the Chinese defence minister said "the situation on the China-India border is generally stable"; "the two sides are in communication via military and diplomatic channels"; they "should take a long-term view, place the border issue in an appropriate position in bilateral relations and promote the transition of the border situation to normalised management". Stable is not the word to describe the situation at the LAC, going by the continued barring of Indian patrols in the strategic Depsang Plains and in Demchok by China, its attempt to take territory in Tawang through a midnight raid last December, and its renaming exercise of places in Indian territory. "Fragile", as External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar described the situation recently, seems to be more appropriate.

It now seems that India-China positions on the border issue are frozen along these two irreconcilable positions. Delhi no longer uses the words "return to status quo April 20, 2020" in formal communication, but Beijing needs to realise that the creation of buffer zones at the so-called friction points in eastern Ladakh was not a resolution, but a step to prevent unintended consequences. India may be trading more with China than it has done in the past, but that should not be misunderstood by Beijing as "normalisation" of bilateral relations.

The Indian Express



G20 Leadership Summit

India Must Showcase Its Achievements Made in Social Development Sectors

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

In a major decision last year, the Government of India decided to provide free ration to 81 crore poor people (810 million) under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) for one year. Under NFSA also called the Right to Food Act, the government already provided 5 kilograms of food grains per person per month @ Rs 2-3 per kg. The families covered under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) get 35 kg of food grains per month. Rice is given to poor persons under NFSA at Rs 3 per kg and wheat (flour) at Rs 2 per kg. The annual cost to the exchequer is estimated at Rs 2 lakh crore (30.76 Billion USD) .

Before this scheme, the government was providing free dry ration under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) which ended on December 31st last year. This programme was taken up during the COVID-19 outbreak and continued for almost three years.

People die because of hunger in many underdeveloped and poor countries and these countries need to start similar programmes and the G20 group of nations can play a great role to support this programme.

Providing 810 million population free ration is indeed a great achievement and developing nations need to replicate this model in their countries.

Infact, the Government of India has always been known for its great food policy as subsidised food grains have been provided to the poor in the country for the last many decades @ Rs 2 to 3/Kg of rice/ wheat flour. Getting subsidized food grains is a right in India under the National Food Security Act (NFSA).

In addition, the rural housing scheme like PM Awas Yojna (PMAY) and supplying clean drinking water under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) are two other Govt's social development programmes which needs to be highlighted during the upcoming G20 leadership summit.

Sustainable Growth

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) set up in 2015 are the guiding principles to achieve better growth and development across the world by 2030. This growth as per the SDGs has to be in tandem with our climate and environment. By adhering to these goals, the nations are likely to address challenges which include climate change, environment, inequality, poverty, peace and justice. Economic growth, environmental protection and social inclusion are three core elements of sustainable development. The sustainable environment and climate can only be achieved when we ensure increased investments in renewable energy, saving water, supporting non fossil fuel sustainable mobility.

Governments across the world are making great innovations in sustainable construction and architecture and India is also playing a great role in this sector like utilizing construction and demolition waste (CND), fly ash, M-sand and other materials. The advancements made in these sustainability sectors by India should also be discussed during G20 meetings.

Pertinently, the Government of India has allocated Rs 10,000 Crore this financial year for setting up Compressed Biogas-CBG units which is indeed a great achievement towards achieving sustainable energy transition. In

Jammu & Kashmir especially we need to get rid of bricks made from clay or sand as they destroy our climate and environment, especially our river and mountain landscape.

The Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) is playing a great role in setting up sustainable business units by providing soft loans and subsidies to young entrepreneurs to set up dairy farms, sheep farms, flower farms etc.

Innovation and research and development has to be done by EDI towards setting up industrial units where alternative building materials are produced or even setting up of small CBG units.

World is One Family

As per the national review report on the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) in India, the opening statement begins with Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, which is a Sanskrit phrase whose literal meaning is "the world is one family". Prime Minister Modi in his statement at the UN during SDG summit in 2015 said:

During the series of G20 meetings, these issues need to be highlighted and discussed so that representatives of the G 20 nations will not only impress on their Governments to replicate these models in their nations but some serious initiatives can be taken up to implement these programmes in poor and underdeveloped nations with the active support from G 20 countries

"The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are thus part and parcel of the country's long standing tradition and heritage. Indeed, the goals substantially reflect the development agenda of India. Much of India's development agenda is mirrored in the Sustainable Development Goals. Our national plans are ambitious and purposeful; Sustainable development of one-sixth of humanity will be of great consequence to the world and our beautiful planet."

Having been much influenced by this great phrase, the Govt of India chose the same title 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' for the upcoming G20 meeting which India is hosting for the first time. Even the Director of International Monetary Fund (IMF) Kristina Georgieva during her visit to India in February this year said that One Earth One Family and One Future resonates on a human level with all. Ms Georgieva said this while addressing G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in Bengaluru,

G20 Leadership Summit

For the first time India will be hosting the G20 leadership summit which will be held in New Delhi around September this year. The

member nations in G20 include Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the U.K. and the US, as well as the European Union, represented by the rotating council presidency and the European Central Bank.

India is hosting over 200 meetings in over 50 cities across 32 different work streams which include ministers meetings, working groups meetings on health, agriculture, culture, environment, climate change, anti corruption, energy transitions, education etc.

Srinagar is also hosting one of the G20 meetings from May 22 to 24th. The G20 nations including India have to play a great role in eradicating poverty and addressing the climate crisis in the least developing nations. There are millions of people who struggle to make ends meet because of the high cost of living. Millions cannot afford fuel even for cooking. Safe and clean drinking water is not available in many nations. By showcasing its achievements in the social welfare sectors like public distribution system (PDS) , housing for poor PMAY and supply of clean drinking water under Jal Jeevan Mission-JJM, similar welfare programmes can be replicated in underdeveloped nations.

Conclusion

Under the Indian Presidency, the G20 nations are focussed on the theme, 'One Earth, One Family, One Future. After the series of other meetings, the 18 heads of states from G 20 nations will sit together in New Delhi in September this year to affirm the aforementioned theme. As the World is like a single family, it is the duty of G-20 nations to work for upliftment of underdeveloped nations. India can showcase its success stories with G20 nations during the series of meetings vis a vis implementation of its centrally sponsored schemes on food, housing for poor, supplying of clean drinking water and many other social welfare programmes. Allocating a massive budget of Rs 2 lakh crores (30.76 Billion US dollars) for free distribution of ration is self explanatory especially at a time when rice of wheat flour is selling at highly exorbitant rates in many south Asian countries.

