

More Women In Srinagar Grappling With Mental Health Issues: Study

Central Government's Tele MANAS Receives Over 10,000 Calls, 70 Percent Of Them From Women

Press Trust Of India

About 70 per cent of the 10,000-odd calls made to a mental healthcare call centre here were by women, with a study suggesting the digital facility has made it easy for women to talk about their issues from home without being stigmatised.

The call centre under the central government's Tele MANAS initiative was established at the Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences in Rainawari here in November last year.



Since its launch, the call centre has received more than 10,000 calls. "About 70 per cent of those calls were from

women," Dr Arshad Hussain, a renowned psychiatrist working at the institute, said.

He said the institute conducted a study to ascertain why a majority of the distress calls were made by women.

"What could be happening is that women may be finding it easy to call from their homes and talk about their distress without being stigmatised," Hussain said.

"Recently, we had a guest faculty here. We were told that in other centres, there are more men calling. This is something which

needs more research," he added. Hussain said the Tele MANAS centre aims to bridge the gap between mental health needs and the availability of resources.

"There is a scarcity of resources the world over, particularly in low-income and middle-income countries, to actually deal with the epidemic of mental health problems," he said.

The call centre in Srinagar has 20 counsellors, mostly women, who are the first responders to distress calls.

Nashafa Firdous, one of the

counsellors at the centre, said most of the distress calls were from women, especially those from rural areas, "because it is easy for women to get counselling online without having to visit the centre".

"This is a good initiative because there is no barrier. They do not feel comfortable to reveal their identity or to show themselves up, but when they get online counselling, they feel comfortable," she said.

Asked about the nature of calls, Firdous said **More on P6**

Bilawal Bhutto In India To Attend SCO Meet

Press Trust Of India

Benaulim: Pakistan foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari arrived in Goa on Thursday to attend a conclave of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), the first such high-level visit to India from the neighbouring country since 2011.

Bhutto Zardari's visit to India to attend the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) meeting comes amid continued strain in ties between India and Pakistan on a number of issues including Islamabad's alleged support to cross-border terrorism.

People familiar with the conclave preparations said there is no plan for a bilateral meeting between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Bhutto Zardari so far as there was no request for it from the Pakistani side.

"I am very happy to reach Goa to lead the Pakistani delegation at the SCO Foreign Ministers meeting. **More on P6**

G20 Summit In Srinagar

LG Calls For Concerted Efforts To Make Event Successful

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday described G20 summits as a matter of pride for the country and impressed upon the officials of his administration to make concerted efforts to ensure successful conduct of one of the meetings in Srinagar.

"G20 is a matter of pride for the country. We should make concerted efforts to ensure successful conduct of the G20 meeting in Srinagar," Sinha said.

He made these remarks while chairing a high-level meeting to discuss preparation for the G20 meeting at Srinagar.

The LG asked the departments to contribute enthusiastically to make the historic occasion a memorable one.

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



country. The third G20 tourism working group meeting will be held in Srinagar between May 22-24.

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

It comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India,

Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the US and the European Union (EU).

Among others, the meeting was attended by LG's Advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Secretary, Ministry of Tourism Arvind Singh, Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, ACS Home RK

Goyal, DGP Dilbag Singh, Special Secretary & Joint Secretaries from G20 Secretariat, besides other senior officers

The meeting, organized with the aim of making the upcoming event success with the cooperation of all the stakeholders, also reviewed various aspects of preparation, an official spokesperson said. **More on P6**

Security Bunkers Converted Into 'Smart Bunkers'

Ahead of the G20 meeting here, Srinagar Smart City has taken up the revamping and repair of security bunkers by converting them into "smart bunkers" at different locations. A contractor assigned with the making of "smart bunkers" told a local news agency KNO that he has been allocated seven sites for the construction of smart bunkers in Srinagar city. "It is a part of the facelift and repairing of the bunkers ahead of the G20 meeting," he said, adding, "I have been assigned only seven sites." Notably, the preparations for the upcoming G20 meeting are in full swing, with authorities in the valley taking the work on a fast-track basis to ensure the completion of works before the event. The city is getting a makeover with newly-laid footpaths and realigned roads. Visibly the smart bunkers consist of iron net protection with bulletproof shields inside them. The outer layer is covered with photos of tourist spots of the valley. **More on P6**

Love Given Emergency Visa After Apologising To PM

JKNPP Founder Bhim Singh's Son Removed From Blacklist To Attend Mother's Funeral

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP) founder Bhim Singh's son has been removed from a blacklist and issued an emergency visa to attend his mother's funeral after he apologised to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for participating in an anti-government protest in London last year.

Ankit Love (39), who is based in London, was given a three-month emergency visa on Thursday to attend his mother's last rites, which, according to him, will take place on the banks



of Devika river in Udhampur district on Friday afternoon.

"I am reaching Jammu tomorrow (Friday) morning to say the final goodbye to my mother," Love told PTI on the phone from Delhi on his arrival from abroad.

He said he is **More on P6**

Burn Fat, Not Fuel: 5 Off-Road Docking Stations Launched In Srinagar

Cycling Reduces Travel Time, Offers Safe & Healthy Trip To Users: CEO Smart City

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Five chartered bike docking stations with the slogan 'Burn Fat, Not Fuel' were made operational on Thursday at Jhelum Riverfront in the Rajbagh area of the city, marking the first of its kind smart initiative in Kashmir under the Srinagar Smart City Project.

Smart cycling initiative, officials said, was taken in a bid to tackle overcrowding and reduce traffic mess in the congested city. Off-road bicycle routes, popping-up in several parts of Srinagar, offer cyclists a clean, healthy, and affordable ride from one station to another.

Out of the total 100 chartered docking yards, 70 have been

completed in several areas of the city so far, of which 5 such points have been made active in the Rajbagh and Lal Mandi areas and the remaining 65 will be made operational soon, officials told Kashmir Observer.

They said the users could unlock the cycle by scanning a barcode before moving from station A to Station B. 30 docking stations, they said, will be made operational in Srinagar in a day or two.

Cycling, as per the rate list displayed outside River-Front Docking station is free for first 30 minutes while a user has to pay Rs 5 for 60 minutes, Rs 10 for 120 minutes, Rs 25 for 2-3 hours, Rs 50 for 3-4 hours, Rs 100 for 4-6 hours, Rs 200 for 6-8



hours and Rs 350 for 8 hours.

Talking to Kashmir Observer, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Srinagar Smart City Project,

Athar Amir Khan said 10 to 12 cycles will be deployed at every docking station.

"I recommend people to use

cycles as it saves time and helps them take breath in a healthy environment. Cycling as everyone knows has a lot of health benefits, besides it's cheaper and reduces travel time as well," he added.

He said chartered docking stations are coming up across Srinagar, including Boulevard Road, Airport Road, Nishat, Bemina and Khanyar area in the old city.

Khan, who also heads Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) as Commissioner, said the users need not bring back the cycle to its original track but could be dropped at the next station.

"Cycles as per the contract with the firm will be used for next ten years and extended accordingly. 100 off-road **More on P6**

LG Greets People On Buddha Purnima

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday extended his heartiest greetings to the people on the eve of the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima. In his message, the Lt Governor said: "On the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima, I extend my hearty greetings and good wishes to the people." "Lord Buddha's teachings of non-violence, love and compassion continue to guide humanity on the path of harmonious living. His eternal message of right action and be a light unto **More on P6**

2 People Killed In Ramban Hotel Fire

Two people were killed and five others injured when a hotel caught fire in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district on Thursday morning, officials said. Fire occurred in Hotel Maa Shanti in Sanasar tourist place and spread fast, engulfing the entire area, they said. Fire tenders were pressed into service along with locals and police to douse off the blaze, which has been brought under control, they said. Those injured have been hospitalised. A magisterial inquiry headed by ADC Ramban has been **More on P6**

NIA Raids In Kishtwar, Baramulla

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday carried out raids at several locations in Jammu and Kashmir in connection with separate militancy cases. In Baramulla district of the Valley, the NIA sleuths carried out searches at four places in Old Town in a case related to militancy in the Union Territory, the officials said. The NIA sleuths were accompanied by police and CRPF, they said. Teams of NIA also conducted raids and subsequent searches at five places in Kishtwar district, they said. **More on P6**

CRPF Inspector Slips To Death

A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel on Thursday died after falling into a gorge during a cordon and search operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, sources said. CRPF Inspector Sunil Kumar slipped and fell down a mountain cliff in the Mohra Larya area of Sunderbani tehsil of the district, they said. Kumar was taken to a hospital where he was declared dead by the doctors, they said. He was part of CRPF deployed in Rajouri and Poonch after twin terrorist **More on P6**

Police Officer's Son Booked For Drug Peddling

A police officer's son was booked under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) for his alleged involvement in cases of theft and drug peddling in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, officials said. He has been identified as Sunny Sharma, a resident of the Jawahar Nagar area of Rajouri, they said, adding he is the son of an assistant-sub inspector of police. The accused was repeatedly involved in theft and drug peddling cases, **More on P6**

Timber Smuggler Booked Under PSA

Authorities on Thursday slapped the Public Safety Act (PSA) against a notorious timber smuggler in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, officials said. Aashiq Husain Sheikh (52) alias "Aashiq Panga" of Baderwah town remained at large for over a decade and was booked in a dozen cases of illegal felling of trees, smuggling of timber and attacking forest department personnel, they said. Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Baderwah, Chander Shekhar said Sheikh was involved **More on P6**

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Short Notice inviting e-Tender

Fresh e- NIT No. 03 of 2023-24 Dated: 03/05/2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders (in Single Cover System) on item rate basis are invited from approved and eligible contractors for the following works to be received by the Executive Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Division Srinagar.

S. No	Name of work.	Estt. Cost (. in lakh)	Earnest Money (in .)	Cost of T/ Doc. (in .)	MH of Account	Time of Completion	Class of contract
01	02 Temporary Restoration of damaged portion of right side of River Jhelum embankment (R/ Wall) near Peerzoo Island. (Damages of 25th April 2023).	11.40	22800/=	900/=	06 SSCL	07 20 days	08 CEE DEE

Position of AAA =Under Process.

Position of TS = Under process.

Position of funds: 100% Budgetary provision

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (B.Q.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 date given below:-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	03.05.2023 FROM 06:00 P.M.
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	03.05.2023 FROM 06:00 P.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	03.05.2023 FROM 06:00 P.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	09-05-2023 upto 4:00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids	10 -05-2023 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer Irri. and Flood control Division Srinagar.
6	Submission of Performance Security (PS)	The Successful bidder has to provide 3% of Adv. Cost as Performance Security within 7 days after opening of Financial Bid.

Note:-

1)- The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploaded soft copy any short fall if any found in the soft copy the tenders shall be rejected 2) As per Circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Sectt. Finance department vide No. OM No.A/24 (2017)-651 dtd. 07-06-2018 which reads as under :-

a) Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of E-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who declared 1st Low-est (L-1) after opening of financial bids.

b) The Cost of tenders should be collected by uploading a copy of necessary Treasury Challan/Receipt.

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0701-Rev.Misc) and Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Division Srinagar falling which the tender will be rejected out rightly. The issuing date of CDR/FDR uploaded must be between issuing date to Bid Submission end date of NIT. CDR/FDR (Earnest money/Bid security) and relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.

2. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer Irri. and F.C. Division Srinagar.

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

4. The normal deposits to be deducted as per GFR 2017 rules from running bills to be released after total completion of the work.

5. The tender opening authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or any part of any tender without assigning reason thereof.

6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

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

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

6. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

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

8. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0701-Rev.Misc) in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Division Srinagar and Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Division Srinagar falling which the tender will be rejected out rightly.

9. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BQO (Bill of Quantities) contents. The BQO downloaded should be inclusive of all taxes.

10. Bidders should note that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract has been awarded are found fake/ not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor/ bidder shall be blacklisted for participation in this division for a period of One year besides the performance security deposited for the said work shall be forfeited.

11. Price escalation and Taxes:- The %age quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. 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.

12. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on www.jktenders.gov.e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

13. Instruction to Bidder (ITB)

The Bidder must have to upload (soft copies) of the following documents (Photostat/Original should be clearly seen in all respect with Ink Signed and Seal):-

Valid original Treasury Challan/Receipt (MH.0701-Revenue.Misc).

Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Executive Engineer Irri and F.C. Division Srinagar.

Registration Card valid & renewed for the year in which bids are invited.

Valid GSTIN Registration Certificate.

PAN Card With No.

Bidder shall furnish proof of latest returns (i.e. latest clearance certificate) in form of:-

GSTR-3B of the latest quarter / latest month whichever is applicable to the bidder.

(Note:- The GSTR-3B Confirmation status will be checked online. If GSTR-3B found invalid. The Card will be Barred for further tendering Process in the concerned Division)

Other Relevant Documents accordingly NIT.

The lowest Tender will have to submit hard copies of all documents uploaded on e-tendering portal before issuance of LOI or Allotment.