Jammu & Kashmir's 220% budget (Rs 5000 Crores) Infact J&K's 22 % of the total annual budget (Rs 5000 Crores) has been allocated towards enhancing the drinking water sector this financial year which clearly indicates the seriousness of the Govt to undertake social developmental programmes.

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India's Digital Transformation: Progress, Challenges and Opportunities

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With the adoption of technologies like e-commerce and digital payments, India has made substantial progress in its digital transformation in recent years. This change is a vital component of India's economic growth policy since it offers a chance to boost productivity, efficiency, and innovation. In this write up, we are going to look at the numerous aspects of India's digital advancement, as well as its implications on the economy and society and the challenges that lie ahead.

DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN INDIA

A solid digital infrastructure, including nationwide fibre-optic network, high-speed mobile data networks, and extensive smartphone use, has assisted in making it conceivable for India to undergo a digital transition. Over 700 million people throughout India at present use the internet, and more than 500 million use smartphones, thanks to this infrastructure, which has facilitated the rapid adoption of digital technology.

The Indian government's 2015-launched Digital India programme has been viewed as one of the primary catalysts behind India's digitization. The initiative intends to increase digital skills, give all residents exposure to the internet, and encourage the use of technology in government operations. Due to these initiatives, India has emerged as one of the top emerging digital economies globally, with the next-highest internet usage after China.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

One of the most vital components of India's digital transformation is online payments. The Indian government's 2016 demonetization program, which rendered 86% of the nation's currency useless, considerably boosted the uptake of digital payments. Online payment services like Paytm, PhonePe, and Google Pay experienced a spike in usage post-demonetization, and it is widely anticipated that digital payments will total \$1 trillion.



BY OPENING UP A PATH TO FORMAL FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR PREVIOUSLY UNDERSERVED PEOPLE, DIGITAL PAYMENTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INNOVATIONS CAN IMPROVE FINANCIAL INCLUSION. The digital economy in India has the potential to generate a lot of jobs, especially in sectors like software development, data analytics, and e-commerce

Relative to cash transactions, online transactions have a number of benefits, such as increased transparency, less corruption, and higher efficiency. The informal sector, which makes up a sizeable chunk of India's GDP, benefits from digital payments as well. Digital payments can aid in the formalization of the informal economy and enhance financial inclusion by extending a pathway to formal financial services.

E-COMMERCE

The digitization of India also includes e-commerce which is being spearheaded by businesses like Amazon, Flipkart, and Myntra. The market for e-commerce is anticipated to reach \$200 billion by 2027 in India, where it has witnessed tremendous expansion in the recent past. India's retail industry, which has long been dominated by small, independent businesses, has benefited greatly from e-commerce.

E-commerce's potential to provide access to a greater range of goods and services, especially in remote and rural locations, is one of its greatest advantages. E-commerce platforms have also given small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) an opportunity to connect with more

customers and compete with bigger corporations. E-commerce in India, however, also comes across challenges, particularly trouble with logistics, payment methods, and confidence and security.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

India's digital revolution offers a lot of potential for growth and development, but it also comes with a lot of difficulties. The gap between those who are exposed to digital gadgets and those who aren't is one of the greatest challenges, and it can be referred to as what is known as the "digital divide." Even

though India has made substantial progress to expand digital literacy, millions of people still do not have access to the Internet and other digital technology.

The risk of cyberattacks and data breaches has increased as India's digital economy has expanded. The efficacy of India's new privacy law in securing the data of its residents is still under question. India needs stronger data protection norms, as seen by the latest WhatsApp data privacy problem. Additionally, there are issues with education and skill acquisition that India's digital transformation must address. Even while

India has a sizable labour force with technical capabilities, there is still a large shortage of expertise in cutting-edge fields like AI and data analytics.

Another area that needs additional investment to facilitate India's digital transformation is infrastructure. There is still a need for high-speed internet access, digital payment systems, and supply chain management and logistics, in spite of the fact that the nation has made tremendous progress in developing its digital infrastructure.

Despite these obstacles, India's digital transformation presents great opportunities for growth and prosperity. E-commerce and other digital platforms offer an opportunity to increase access to a greater range of goods and services, particularly in remote and rural locations. Digital payments and other financial innovations may increase financial inclusion by providing previously underserved people with a route to formal financial services. By opening up a path to formal financial services for previously underserved people, digital payments and other financial innovations can improve financial inclusion. The digital economy in India has the potential to generate a lot of jobs, especially in sectors like software development, data analytics, and e-commerce.

The expansion of the digital economy provides an opportunity to encourage further innovation and entrepreneurship spirit, which can support and promote economic progress. To ensure the accomplishment of India's digital shift, a number of challenges have to be tackled. India may unlock the full potential of its digital economy and pave the road for long-term growth and development through substantial investments in digital infrastructure, improving digital literacy levels, bridging talent gaps, and enhancing data security and privacy.

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7 Benefits of Gardening That Prove It Helps Your Mind and Body

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Gardening isn't just about making your house look good (although a little curb appeal certainly never hurts). Caring for plants can also do wonders for your own wellbeing, an abundance of scientific research suggests. The physical exercise can contribute to a healthy weight and blood pressure levels, and just interacting with flora can improve your mood and mental health.

"Nature has a huge impact on health and wellness," says Gwenn Fried, manager of Horticulture Therapy at NYU Langone's Rusk Rehabilitation. "We know that people's cortisol levels go down in a calm, green environment."

Roll up your sleeves and get digging, planting, and weeding this spring and summer. Here's how tending to your garden beds will benefit you in the long run:

1. GARDENING BURNS A LOT OF CALORIES.

Good news for those who already spend hours planting perennials: Gardening is considered moderate-intensity exercise. You can burn about 330 calories doing one hour of light gardening and yard work — more than walking at a moderate pace for the same amount of time — according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Men and women who participated in a community gardening program also had significantly lower BMIs (body mass indexes) than their otherwise similar neighbors, according to a 2013 study in the American Journal of Public Health.

2. IT CAN LOWER YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE.

Just 30 minutes of moderate-level physical activity most days of the week can prevent and control high blood pressure. In fact, The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

recommends gardening or raking leaves for 30–45 minutes as examples of how to hit that recommended amount.