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

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

16. The departmental material shall be supplied to the contractor as per the stock rate in vogue for financial year 2022-23. (In case of non availability of stocks in divisional stores the contractor may purchase required material of quality and specifications prescribed, to be certified by Engineer in charge after getting non availability certificate from Executive Engineer and shall not be entitled for any type of excessive rates on this account).

17. 1% (One percent) Labour Cess shall be deducted at the time of payment.

18. The work should be executed within the time limit as stipulated in the NIT.

19. No variation of quantity or rates is admissible.

20. In case if the contractor fails to execute the work as per condition and time limit prescribed in the NIT. The work shall be put to fresh tenders at his risk and cost, besides debarring from participation in tendering process. In addition to imposition of penalty as warranted under rules.

21. The Service Tax will be deducted from the gross amount as per the rates in vogue at the time of payment.

22. All other terms and conditions same as laid down in the PWD Form 25 Double shall also remain in force. D

No. IFCDs/CS/E-NIT-03/933-53

DIPK-1147/23 Dated: 04/05/2023.

(Er. Bashir Ahmad)

Executive Engineer

Irrigation and Flood Division Srinagar.

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NIT No: 4 Dated: 03-05-2023 Expression of Interest

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir Expression of Interest are invited from the qualified and experienced Companies/ Firms for Design, Development and Maintenance of Management Information System (MIS) for Jammu and Kashmir Skill Development Mission.

The complete EoI tender document with the title of Design, Development and Maintenance of Management Information System (MIS) shall be made available to the interested qualified and experienced Companies / Firms on the website www.jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidders/ Tenderers may view / download the e-bid document and submit their e-bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below.

1.	Date of issue of tender Notice	03/05/2023 5:00PM
2.	Document download / sale start date	03/05/2023 5:00PM
3.	Date of pre bid meeting	10/05/2023 1:00PM
4.	Issuance of Corrigendum/clarifications, if any	12/05/2023 5:00 PM
5.	Start date & Time for uploading of bids	15/05/2023 2:00 PM
6.	Last date and time for uploading of bids	05/06/2023 5:00 PM
7.	Last date and time for submission of EMD and cost of Tender document	05/06/2023 5:00 PM
8.	Date and time of opening of Technical bids	08/06/2023 1:00 PM
9.	Date and time of opening of financial bids	To be announced
10.	No of covers / packets	02 Nos
11.	Bid validity days	90 days
12.	Location (works/service/ items)	Jammu/ Srinagar
13.	Cost of tender document in shape of Demand Draft	Rs 2000/- Non refundable
14.	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the form of CDR/FDR/BG	Rs 100000/-
15.	Address for communication	As above
16.	Payment mode (online / offline)	Off line

Accounts Officer

J&K Skill Development Mission

No: JKSDM/2023/ 216

DIPK-1139/23 Dated: 04-05-2023.

Office of the Bilques Jabeen Advocate

J&K High Court at Srinagar Office

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in the case of:

1 Mohammad Ali Balti

2 Mohammad Hani Balti

3. Mohammad Halim Balti

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4. Mohammad Balti

S/o Ghulam Hyder Balti

5. Mohmmntd Ali Balti S/o Ghulam Ali Balti

6 Mohammad Hussain Balti S/o Ghulam Mohammad Balti

7, Mohammad Ali Balti S/o Fida Hussain Balti

All residents of Nilgrath Sonmarg, Ganderbal

...Caveators

Versus

1. Bashir Ahmad Lone

2. Public at large

Non-caveator.

In the matter of: Caveat petition on behalf of the caveators with the prayer that in the event of any Suit/appeal or any other proceedings is filed by non-caveators, the caveators may be given opportunity of being heard before passing of any order in ex-parte.

May It Please Your Honour.

The caveators humbly submits as under:

1. That the caveators are the permanent residents of UT of J&K and are filling the instant petition for the protection of their rights.

2. That the caveators are the rightful and lawful owner of a land big chunk of land measuring 29 Kanals and 7 Marlas situated Mouza Sonmarg, Ganderbal falling under Khasra Nos.710/480, and land measuring 24 Knnal under Khasra No.480min situated at Mouza Sonamarg, Gandcbral and land measuring 5 Knnals and 7 Malras falling under Khasra No.480min.

3. That the caveators apprehnd that the non-cuveator/s may file any suit/appeal or any other proceedings against the caveators and will try to interfere/grab the above said land by obtaining any order in ex-parte by filing the frivolous proceedings against the caveators.

4. That the caveators have informed the public at large /non-caveators through publication of same in the newspaper.

5. That the caveat is supported by a duly sworn an affidavit.

In the premises, it is therefore, prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to provide an opportunity of being heard to the caveators before passing any order in ex-parte against the caveators in the event of filing of any suit/appeal or any other proceedings is filed by non-caveators against caveators. The same would be in consonance with law and justice.

Caveator through

Counsel Adv. Bilques Jabeen & Associates

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Before The Hon'ble High Court Of Jmmu And Kashmir And Ladakh At Srinagar

Caveat Application No. /2023

In the case of
Chief Executive Officer,
Sonamarg Development Authority

V/S

Public At large

Non-Caveators

In the matter of: Caveat Application.

May it please your Lordships,

Caveat application is respectfully submitted as under.

1. That, That in the interest of administration, the Government has issued Outsourcing of Assets of Sonamarg Development Authority vide No. CEO/SDA/2023/192-201 dated 02-05-2023, with regard to interested parties are informed to submit applications as per the prescribed format along with DCR in the office of the Soanamarg Dev. Authority w.e.f. 02-05-2023 to 11-05-2023 upto 2.00 PM for participation in the open auction bid for Outsourcing assets of Sonamrg Development Authority. Copy of the same is annexed herewith and marked as Annexure-1.

2. The caveator apprehends that any person may approach this Hon'ble court and consequently challenge the same on frivolous grounds.

3. That, in the eventuality of any writ petition or any other proceedings are filed against the aforesaid notice before this Hon'ble Court, the Hon'ble Court may be kind enough to provide an opportunity to Hear The Caveator Or His Counsel Before Passing Any Ex-Parte Order

Caveator through counsel

Ilyas Nazir Laway Government Advocate

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J&K High Court, Srinagar

Before The Hqn'ble High Court Of Jammu And Kashmir And Ladakh At Srinagar

Caveat Application No. /2023

In the case of
Chief Executive Officer,
Sonamarg Development Authority

V/S

Public At large

.Non-Caveators

In the matter of: Caveat Application.

May it please your Lordships,

Caveat application is respectfully submitted as under.

1. That, That in the interest of administration, the Government has issued Outsourcing of Adventure/Recreational Activities at Sonamarg vide No. CEO/SDA/2023/143-44 dated 25-04-2023, with regard to incorporation of adventure/recreational activities at Tourist resort Sonamarg. Copy of the same is annexed herewith and marked as Annexure-1.

2. The caveator apprehends that any person may approach this Hon'ble court and consequently challenge the same on frivolous grounds.

3. That, in the eventuality of any writ petition or any other proceedings are filed against the aforesaid notice before this Hon'ble Court, the Hon'ble Court may be kind enough to provide an opportunity to hearing to the Caveator or his Counsel before passing any ex-parte order

Caveator through counsel

Ilyas Nazir Laway Government Advocate

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J&K High Court, Srinagar

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Youth Jumps Into Jhelum In Qamarwari, Body Retrieved

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Body of a youth, who jumped into river Jhelum near PC Depo Bund in Srinagar this afternoon, was retrieved after hours of hectic efforts by the river police.

An official said that a man from the Bharthana area jumped into the River Jhelum near PC Depo. He said following the incident, a team was immediately

rushed to the spot to launch a search and rescue operation.

The deceased, officials said, has been identified as Sajid Ahmad, a resident of Bharthana area of Srinagar.

During the search operation, the body of the youth was retrieved and was handed over to his family after legal medico formalities. Meanwhile police have taken cognizance of the incident and set investigation into motion.

MD KPDCL Holds Introductory Meeting With Officers

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR, MAY 04: The Managing Director (MD), KPDCL, Bas-eer UI Haq Choudhary held an introductory appraisal meeting with the officers of the Corporation, here.

Various issues with regard to working of KPDCL were discussed threadbare along with the roadmap ahead for KPDCL to tread especially in view of important upcoming events like G20 Summit and Shri Amarnath Yatra 2023.

The emphasis was laid to provide uninterrupted power supply to the consumers in general, besides improving the revenue realization and ensuring efficient and timely implementation of

Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).

Installation of smart meters taken up by KPDCL under various schemes was another vertical discussed in the meeting and strict directions were given by MD, KPDCL for completion of projects within prescribed deadlines.

MD, KPDCL stressed the need for improving the coordination between the field officers of KPDCL and District Administration for early redressal of public grievances with regard to power supply issues.

Meeting was attended by Chief Engineers Er. Javed Yousuf Dar, Er. Muzaffar M Shah, Er. Lateef A Shah, Technical Officer to MD, KPDCL Er. Rauf, all SEs besides Executive Engineers of KPDCL.

Director Agriculture Visits Vegetable Cluster In Srinagar

Observer News Service

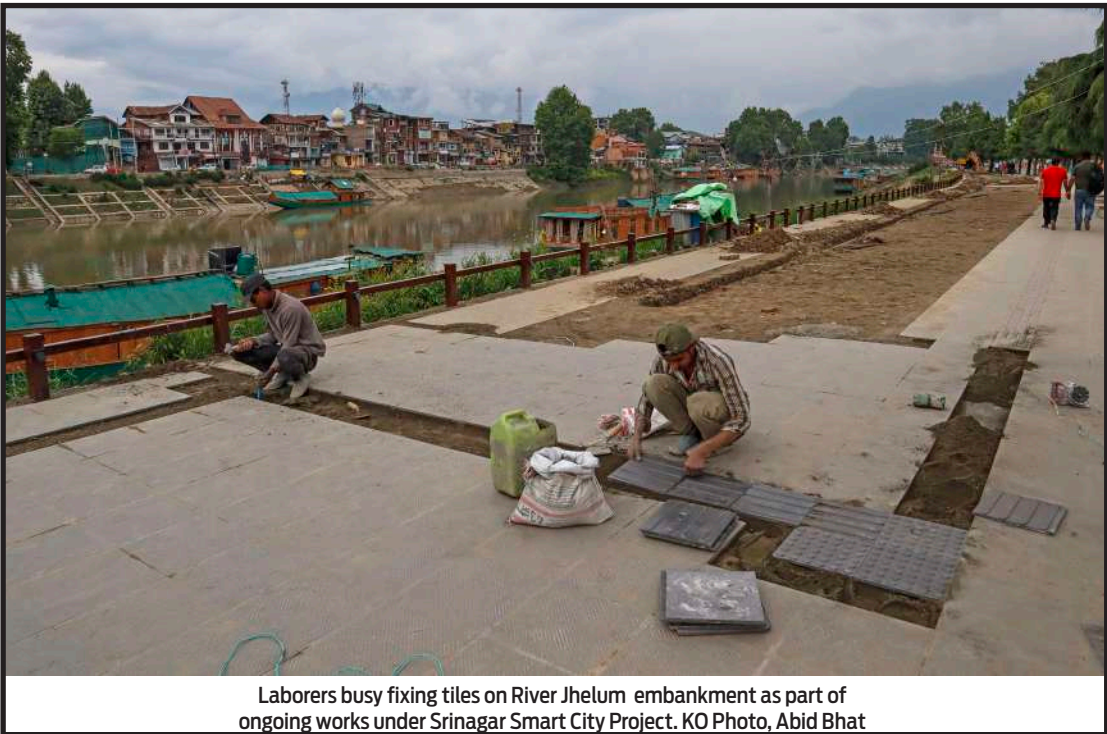
Srinagar: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today visited vegetable cluster Maloora of Srinagar district and took stock of the agriculture activities in the area.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Agriculture said that under the holistic agriculture development program department is endeavoring for vertical expansion of vegetable cultivation and in this direction various initia-

tives had already been taken from January this year.

He said the establishment of hi tech poly-houses in all the districts of the valley is one such initiative.

Director Agriculture said that for the early marketing season of fresh vegetables, the department and the concerned farmers are working in a coordinated manner. He said the trials of different vegetable crops laid at different vegetable clusters are showing encouraging results.



Laborers busy fixing tiles on River Jhelum embankment as part of ongoing works under Srinagar Smart City Project. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

SED To Conduct Supplementary Classes For Poor Performing Students

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The School Education Department Srinagar Thursday said that it will arrange supplementary classes for the students who exhibit weak performance in any subject.

It also said there was a need in improving the learning level of the students and curbing the Indiscipline and absenteeism among the students.

Chief Education Officer (CEO) Srinagar said this in a communiqué regarding the measure to be taken for improvement in the learning level of the students and curbing the Indiscipline and absenteeism among the students.