3. SPENDING TIME OUTSIDE IS GOOD FOR YOUR BONES.

When you're outdoors and your skin is exposed to the sun, it prompts your body to make vitamin D. This vitamin — also found in fish and fortified foods like milk — helps your body absorb calcium, a mineral essential for bone formation,

“YOU DON'T HAVE TO WEED ALONE – NOR SHOULD YOU. People who worked in allotment gardens had significantly better self-esteem, total mood disturbance, and general health compared to those who did not garden

according to the National Institutes of Health. (FYI: You should still apply sunscreen if you're planning on spending more than a few minutes in the sun to lower your risk of skin cancer.)

4. GROWING YOUR OWN FOOD CAN HELP YOU EAT HEALTHIER.

Besides the physical exercise you'll get tending to a vegetable garden, a productive plot can also promote a better diet by supplying fresh, healthy produce. The Dietary



Guidelines recommends eating at least 2 cups of vegetables and 1½ cups of fruits per day to get necessary nutrients and reduce risk of chronic disease. However, only 1 in 10 Americans adults meet those recommendations, according to the CDC.

Gardening helps people develop a lasting habit of eating enough fruits

and vegetables though, according to 2016 research from the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. This may work not only by providing fresh veggies but also making it more likely for children to try foods they may not have eaten before, research from the American Society for Horticultural Science theorizes.

5. GARDENING CAN RELIEVE STRESS.

Gardening is positively correlated with a reduction in depression and anxiety symptoms, according to a 2017 meta-analysis in Preventive Medicine Reports that looked at 22 different case studies.

In fact, some hospitals even use planting and flower arranging as a type of rehabilitation for people re-

covering from injuries, strokes, surgeries, and other conditions. NYU Langone's horticultural therapy program helps patients rebuild both their physical and mental health, Fried says.

Not only does it give people control over a situation when they might feel helpless, but it also teaches them a new skill that can restore confidence. "They don't really see a value in themselves because how they define themselves has changed, but being able to take care of something is a good place to start," she says.

These benefits can extend outside of a healthcare setting too. "People are so busy — there's so much stress now with electronic media all over the place," Fried says. "People need respite and nature provides respite."

6. IT CAN PROVIDE A SOURCE OF COMMUNITY.

You don't have to weed alone — nor should you. People who worked in allotment gardens had significantly better self-esteem, total mood disturbance, and general health compared to those who did not garden, according to a 2016 study published in Journal of Public Health. Even better, it's something almost anyone can partake in. Fried runs a horticultural therapy group for Alzheimer's patients as activity for them to do with their caretakers and families.

7. GARDENING CAN MAKE YOU HAPPIER.

The act of growing plants may also help boost your mood. The 2017 meta-analysis also linked gardening with increases in quality of life and reductions in mood disturbance. This may have something to do with how it changes your outlook.

"The thing about gardening is that you have to have faith in the future," Fried says. "Growing something green, something real, something alive, is a hopeful thing to do."

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Jamia takes 'strict action' against 15 students for last year's scuffle, 3 expelled

New Delhi: Jamia Millia Islamia has taken "strict actions" against 15 students, including expulsion of three, for their involvement in last September's scuffle between two groups that had resulted in a student sustaining bullet injuries, officials said.

The punishments vary from expulsion, campus ban, no hostel accommodation and monetary compensation to furnishing a bond of good conduct depending on the student's involvement, a senior varsity official said.

Three out of 15 students have only been allowed to give examinations with a 5-year campus ban and no admission in any other course at the university after completion of their course, the official said.

"The disciplinary actions have been taken after the due procedure and to set an example that the university will not tolerate any kind of indiscipline on the campus," Jamia Registrar Nazim Husain Al Jafri said.



The students who have been expelled are identified as Mujeibur Rehman, BA (Hons) Political Science; Salman Khursid, BA programme; and Mohd. Faisal, MA (Social Exclusion) for disturbing the peaceful environment of the university and inciting students for fighting, the officials said.

The notices issued on April 24 to Rehman and Khursid mention that they did not appear before the disciplinary committee to defend their case.

The notice furnished to Faisal

mentions that the "committee took into account activities carried out by him during the period of suspension and campus ban".

While Rehman and Khursid could not be contacted despite repeated attempts, Faisal refused to comment on the matter.

In September last year, two groups of students engaged in multiple brawls on and outside the campus. In one of the skirmishes, a student suffered bullet injuries in a hospital.

Days after the incident, the

university suspended several students for "spoiling" the peaceful academic environment. The matter was taken up by the disciplinary committee of the university.

The committee in its meetings held on April 6, 2023 in the Mir Anis Hall, Administrative Block and subsequent meeting held on April 10 in the Committee Room, Registrar Office "took a serious view" of the involvement of these students "in the name of regional conflict resulting in the series of fights between students of Western UP and Mewat Region on September 29 on the university campus and at Holy Family Hospital," according to the notices served to each student.

"The students were given show-cause notice. The committee held multiple meetings and hearings and then decided on the punishment to the students," the registrar asserted.

According to the officials, out of 15, five Diploma in Electrical

Engineering students -- Suhail Nasrullah Ansari, Mohammad Shadab Choudhary, Sahil and Nazim Khan -- have been allowed to complete their courses and suspension have been revoked against them but they will be banned from the campus for a period of five years following their course completion.

These five students will not be allowed to get any hostel accommodation and warning letters have also been issued to them.

Meanwhile, Momin Khan pursuing Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, Abdul Hannan, MA (Development Extension) and Asif Ali, MA History Semester II, have been asked to pay Rs 1,000 each as a fine. The three students, along with Abrar Ahmed, Diploma in Electrical Engineering, will also not be given hostel accommodation in the university during the remaining period of their current course and will have to furnish a bond of good conduct in the Proctor Office.

Govt at advanced stage of consultation on reexamining colonial-era sedition law: Centre to SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday deferred hearing on a batch of pleas challenging the sedition law after the Centre said it is at an advanced stage of consultation on reexamining the colonial-era penal provision.

A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice J B Pardiwala noted the submission of Attorney General R Venkataramani that the government has initiated the process to reexamine section 124A of the Indian Penal Code.

The bench posted the hearing on the matter in the second week of August.

The batch of pleas challenged the constitutional validity of the penal provision.

Venkataramani said the consultation process has been at the advance stage and before it goes to the Parliament, it will be shown to him.