The official said that achieving academic excellence is paramount for the growth and development of students. "It not only prepares them for future success but also contributes to their personal growth," he said.

It also said that academic excellence cannot be achieved without reducing instances of absenteeism and promoting punctuality.

"For students who exhibit weak performance in any subject, supplementary periods must be arranged for all classes and schools, and records must be kept for verification

by teams appointed by the Chief Education Officer Srinagar," the official said.

According to the official communiqué, the CEO has asked all HOIs to implement the directions effectively to enhance the effectiveness and operation of their schools.

"By reducing absenteeism and promoting punctuality, students will have access to the knowledge and resources necessary to excel in their studies," it reads.

The CEO also said it is imperative for educational institutions to take proactive measures to address issues related to absenteeism and punctuality to ensure that students have the best possible learning experience.

"To optimize academic performance and reduce incidents of truancy, all Heads of Institutions (HOIs) are required to establish committees consisting of four to five members," the official said.

The CEO further said that the committees must be entrusted with the responsibility of addressing concerns related to irregular attendance and unsatisfactory academic progress.

It also states that upon identifying students with inadequate attendance or performance, the commit-

tee is obligated to communicate with their guardians or parents to inform them of the situation.

"Hols are responsible for determining the number of parents or guardians to be contacted by each committee per day, based on the school's specific requirements and demands," the official said.

The CEO added that with the aid of these communities, HOIs endeavor to ensure the timely and regular attendance of all students, if any student is absent, concerted efforts must be made to bring them back to the classroom.

"Additionally, HOIs may seek the assistance of PRIs, Municipality committee members, senior citizens, or educationists in the locality to encourage students to attend school regularly and punctually," reads the communiqué.

It also said that the HOIs must issue three notices to the parents or guardians of students who cannot be persuaded to return to school by the committee.

"Records of these notifications must be kept on file as evidence of the HOIs or committees' final attempts to bring absent students back to school as per above format," it reads.

NIT Administrative Staff Accords Warm Send Off To Outgoing Director

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Administrative staff of National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Thursday organized a function to accord farewell to the outgoing Director Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal who completed his five and half years tenure.

The function was attended by Registrar Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari, Deputy Registrar (Accounts) Nazia Nazir, Deputy Registrar (Admin) Faisal Irshad Ganai, Asst. Registrar Director's Office and Legal, Mohammad Hazik.

Asst. Registrar (Admin)

Mohammad Iqbal Dar, Asst. Registrar (Accounts) Shahid Hamid Najari, Asst. Registrar (Academic) Sheikh Payaz Ahmad, Asst. Registrar S&P, Mohammad Amin, Dr. Syed Mohsin Shabir (XEN), Asst. Security Officer Mush-taq Ahmad and other staff members were present on the occasion.

In his key speech, Prof. Sehgal expressed his gratitude to everyone and stated that he had joined NIT Srinagar with a mission to enhance visibility and make it a hub of academic excellence.

"The skills and knowledge that I have acquired

during my time here will undoubtedly serve me well in my future endeavors. I am proud of what we have accomplished together at NIT Srinagar and will always look back on my time here with fondness," Prof. Sehgal said.

He urged young staff members to work with coordination, integrity and extend support to each other to make NIT Srinagar as one of the leading engineering institutes in the country.

"I am confident that the new Director will thrive and achieve new heights of excellence and I wish him all the very best for the future," Prof. Sehgal added.

Secy RDD Inaugurates 2-Day Training Program For Officers, Officials

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Commissioner Secretary Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj, Man-deep Kaur today inaugurated a two-day training program on "Decentralized Planning and the processes involved in Plan Formulation" for officers and officials of the department here at Government Polytechnic College in Gogji Bagh.

Director Panchayat, Khalid Majeed, ACDS, BDOs, Panchayat Inspectors, Panchayat Accounts Assistants, and Panchayat Secre-

taries and other concerned were also present on the occasion.

During the program, the Commissioner Secretary emphasized the importance of the GPDP formulation and the participation of line departments in the Gram Sabha meetings for preparing a holistic and comprehensive developmental plan for Gram Panchayats that meets the aspirations of the locals. She also underscored the need for organizing training programs for Chief Planning Officers (CPOs) of districts so that planning is done in an efficient manner.

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Gist of Notice Inviting e-Tender

Short Term e-NIT No. 08 of 2023-24

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Shadipora, invites tenders by e-tendering mode in single cover system on **percentage rate basis**. Registered Experienced Electrical workshop holders/Firms/contractors/SSI unit holders are eligible for below mentioned work.

S. No.	Name of work	Estt. Cost (Rs.)	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rs.)	Earnest money @2% in the shape of CDR/FDR	Tech. Sancti on No.	Time of Completion	M.H of Account t
01	Shifting of the HT Line along with tubular poles from its existing location of Baddub Sar to Zadoo Ajas of MISD Hajin	221000.00	200.00	4420.00	50 of 05/2023	10 days	M&R

Position of funds: Available

Key Dates of the Tender

The Bidding documents consisting of specifications, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOQ) and other details can be seen/downloaded from the official website www.iktenders.gov.in as per the schedule given below:

a.	Date of Publishing of Tender Notice	04/05/2023	(1100 Hours)
c.	Bid Submission Start Date	04/05/2023	(1100) Hours
d.	Bid Submission End Date	17/05/2023	(1500 Hours)
e.	Date & time of opening of Bids	18/05/2023 at 11:00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer MID Shadipora	
f.	Submission of performance security (PS)	b) The successful bidder has to provide @5% performance security of allotted amount within seven days after opening of tender.	

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document (Non-Refundable/ Non-transferable) to be deposited under MH: 0701-Rev. Misc. in shape of Treasury Challan/ receipt or e-Challan to be pledged in favor of the Executive Engineer Mechanical irrigation Division Shadipora.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of Price bids. Any information regarding the tenders can be had from this office on all working days
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://iktenders.gov.in>

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HIGHWAY STATUS



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



PRAYERS

FAJR	4:06
ZUHR	12:28
ASR	5:19
Magrib	7:20
ISHA	8:51

This Day In History

- 1260 - Kublai Khan, grandson of Genghis Khan, becomes ruler of the Mongol Empire
- 1494 - On 2nd voyage to New World Christopher Columbus sights Jamaica, landing at Discovery Bay
- 1640 - English Short Parliament rises
- 1646 - King Charles I surrenders in Scotland
- 1762 - Russia & Prussia sign Treaty of Saint Petersburg ending the Seven Years War
- 1789 - French Estates-General meets for the first time since 1614 at Versailles, summoned King Louis XVI
- 1862 - French army intervenes in Puebla, Mexico: Cinco de Mayo
- 1864 - Battle between Confederate & Union ships at mouth of Roanoke
- 1864 - Battle of Wilderness, Virginia (Germanna Ford, Wilderness Tavern)
- 1877 - Indian Wars: Sitting Bull leads his band of Lakota into Canada to avoid harassment by the United States Army under Colonel Nelson Miles
- 1920 - German-Latvian peace treaty signed
- 1920 - Polish troops occupy Kiev
- 1921 - Miniature newspaper published (Brighton Gazette 10 x 13 cm)
- 1932 - Japan & China sign a peace treaty
- 1936 - Italian troops occupy Addis Ababa
- 1942 - British assault on Diego Suarez, Madagascar
- 1942 - US begins rationing sugar during WW II
- 1943 - Postmaster General Frank C Walker invents Postal Zone System
- 1944 - Mahatma Gandhi freed from prison
- 1944 - Soviet offensive against Sebastopol, Crimea
- 1945 - Netherlands & Denmark liberated from Nazi control
- 1945 - Uprising against occupying SS troops in Prague
- 1945 - World War II: Admiral Karl Dönitz, leader of Germany after Hitler's death, orders all U-boats to cease offensive operations and return to their bases
- 1948 - 1st squadron of jet aircraft aboard a carrier
- 1955 - Indian parliament accepts Hindu divorce
- 1955 - US performs nuclear test at Nevada test Site
- 1955 - West Germany is granted full sovereignty by its three occupying powers
- 1956 - World championships of judo are 1st held in Tokyo
- 1957 - Adolf Scharf elected president of Austria
- 1964 - Separatists riot in Quebec
- 1965 - First large-scale US Army ground units arrive in South Vietnam
- 1972 - Alitalia DC-8 crashes west of Palermo Sicily; killing 115

From KO Archives

KU Controller Exams Dies After Fall

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- Controller of Examinations in Kashmir University Dr. Abrar Hussain Khan today reportedly fell to his death from third floor of a building during an inspection on the campus at Hazratbal here, official sources said.

Khan was inspecting (he third floor of a building, under construction and to be used as a store for examination material when he walked over a fragile fibre glass which broke down, the sources said.

They said Khan hit the cupboards before hitting the concrete floor and died on the spot. Police has taken cognizance of the incident and investigation has been initiated in this regard, a senior-police official said.

Kashmir University will remain closed for the day on Thursday to mourn the untimely death of Dr Abrar.

Dr Abrar Hussain who was professor of law had acted earlier in the capacity of Dean Faculty of Law.

He had also served the university in various other capacities including as its Registrar and Chairman Distance Education (Kashmir Observer, 05 May, 2005)

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Karnataka Polls

The Congress party in its manifesto for Karnataka Assembly polls has promised to ban organizations that promote hatred among communities. And surprisingly enough, the party has made it clear that if voted to power it would ban the Vishwa Hindu Parishad's youth wing, Bajrang Dal, equating it with the banned Islamic outfit Popular Front of India (PFI). The party also pledged to repeal "anti-people laws" passed by the BJP government in the state within a year of coming to power. The party's manifesto includes five guarantees related to free electricity, financial assistance to women heads of households, food grains, unemployment benefits, and free travel for women. Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge has promised to implement these guarantees in the first cabinet meeting on the first day of government formation.

But whether such promises will help Congress win the election remains to be seen. There are indications though, that the party is poised to do well in the polls relative to the BJP. The opinion polls about election have given the party an edge over the BJP. The poll, conducted by CVoter in March, projected between 115 and 127 seats for the Congress in the 224-member assembly, with the BJP a distant second at somewhere between 68 and 80 seats. Zee News Opinion Poll, on the other hand, was favourably disposed towards the BJP. But even that didn't give a cake walk to the BJP, something that should be cause for concern for a party that is perceived to command a majority of support in the country.

A lot rides on the outcome of the polls in Karnataka, more so, as it would set the stage for the 2024 general elections. Around ten Assembly elections are scheduled to be held before the national polls. Among them, the elections in Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telangana will be very consequential. The BJP will hope to win all of them. Should the party suffer reverses in the majority of these states, this may not bode well for its 2024 chances. But despite the reverses, it could still carry the day as happened in 2019 when the saffron party secured a landslide in general elections despite losing state polls in Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Rajasthan.

The elections in these major states represent the last chance for the opposition, especially Congress, to hurtle back into the reckoning. For now, Congress can take heart from the victory in Himachal. But a win in Karnataka could position it once again as a national party that the wider opposition respects and the BJP takes more seriously in the run up to 2024.

OTHER OPINION

Focus on Borders

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's message to his visiting Chinese counterpart General Li Shangfu, that Beijing's violation of border agreements had "eroded the entire basis of bilateral relations", has once again served as a reminder of how the two neighbours remain far apart in their assessments of what ails their relationship, and how to fix it. Thursday's talks, on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Defence Ministers Meeting in New Delhi, saw both sides reiterate their respective stands on the border issue but no meeting of minds. The Defence Minister underlined India's position that the development of ties is premised on peace on the borders. While India has continued to convey a sense of urgency to resolve the Line of Actual Control (LAC) crisis, the Chinese Defence Minister, on the other hand, called on India to "take a long-term view" and "place the border issue in an appropriate position in bilateral relations", a divergence from India's stand that the rest of relations is predicated on peace along the LAC. Rajnath Singh conveyed to Beijing that if normalcy is to be restored in ties, disengagement in the two remaining friction points will need to be followed by de-escalation. This includes the eventual de-induction of the estimated one lakh troops from both sides that have remained deployed in forward areas for close to three years — a situation not seen along the India-China border in more than three decades.

The disengagement process has itself been long and tortuous. Over the past three years, buffer zones have been established in some of the five friction areas where the two sides disengaged. In two other areas, Demchok and Dapsang, Beijing has dragged its feet, slowing down the initial momentum of the Corps Commander meetings. The 18th round, held days before the Chinese Defence Minister's arrival and after an unexplained four month-delay following the previous round, did not yield a joint statement, suggesting stark divergences remain on how to move forward. De-escalation, meanwhile, remains a far-off prospect. This new normal along the LAC, with large deployments in close proximity as well as an on-going race to build more forward infrastructure, appears here to stay, leaving the borders in what the Indian Army Chief has described as a "stable but unpredictable" state. Regardless of Beijing's wishes to downplay the seriousness of the border situation and relegate it to an "appropriate" position, managing the LAC should certainly remain the priority for both sides to prevent the recurrence of the clashes of 2020. India and China cannot restore normalcy in relations under the shadow of lingering unpredictability on the borders.