"Kindly post the matter for further hearing after the Monsoon session of Parliament," he urged the bench.

At the outset, senior advocate

Gopal Sankaranarayanan urged the bench to constitute a bench of seven judges for adjudicating the issues.

The bench said that even if the matter has to go to seven judges, it will have to be first placed before a five-judge bench.

On May 11 last year, in a path-breaking order, the top court had put on hold the colonial-era penal law on sedition till an "appropriate" government forum re-examines it and directed the Centre and states to not register any fresh FIR invoking the offence.

Besides the lodging of FIRs, ongoing probes, pending trials and all proceedings under the sedition law across the country will also be in abeyance, the top court had ruled.

In its significant order on the law that has been under intense public scrutiny for its alleged use as a tool against expressions of dissent, including on social media, the bench spoke of the need to balance the interests of civil liberties and citizens with that of the State.

CONTD. FROM FRONT PAGE

New Designs Give

who has been weaving carpets for the past three decades.

"I have been doing this work for 30 years. In my early days, our earnings were good and a lot of people were involved with this work. Then a time came when wages were very low but now new designs have been introduced and this work has picked up pace again. Now it's flourishing again," Bhat said.

Bilal Ahmad Bhat, another weaver, said introduction of new designs has meant more work for the weavers.

"Because of new designs, we are getting daily work as the demand has increased," he added.

Mahmood Shah, Director Department of Handicrafts said more than 50,000 artisans were working in the carpet industry, which had an annual turnover of around 500 crore.

"Primarily, Kashmir carpet is silk driven. These carpets are consumed within the country as well as abroad. Germany is the primary market of Kashmiri silk carpet from where it goes to various parts of Europe," Shah said.

He said, last year the department started the GI tagging of Kashmiri carpets and till now about 6,500 carpets have been tagged.

"To encourage the carpet industry, we have also announced the incentive on the exports and currently we are processing those claims. That has helped us in registering an increase in the exports but the galvanization of the carpet industry at grassroot level has also happened by virtue of cooperative societies," he added.

Shah said the institute of carpet technology has been set up for the conservation of the carpet industry.

"At the IICT, we have a designing bank wherein we archive the old traditional designs and also generate new designs. We are also in the process of establishing a dying facility in the IICT," he said.

Farooq Thanks

He talked about the 2019 Pulwama attack, how the request for five aircraft was declined and 700 trucks had to move on a road that was not fully sanitised -- which is a tragedy.

"In his latest statement, he asked for opposition unity (against the BJP). I hope the opposition (parties) will realise the importance of unity and they will work together (to safeguard democracy)," he said.

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said the National Conference will not beg for assembly elections in the Union Territory because "they (BJP) are trampling democracy".

"India is a democratic country and you are denying the people their right," he said.

However, the National Conference is ready to fight panchayat and District Development Council elections or assembly polls for that matter, whenever those are held, Abdullah asserted.

"Thanks to the almighty, something is happening. At least the panchayat elections will take place. That is the basis of democracy and we will not leave any elections," he said, adding that he does not care when the assembly elections take place.

"Let them decide when they are going to hold the assembly polls, we are ready," he said.

Assembly Polls

exploited them for seventy years.

Chugh alleged that in addition to plundering J&K for 70 years, these families have offered stones, bombs, and AK-47s to the J&K youth as alternatives to pens and computers.

"I appeal and request people of J&K to have faith in Prime Minister Modi whose sole aim is to end poverty, while others aim is to end peace," said Chugh, while talking to reporters after chairing office bearers meeting here.

He said people of J&K have outrightly rejected these parties and reposed their full faith and conviction in BJP, which he said under the leadership of PM Modi was able to restore sustainable peace in J&K.

Citing District Development Elections as proof that BJP has succeeded in winning hearts of the people of J&K, Chugh said five lakh people voted against the Gupkar Alliance during DDC polls, clearly showing their love for the saffron party.

"Gone are the days, when they used to mislead J&K people. These families have exploited people of J&K for seventy years. They constructed palaces in foreign countries and other

states of India, while people of J&K remained the poorest of the poor. Their dining tables were full of Biryani and other feasts and people of J&K remained hungry. They now want a change," he added.

He said a large population from across J&K listened to the Prime Minister's 100th episode of Mann Ki Baat and in which the PM repeatedly spoke about J&K.

WPRs No Longer

the problems of farmers. Our thrust will be on measures for economic & social development, social justice & equality," Sinha said.

"Ownership rights of lands to West Pakistani Refugees will be ensured by the UT administration on the directions of the Central Government," he added.

The LG assured every possible support and assistance from the government to the youth of West Pakistani refugee families in their entrepreneurial & business ventures. He also said all the opportunities for skill development and sports will be provided to the youth.

"Youth must come forward and avail the benefits of all schemes and programmes of Mission Youth," he added.

On this occasion, Sinha distributed sanction letters to the beneficiaries of different Government Schemes. He also interacted with the representative of West Pakistan Refugees and assured appropriate redressal of their issues and demands.

The Camps for employment generation & grievance redressal will be organized at different districts till 10th May 2023. Earlier, the UT Administration has organized Special Governance Camps for Kashmiri Migrants and Displaced Persons of PoJK to ensure saturation of social security schemes, self-employment and skilling.

'We Have No

with the intention to establish peace (in Jammu and Kashmir). We have got success to an extent in destroying the terror ecosystem," Sinha said.

Terrorism has inflicted a deep wound not only on Jammu and Kashmir but the entire country, the lieutenant governor (LG) said.

"It is not the wound inflicted on Jammu and Kashmir but on entire India. Efforts are being made to eradicate terrorism and the terror ecosystem (from Jammu and Kashmir). To what extent we have been successful, I cannot say," Sinha said.

There are people who have "infiltrated the ecosystem (of governance) from here to Delhi during the past 75 years," he said.

"They don't allow people to stay (to work in the system). But the situation has changed. Those people who watch Jammu and Kashmir, also agrees on this," the LG said.

Sinha said Jammu and Kashmir will gain back its glory. "It is not only important for Jammu and Kashmir but for the whole of India," he said.

Earlier, the LG paid tributes to poet Sarwanand Koul Premi, who was killed by militants on this day in 1990.

Remembering the legendary poet and freedom fighter, the LG said Sarwanand was a towering man of ideas and ideals, and was undoubtedly one of the greatest writers of his time with deep commitment for upliftment of downtrodden & weaker sections of society.