The Hindu

Keeping Up: Teacher's
Need to Upgrade

How can we expect the modern learner to be prepared for 21st –century careers when they are not being taught 21st century skills?

Mushtaq Ahmed Rather

Skills and competencies will determine the future rather than mere possession of degrees in the 21st century and there will be intense competition between human intelligence and Artificial intelligence (AI). Traditional jobs are increasingly going off the track due to disruptive innovation and technology. The 21st century will truly be knowledge based and technology driven and teachers need to shift focus on continued skilling , reskilling and upskilling to prepare modern learners for 21st century challenges and opportunities.

Education is not static but evolves and changes with time. It should be used as a tool that will facilitate sustainable living and also provide opportunities to think critically, innovate and provide solutions towards local challenges that have global relevance.

The 21st century has necessitated a global shift towards inquiry, creativity, critical thinking, green inventions, passion, communication skills and leadership. Today's age requires learners to move away from being mere recipients of black and white information to becoming co-creators of knowledge. The evolving global scenario fuelled by emerging technologies and changing aspirations of the modern learner has thrown new challenges and demands for the existing education system. Keeping in view the emergence of these challenges and demands , the current lot of teachers have to search new ways and means to come up to the expectations of the modern learner.

In the existing century, the focus has entirely shifted on the students, therefore, a teacher has to establish and create learning experiences in a stress free environment where-in students can analyze and explore complex real life problems with the assistance of varied resources at their disposal and devise their own innovative alternative solutions to mitigate these complexities through collaboration and innovation.

In order to live up to the expectations of their students, teachers obligatorily need to have mastery of the latest teaching pedagogies that will mediate and catalyze critical and risk taking ability in students . With such mass scale transformations taking place in each and every sphere of life in the current century, it is inevitable on part of the teacher to up skill and fine polish his teaching approach .Therefore teachers need to up skill themselves on a continued basis if they have to prepare their students for tomorrow. The New Education policy (NEP) 2020 was enacted with the sole intention to address the aspirations of 21st century learners. The ultimate aim of NEP 2020, formulated after a gap of 34 years, is firmly rooted in the 21st century.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made us realize the significance of life skills rather than blindly relying and acknowledging academic skills in pre-covid era. Life skills encompass a conglomerate of abilities and qualities such as critical thinking, communication skills, problem solving, adaptability, creative thinking and more. The acquisition of such life defining skills among modern learners is a distant reality unless the teachers are well versed and fully equipped. But are our teachers equipped to impart them to the modern learner? The gap between students' needs and teachers' skills is poles apart. How can we expect the modern learner to be prepared for 21st –century careers when they are not being taught 21st century skills? Our teachers need to be extensively trained and up-skilled thoroughly in domain specific knowledge, abilities and skills as well as in new pedagogical interventions. Not all of yesterday's subjects are relevant to today's students. Likewise yesterday's teaching methods , strategies and techniques will not be as effective and catalyzing with modern learners because the way modern learners receive , assimilate and process information has



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changed altogether .

Technological advances in education have led to hybrid learning models that present an opportunity for students to skill themselves in digital education. The current blended education balances traditional teaching with digital modes, and will further pave the way for more integrated and technology led interventions. This transformation will ensure a continuity of education processes and introduce a cloud-based integrated platform that will bring all the stakeholders together.

Educational institutions across the globe have initiated creating 21st century learning environments in their premises on a mass scale and India should not lag behind in the race.

The union cabinet has approved a new scheme to transform more than 14000 schools throughout the country as lead schools to acquaint modern learners with 21st century skills and to achieve the objectives of NEP 2020 which are in sync with these skills. This centrally sponsored scheme has been launched with this intention to train teachers on the contours of innovative pedagogy, world class

infrastructure and fine handling of technological driven educational tools in selected schools. These schools will strive towards ensuring quality education and create individuals equipped with key 21st century skills. This centrally sponsored initiative will be implemented with a total project cost of 27360 crore , with 18128 crore being the central share ,for ensuing five years from 2022-23 to 2026-27. In these specially designated schools teachers are expected to shift to more experiential, holistic and integrated , play or toy based , learner centered , discussion based flexible and enjoyable pedagogical approach.

Additionally, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai in collaboration with UNICEF India and SCERT Jammu and Kashmir had offered an extensive online training program on the theme "Constructive Teaching and Learning with Technology" to a selected lot of 300 teachers in first phase in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir during the academic year 2021-2022 . During this virtual training program, teachers were practically taught in a lucid manner on how to integrate technology in curriculum and pedagogy .The teachers were introduced to a newer concept of TPACK, which is a collaborative framework that integrates three core knowledge areas: technological areas, content knowledge, and pedagogical knowledge. The essence of TPACK is how these areas work together to upgrade modern learner's motivation and learning outcomes .TPACK is the assemblage of three knowledge areas which work in coordination to address modern learner's 21st century learning needs .In the virtual training program , teachers were given assignments to use technological tools to create new knowledge and how it can be replicated by teachers with their students so that they actively integrate technological tools and be co-creators of new knowledge rather than being mere passive recipients of Information and Technology tools (ICT) .

On part of the teachers, reflecting on teaching practices lies at the heart of continuous professional development and stimulates self –awareness. Teachers can reflect on their pedagogical practices through their students and colleagues. Teachers of 21st century need to do periodic skill based assessments and evaluations which will help them improve pedagogical skills as per latest trends and on desired modern learner aspirations. It will truly facilitate teachers in creating a need-based upskilling plan that can surely give vent to their teaching careers to the next level.

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Simple Pleasures

DESPITE living in the digital age, there are some habits which many of us simply cannot give up. Preferring to read a printed book over the online version is one such. There are multiple reasons why a large swathe of Indian readers always prefer hard copy of books to online reading. Psychologically, the 'ownership' factor could be a key reason, besides the nice feeling you get while touching a new book, its fragrance, pleasure of turning the pages, easy portability, leisure reading – all make a physical book comfortably win over an e-book. However splendid the cover image of an e-book may look on screen, it is

still an image rather than a physical thing. Another major disadvantage with an e-book is that you cannot look at more than one page at once. In fact, a study from West Chester University of Pennsylvania reveals that students who read on iPads had lower reading comprehension than when they read traditional printed books. A good

physical book is like a full course of a sumptuous meal, whereas an e-book is just fast food. Said the noted American novelist Harper Lee: "The book to read is not the one that thinks for you, but the one which makes you think."