"Sarwanand ji made great contribution to freedom struggle and infused new life in the bonds of our national unity. Throughout his life, he followed the universal and eternal values of peace, co-existence and cooperation," the LG said.

J&K, he said, is called the heaven on earth, not only because of its scenic beauty, but the great personalities like Sarwanand, who dedicated his life to serve the others.

"Sarwanand ji was not only a famous writer but also a well known teacher in Kashmir valley who became the medium of divinity for many and inspired the masses to follow the ideals enshrined in our ageless culture and selflessly served the society," he said.

"His life and teachings will continue to be relevant in the 21st century. I would urge the social and literary organizations to come together to spread his teachings to the people across the country," he added.

The LG said that J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages should promote the literary

work of Sarwanand Koul Premi by publication and translation of his books so that the coming generations could take benefits of the rich literary heritage of J&K.

"This should be taken on priority. There will be no shortage of funds," he added.

Sarwanand Koul Premi was conferred with lifetime achievement award posthumously, by J&K Government in 2022. A Higher Secondary School in his village Sof-Shali (Saft-Shaleshwar), Anantnag, was also named after him in 2022.

His name was also included in the list of Unsung Heroes of the freedom movement under Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav. A special postal cover and postal stamp on him was released by the Ministry of Communication in 2021. (With PTI inputs)

Retrieving Pak

constitutional rights of citizenship and owning property", the minister of state for personnel said referring to the government's 2019 decision.

He said as a result of the corrective measures adopted by Prime Minister Modi, India's stature has risen globally, and there is no ambiguity left as far as India's position about Jammu and Kashmir is concerned which is, it is an integral part of the Indian Union.

"If only the then prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru had allowed the then home minister Sardar Patel to handle Jammu and Kashmir in the same manner he was handling other princely states of India, today the part of Jammu and Kashmir that is illegally occupied by Pakistan would have been a part of India and the issue of PoJK would have never have risen," the minister said, according to an official statement issued here.

"However, he said, it is very much on the agenda of the government led by Prime Minister Modi and the BJP as a political party to retrieve the illegally occupied PoJK from the control of Pakistan and restore it back to India," it said.

Different groups that interacted with Singh told him about the recent activities conducted by them to unite groups of people of Indian origin against anti-India forces, the statement said.

The minister told them that time has come to create "our own narrative so that false narratives created by our adversaries do not gain upper hand".

Under Prime Minister Modi, the world is ready to listen to India's viewpoint and the message that nobody can challenge or harm the integrity and sovereignty of India should go loud and clear across all sections, he said.

The meeting, which lasted for nearly an hour, consisted of people engaged in different areas of work and hailing from different regions of Jammu and Kashmir.

Present in the meeting were also representatives of the Jammu and Kashmir Study Centre branch in London who have their main office in New Delhi. There were also members of Dogra organisations of Jammu and Kashmir and members of Kashmiri Pandit activist groups, the statement said.

Singh appreciated the manner in which they had contributed in correcting the negative narrative about India, particularly in the context of Jammu and Kashmir, by certain "vested interests" and had also stood up to the challenge of anti-India forces in the UK, the statement added.

Kashmir Scaling

anniversary in Kashmir. The climate is good here. My friends had been here and they suggested I visit Kashmir. The situation is fine here, not like before," he said.

Vidyardhar from Karnataka found Kashmir safe for tourists and was certain the valley now had peace.

"We have been here for the last four days. The situation is absolutely normal here. I also feel Kashmir is a safe place for travellers and there are a lot of tourists here. The people, and their hospitality, are amazing," she said.

Vishwanath, another tourist from Karnataka, was just happy to escape the scorching heat of the plains and be with the mist shrouded mountains of Kashmir.

"Back where I come from, the temperature is hovering at 40 to 45 degree Celsius. Here it is three to 10 degree Celsius. We felt very good those who have not visited Kashmir, we

suggest they should," he said.

Abhilasha from Nagpur has been visiting Kashmir once every 10 years.

"This is my third trip to Kashmir. My first visit was in 2004 and then again in 2013. Today, I am here with my whole family. Kashmir is really a beautiful place, people are very nice. That is the reason we visited so many times here," she said.

Govt Accelerates

137 total projects taken by the SMC under the Smart city project out of which 66 have been completed while work on 71 projects is currently underway.

Notably, Commissioner SMC, Athar Amir Khan who also heads Srinagar Smart City Project as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) had set April 15 as deadline for the completion of the project, however it was missed.

Over 200 meetings are expected to be held across the country after India assumed the Presidency of the G20 for one year from December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023. This will be the first international event in the Valley post abrogation of Article 370.

The summer capital is also going to host one of the G20 events between May 22 and 24 for which the administration is making advance arrangements by repairing major roads, drainage systems and beautification of the city.

The meeting will be hosted at Kashmir International Conference Centre (KICC), located at the banks of Dal Lake.

Earlier, the SMC had invited tenders for face lifting and renovation of existing bunkers/pickets in Srinagar city.

An official from the Divisional commissioner's office said that preparation related to the upcoming meeting were in its final stage and various arrangements related to multi-tier security and traffic diversions are also being worked out.

The official further said the foreign delegates will also be taken on a sightseeing tour to Baramulla, Dachigam National Park in Srinagar, and also to the ski resort of Gulmarg.

Meanwhile, the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Monday emphasized on greater coordination and synergy among line departments for timely completion of developmental activities in City and enroute to different destinations.

Chairing a high level meeting here to review to review G20 Summit preparations in Kashmir Bidhuri directed for activation of the Control Room within two days to ensure all the facilities are in place in view of the G20 Summit.

He directed representatives of communication service providers to strengthen the network at the specified places by increasing the number of COW sites.

Div Com also directed Managers of Taj & Lalit hotels to renovate, colour coat interior & premises and enhance aesthetics of establishments. He also instructed them to make arrangements at the venues of SKICC and Golf Course regarding hospitality services.

While reviewing the redevelopment process of roads, Bidhuri directed CEOs of R&B and SSSL to blacktop all the roads included in the beautification plan of the City.

Besides, he issued instructions to concerned people for closing cutting along roads, routes, footpaths, closing manholes with lids, colour iron grills, making water fountains functional, smooth operation of streets lights, removing of debris & construction material from roads, installation of hoardings and flexes.

Moreover, he directed Director Tourism for identification of well furnished and decorated Shikaras for the ride of visiting delegates during the Summit.

Similarly, RTO Kashmir was directed to identify and earmark twenty Tempo Travelers for dignitaries besides ensure that drivers wearing uniform pattern of attire.

He also directed strict action against Project Management of NBCC for not completing the work of reconstruction of the portion of Ali Jan road where the said agency has carried out developmental work.

"Bidhuri also reprimanded concerned officers for delay in executing and finishing works undertaken for the G20 Summit," an official spokesperson said.

While the G20 member countries comprise Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, South Korea,

Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, Mexico, United Kingdom, United States and the European Union, India's special invitee guest countries this time include Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and UAE.

SGST Collections

The trend in increased revenue collections from the past one year by State Taxes Department is due to the myriad of steps taken by the department, which resulted in improvement in the compliance behaviour by the taxpayers and proactive support provided to taxpayers by the department for making the compliances under Goods and Services Tax easier and smoother.

At the same the department has been vigilant on taking actions against defaulters identified through various IT tools like BIFA, GST Prime, GST BO portal and as well as through human intelligence.

8800 cancellations have also been done in the financial year 2022-23. Honest taxpayers have also been facilitated and rewarded under the initiative taken by the department in tax awareness programme "KAR-TAVYA" which was launched recently by Lieutenant Governor of UT of J&K.

Militant Associate

of Lashkar-e-Toiba outfit identified as Tanveer Ahmad Wani, son of Bashir Ahmad Wani of Daramdora village in Shopian district was arrested.

He said one AK-47, one magazine, 10 AK rounds and one bag was recovered from his possession.

He said that a case in this regard has been registered and further investigation has been

taken up—(KNO)

2 Students

was taken to District Hospital Ganderbal from where they were referred to SKIMS Soura for further treatment.

SSP Ganderbal, Nikhi Borkar said that they have launched a manhunt to nab the attacker.

Eight Gamblers

The police identified the accused as Fayaz Ahmad Tantray, Farooq Ahmad Najar, Abdul Majeed Teli, Ghulam Nabi and Shabir Ahmad.

Similarly in another action, the spokesperson said, cops of Police Station Pattan raided Iqbal Colony and arrested 3 gamblers from the spot. Besides playing cards, he said, an amount of Rs 4960 was recovered from their possession.

The accused have been identified as Waseem Ahmad Khanday, Altaf Ahmad Shah and Ab Hamid.

"Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and further investigation has been initiated," he added.

IEDs, Grenade

included an Under Barrel Grenade launcher (UBGL), two rifle grenades, a wireless set with an antenna, two IEDs with wire, a detonator, 17 rounds of AK-47 rifle, seven rounds of 9 mm pistol, one bottle containing some liquid, a Khakhi' jacket and a pair of black leather shoes, the spokesperson said.

No one was arrested during the search operation, he said, adding police have registered a case under relevant sections of law and further investigation is on.

Four Injured

the course of enquiry preliminary it has been found that it was due to leakage of cylinder", the officials said adding in the course of ongoing blaze a gas cylinder exploded causing grievous injuries to four persons.

Identifying the injured persons as, Hasham Mair son of Niaz Mair resident of Bihar, Suraj Patil son of Ram Patil resident of Bihar, Mohd Shaid son of Mohd Sadiq resident of Qazi Mora and Javid son of Mohd Ahmed from UP, the officials further said that all the injured persons have been shifted to District Hospital Poonch for treatment.

Heart Attack

shifted to sub-district hospital (SDH) Bijbehara where doctors declared him brought dead. Meanwhile, further proceedings in this regard have been started

G-20 SUMMIT

DC Baramulla Reviews Arrangements Ahead Of Delegations Visit To Gulmarg

Stresses For Double Shift Of Works; Sets Deadline For Completion Of Works By May-10

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: In order to take stock of preparations with regard to delegations' visit to Gulmarg during G-20 Summit, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar on Monday convened a meeting of all the concerned officers at Dak Bungalow here to discuss various measures for the smooth conduct of the event.

The meeting was also held to take stock of action taken in respect of directions issued during the tour on 16-02-2023

development of footpaths, medians, traffic road furnishing, landscape improvement, installation of roadside VMDs, installation of hoardings besides removal of wooden poles, rusted plant guards, hanging cable wires and unnecessary road dividers and debris, painting of Government buildings and commercial building walls along the roads to increase the aesthetic value of those structures.

The DC directed the officers of concerned departments to work for the beautification of Narbal-Tangmarg road and ensure the



for preparation of the G-20 Summit.

At the outset, the DC discussed threadbare the action taken by all concerned departments and also highlighted the importance of hosting a G20 Summit.

She took department wise review regarding the action taken by them to enhance the facade of roads and directed the departments to ensure that all the preparatory arrangements are completed by 10th of this month.

Dr Sehrish exhorted upon the departments to push for double shift of working in all the existing works including

uniformity of sign boards and headers on the road sides.

Among other directions, it was deliberated upon the departments to work for the beautification of NTR/ GT-R, removal of garbage from Khuls and Nallahs, tightening of transmission lines, designated parking slots, lifting of fell down trees, installation of toilet points at Kunzer and Tangmarg and making of health services available at the designated centers.

Meeting was attended by SSP Traffic, ADC Baramulla, Addl SP Baramulla, JDP, SDM Gulmarg, ACD, ACP, SE R&B, PHE, ARTO and other concerned officers.



WOMEN PROTESTERS SHOUT SLOGANS demanding the implementation of the Minimum Wages Act in letter and spirit while abolishing the contractual system of employment, during a rally at Srinagar's Press Enclave on Monday.

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SED Asks CEOs To Verify Schools As Per New Zonation For ATD

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The School Education Department has asked the Chief Education Officers (CEOs) to verify the schools as per Zonation for Annual Transfer Driver (ATD).

In this regard, Director of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) has issued a communique to CEOs—asking them for the verification of School zonation for ATD 2023.

"In this regard, I am directed to CEOs to verify the schools as per Zonation and furnish the same to DSEJ by or before May-01 without fail," DSEJ said in the communique.

The director said that if there is any correction if applicable should be done in the same format with added comments in the remarks column. Pertinently, the School Edu-

cation Department has notified Zonation of schools in a 'conditional' process for Annual Transfer Drive 2023.

The School Education Department said this while issuing the notification for transfer of Teachers, Masters, lecturers, Principals, Headmasters, ZEO's and equivalents of the department through online mode.

Stating the conditions to apply for the transfers, the department said that the employees having a mature stay of three years and above in Zone-I, II and III as per transfer policy-2023 shall have to compulsorily apply online in prescribed application format.

The department said that the preferences for posting shall be that an employee who is working in Zone-I shall opt for Zone- II, III, IV and V. An employee who is working in

Zone-II shall opt for Zone- I, III, IV and V. An employee who is working in Zone-III shall opt for Zone-I, II, IV and V. An employee who is working in Zone-IV shall opt for Zone- I, II, III and V. An employee who is working in Zone-V shall opt for Zone- I, II, III and IV.

According to the School Education Department, Zone-I falls within municipal limit of district headquarter, Zone-II outside municipal limit upto 20km from district headquarter, Zone-III beyond 20km to 40Kms from district headquarter, Zone-IV beyond 40kms and above from district headquarter and also where change of residence is required. In addition, those schools where there is no motorable road and walking distance from the nearest motorable road is 7 KMs or more one way— (KNO)

Border Residents In Uri Celebrate This Year's First Wedding Amid Ceasefire Pact

Agencies

BARAMULLA: With ceasefire along, Line of Control (LoC) completing two years, joyous wedding ceremony was held in the Churunada border town of Uri in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, marking the first celebration of its kind this year.

Although the relations between India and Pakistan are currently strained, both sides have taken measures to ensure strict compliance with the ceasefire, providing a great sense of relief to those living on both sides of the de facto border who had previously experienced frequent firing and destruction of homes.

"Such celebratory events are only possible in an atmosphere of peace and stability, and we hope and pray that such conditions continue at the borders so that people in border areas can live their lives with a sense of safety and comfort," he said.

Mohammad Amin, another elderly local expressed his joy at the newfound ability to hold celebratory events in his village.

He remarked that in the past, the fear of shelling made it difficult to even hold funeral ceremonies in their homes, let alone weddings. However, he expressed relief that the situation has now improved significantly.

"Before, we used to worry about whether we would be



Choudhary Lal Hussain, a local resident whose sister was married told a local news agency KNO, that relatives and neighbors came together to celebrate the wedding, an event that had been previously disrupted by cross-border shelling between the two armies.

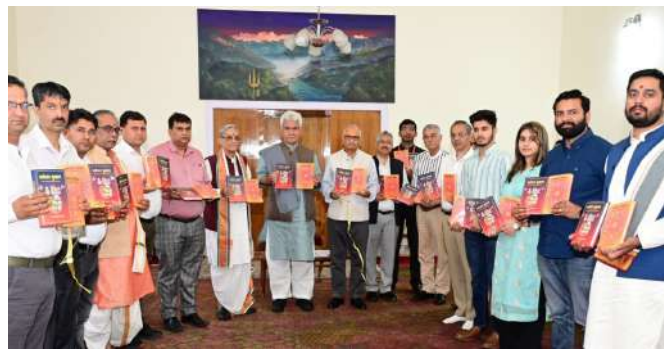
Expressing gratitude towards his loved ones for attending the ceremony, he remarked that the peaceful situation in the area over the past two years had made such gatherings possible.

Gulam Rasool, another local said that the wedding was a lively affair, with women singing traditional songs and men playing drums with great enthusiasm.

able to hold a wedding or not because of the constant threat of shelling and violence. But now, with the ceasefire in place and a peaceful atmosphere prevailing, we can hold our ceremonies with joy and celebration. It's a wonderful feeling to be able to carry on our cultural traditions without the constant fear of shelling," he said.

Last year, approximately 250 weddings took place in the border villages of Kashmir, evoking memories of past times when celebrations were held in the comfort of one's own home rather than being relocated to safer areas outside the villages—(KNO)

LG Releases Books Authored By Prof Vishwamurti Shastri



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday released two books viz. "Sarvajana Sukhaya" and "Sarvajana Hitaya" authored by Padma Shri Prof Vishwamurti Shastri, at Raj Bhavan here. The books provide useful information and ways for performing pooja based on jyotish vinyan and on the invaluable ancient knowledge on variety of subjects for a holistic living and prosperous life.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor said, Sanskrit is recognized as one of the oldest living languages of the world and offers tremendous treasure in literature, mathematics, medicine and science.

The wisdom of Sanskrit has the immense potential to enrich knowledge system and promotion of Sanskrit language with the usage of Sanskrit words in day-to-day conversations is the need of the hour," the Lt Governor said.

JU To Start Snot Craft, Disaster Management Courses For Army Personnel

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The University of Jammu is taking a landmark initiative by starting mountain and snow craft and disaster management courses for soldiers and officers of the Indian army, Vice Chancellor Prof Umesh Rai said on Monday.

He said the varsity and the High Altitude Warfare School (HAWs), Gulmarg will sign an MoU in this regard on May 3.

"While recognising the experiential learning and rigorous training of the Army personnel and their contribution to the country, the university is taking a landmark initiative by starting certificate, diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate courses in mountain craft and disaster management and snow craft and disaster management for the jawans and officers," Rai said.

He said the university will also start three skill-based certificate courses in collaboration with HAWs in disaster management with a focus on search, rescue and survival, snow craft and avalanche rescue and rock craft and mountain rescue for its students.

"These programmes will be jointly conducted by the Disaster Management Centre of the Geology Department and the High Altitude Warfare School," Rai said.

Mushroom Farmers Upbeat Over Commercial Farming Of Shiitake In J&K

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GAJANSOO : Farmers engaged in mushroom cultivation in Jammu and Kashmir are upbeat over the government announcement to introduce one of the costliest mushrooms 'Shiitake' for commercial farming in the Union Territory.

The agriculture department will launch commercial farming Shiitake in September after successful field trials of the cultivation of this Japanese-origin variety. "We are happy. I have heard it (Shiitake mushroom) is being launched in September (for commercial farming). We will go for it," Mushroom farmer Rahul Sharma told PTI.

Sharma, who owns a 4,000-bag unit in the border belt of Marh, said that it is grown in states like Haryana, but it is good news that it will be grown in Jammu for the first time.

"Its cost and market value

is very good. Farmers would be largely benefited. For Jammu and Kashmir, it will be good to cultivate Shiitake mushroom, as you can grow anywhere due to suitable climate," he added.

Like him, Arvind Kumar, who has been into mushroom farming for the last 15 years, said they were waiting for the success of its trials in Jammu and Kashmir. "We welcome commercial farming of Shiitake mushrooms. We will adopt it as soon as the government introduces it", he said.

The cultivation trials were carried out successfully for spawn production and cultivation of Shiitake mushrooms in a spawn production laboratory in Jammu as well as in fields. It was done on sawdust of broad leaves in polypropylene bags as per the guidelines of the Directorate of Mushroom Research (ICAR), Solan.

"As the trials and standardisation of all the pa-

rameters were successful, the cultivation technique of Shiitake mushroom will be transferred to the farmer level in September. This initiative will provide farmers with an opportunity for round-the-year cultivation of mushrooms with enhanced returns," KK Sharma, Director of the Department of Agriculture, told PTI.

All trials turned out to be a success with the growth of fruiting bodies first and full growing up of mushrooms, he added.

Shiitake mushroom (Lentinus edodes), which is native to Japan, is a type of edible fungus and contains a chemical called lentinan, which some medical professionals use to boost the immune system. It will be considered a move to bring an economic boom in the farming sector with regard to mushroom cultivation in J&K.

"The fresh mushroom sells for Rs 1,500 per kilo in the market. If we dry it, it is sold at

Rs 15,000 per kilo in the market. With the introduction of the Shiitake mushroom, over 2,500 mushroom farmers will benefit directly from its cultivation," Sharma said.

Their farming will be diversified, apart from growing three mushroom varieties - Button, Dingri and Milky mushrooms. The fourth, Shiitake mushroom, will be introduced. It will diversify cropping as well as the farming system. It will benefit economically to all, even small mushroom growers, he noted.

Terming it a big immunity booster, he also said that it has anti-carcinogenic properties, used in the treatment of cancer.

Aiming to support small-scale farmers, the J&K government is going to implement a full-fledged project at a cost of Rs 42 crore in the next three years for the promotion of round-the-year mushroom cultivation for sustainable and profitable crops.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SPL SUB DIV. TANGDAR

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

e- NIT No.05 of 2023-24 of Special Sub Division Tangdar Endtt No.178-86 :Dated: 29.04.2023

For & on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on a %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other state/ Central Governments for the followings works:-

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	E/ Money	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	7	8
1.	Annual maintenance repairs of the damaged roads of block Tangdar and Teetwal	2.00	4000	200	M&R	DEE

1.

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 www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	29.4.2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	29.4.2023
3	Bid submission Start Date	29.4.2023
4	Bid Submission End Date	08.5.2023 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	09.5.2023 at 11.00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer Spl Sub Div Tangdar

1.

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer Spl Sub Division Tangdar (tender inviting authority) The Successful Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% additional performance security deposit of the allotted cost. The same shall be released after the successful completion of the defect liability period of the work. The EMD of 2% successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 3% Performance Security.

2.

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids

3.

The earnest money shall be 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 28 days after fixation of contract.

4.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

4.1.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov. into account bid submission process.

4.2.

To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.

4.3.

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

4.4.

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

4.5.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid.

4.6.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.

Note:-

5.

Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

5.

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

6.

Scanned copy of cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer Spl Sub Division Tangdar and Bid Security Declaration must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), CDR/ FDR/ BG (earnest money/ bid security) and relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.

7.

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.

8.

Price escalation and Taxes:- Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

9.

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

10.

In case of CRF and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.

11.

Instructions to Bidder (ITB)

11.1.

All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria / qualification information with their bids:-
a. Copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business with Cell No. and Correspondence address.
b. Treasury Challan &/ CDR/ FDR/ BG
c. Valid GSTIN No. & PAN No.
d. Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B i.e. latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B of the preceding Month to the issued of NIT

11.2.

The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.

11.3.

Non attendance of pre-bid meeting will not be cause of disqualification of the bidder.

11.4.

All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.

11.5.

Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including earnest money and tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises

12.

General Conditions of Contract:-

12.1.

The date of start of the work shall be reckoned within one week from the date of issuance of Contract allotment . Penalty for delay in completion:-In case of delay in completion of work beyond stipulated period of completion, penalty upto maximum of 10% of the contract shall be imposed.

12.2.

Time extension:- Suitable time extension shall be granted in case of increase in scope of work and in the event of delay beyond control of contractor to be determined by the department.

12.3.

Advance Payments:- No mobilization advance/ equipment advance shall be paid unless otherwise specified in the SBB.

12.4.

Secured Advance:- No secured advance is admissible unless otherwise specified.

12.5.

Schedule of Payment:- The payment schedule shall be fixed after award of contract in favour of successful bidder, on the basis of availability of funds and value of work executed, shall be determined by the Engineer.

12.6.

Amendment of bidding document:- Before the deadline for submission of bids the employer may modify the bidding documents by issuing Addendum.

12.7.

The tender receiving authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

13.

Restoration of work:- On completion of contract the contractor shall be responsible to remove all un-used material and restore all work in its original position at his own cost.

14.

Traffic regulations:- The contractor is bound to adhere to traffic regulations as is applicable from time to time and ensure arrangements of smooth regulation of traffic during execution of work.

15.

Arbitration:- The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the arbitration procedure stated in the J&K conciliation and Arbitration Act No:-xxxv of 1997 issued vide SRO No:-403 vide Notification of J&K Govt., "Law Department" 11th December-1997.

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Spl Sub Division Tangdar



In U-14 Girls, Jannat of MS Gari Masjid secured first position. In U-17 Girls Manha of GHS Khanyar won first position. In U-19 Girls, Muniza from GHSS Khanyar won first position.

both boys and girls. In the events, near about 90 students participated.

DYSSO Anantnag Gh. Hassan Lone was the chief guest in the event along with ZPEO Srignuwara Mohd Maqbool Thockroo, Mohammad Abbass Dar (Activity Incharge DYSSO Anantnag), Bilal Ahmad Dar (PEM DYSSO Anantnag) Meema Rashid Principal Zai-ba Aapa Institute of Inclusive Education Bijbehara, Khurshid Ahmad War (Sports Week Incharge) Shabir Ahmad (Junior Assistant ZPEO Bijbehara) and field officials of ZPEO Zone Bijbehara.

Match starts: 7.30 PM IST.

The other issue is amount of money the official broadcaster has committed on telecast deals, that includes at least two assured India-Pakistan games. If the two teams