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Mindful Fridays

BEYOND THERAPY

Clinical Psychologists as Mentors and Life Coaches for Teenagers

Wasim Kakroo

As adolescents navigate their way through the emotional, psychological, and social challenges of growing up, they need guidance and support from adults who can help them make sense of their experiences and develop the skills they need to thrive. Clinical psychologists can play a vital role in this process by serving as mentors and life coaches for teenagers. In this article, I will discuss why your teenager needs the mentorship of a clinical psychologist in today's world.

Role of Clinical Psychologists as Mentors

Clinical psychologists are experts in human behavior and mental health. They are trained during their m.phil degree at medical college, to help people understand and cope with a wide range of psychological issues, including anxiety, depression, and stress. But their role extends beyond diagnosing and treating mental health problems. Clinical psychologists can also serve as mentors to help teenagers navigate the complex social and emotional landscape of adolescence.

One of the key ways that clinical psychologists serve as mentors is by providing a safe and non-judgmental space for teenagers to explore their feelings and experiences. Adolescents often feel overwhelmed and confused by the many changes and challenges they face during this time. They may struggle to express themselves or find it difficult to talk to their parents or peers about their concerns. A clinical psychologist can offer a confidential and supportive environment where teenagers can feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and feelings.

Through these conversations, clinical psychologists can help teenagers develop a deeper understanding of themselves and their emotions. They can help them identify patterns of behavior and thought that may be holding them back or causing them distress. They can also offer practical strategies and tools for coping with difficult situations, managing stress, and building resilience.

Another important role that clinical psychologists can play as mentors is helping teenagers develop a sense of purpose and direction. Adolescence is a time of transition and exploration, and many teenagers struggle to find their place in the world. Clinical psychologists can help teenagers clarify their values



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and goals, explore their interests and passions, and identify their strengths and weaknesses. By helping teenagers develop a sense of purpose and direction, clinical psychologists can help them feel more confident and empowered as they navigate the challenges of adolescence.

Role of Clinical Psychologists as Life Coaches

In addition to serving as mentors, clinical psychologists can also serve as life coaches for teenagers. Life coaching is a process that helps individuals identify their goals and create a plan for achieving them. It differs from therapy in that it focuses on the future rather than the past and is more action-oriented.

As life coaches, clinical psychologists can help teenagers identify their strengths and weaknesses, set realistic goals, and create a plan for achieving those goals. They can help teenagers develop the skills and strategies they need to overcome obstacles, manage their time effectively, and stay motivated. They can also offer support and accountability as teenagers work towards their goals.

One of the key benefits of life coaching is that it can help teenagers develop a sense of agency and control over their lives. Adolescence is a time when many young people feel like they are at the mercy of their circumstances. They may feel like they have little control over their academic or social lives, or that their future is determined by external



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Another important benefit of life coaching is that it can help teenagers develop resilience and adaptability. Adolescence is a time of rapid change and uncertainty, and teenagers who are able to adapt to new situations and bounce back from setbacks are more likely to thrive. Life coaching can help teenagers develop the skills and mindset they need to navigate these challenges. By helping them develop a growth mindset, practice self-compassion, and learn from their failures, life

coaching can help teenagers develop the resilience and adaptability they need to succeed.

Providing a Safe and Supportive Environment

Clinical psychologists can provide a safe and supportive environment for teenagers to discuss their concerns and issues. Often, teenagers may feel uncomfortable discussing their problems with friends or family members, and may benefit from a confidential and non-judgmental space to express their feelings. Clinical psychologists can offer this space, and can help teenagers to work through their issues and find practical solutions to their problems.

Building Healthy Relationships

Another important role of clinical

psychologists as mentors and life coaches is to help teenagers develop healthy relationships. This involves teaching teenagers about healthy communication, conflict resolution, and boundary-setting, and helping them to navigate the complexities of peer relationships and romantic partnerships. By developing these skills, teenagers can build stronger, more fulfilling relationships, and reduce their risk of experiencing relationship-related stress, abuse in relationships or resultant mental health issues.

Addressing the impact of social media

Social media has become an integral part of the lives of teenagers. It has its benefits, such as connecting with friends and family, but it also has its downsides, such as increased exposure to cyberbullying and unrealistic beauty standards. Clinical psychologists can help teenagers develop healthy habits when it comes to social media

use. They can guide them on how to use social media safely and responsibly, as well as teach them how to recognize and respond to cyberbullying. They can also help teenagers develop a healthy body image and self-esteem, despite the constant barrage of unrealistic beauty standards they may see on social media.

Educating about substance abuse

Substance abuse is a significant concern among teenagers, and clinical psychologists can play a crucial role in educating them about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. They can help teenagers understand the risks associated with substance abuse and the impact it can have on their mental and physical health, as well as their relationships and future

opportunities. Clinical psychologists can also help teenagers develop healthy coping strategies to manage stress and anxiety, which can help reduce the likelihood of turning to drugs and alcohol.

Enhanced interpersonal skills

Adolescents who receive mentorship from a clinical psychologist are more likely to develop strong interpersonal skills, including communication, empathy, and conflict resolution. These skills are essential for building healthy relationships with peers, family members, and others in their lives.

Improved academic performance

Clinical psychologist's mentorship can help teenagers develop better study habits, time management skills, and self-discipline. By setting goals and developing strategies for achieving those goals, teenagers can improve their academic performance and achieve greater success in school.

Increased resilience

Adolescents who receive mentorship from a clinical psychologist are better equipped to handle the challenges and setbacks of adolescence. By learning coping strategies, practicing self-compassion, and developing a growth mindset, teenagers can develop the resilience they need to overcome obstacles and thrive in the face of adversity.

When to Seek Help for Your Teenager's Mental Health

It's important to recognize the signs that your teenager may be struggling with their mental health, as early intervention can be key in preventing the development of more serious mental health issues. These signs can include changes in mood or behavior, difficulty sleeping or eating, withdrawing from social activities, or expressing feelings of sadness or hopelessness. If you are concerned about your teenager's mental health, it's important to seek the advice of a mental health professional as soon as possible.

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In Defence Of Nostalgia

Ross Douthat

Columbia University professor Mark Lilla, a perspicacious liberal critic of the contemporary right and left, has an essay in the latest issue of *Liberties Journal* analysing the appeal and perils of nostalgia. The appeal is universal, he argues: Like late-middle-aged adults flipping through vacation pictures that "remind us, or delude us into thinking, that family relations were once simpler and happier than they are now," almost every society finds itself mythologising and romanticising its own origin or past. But the peril is inherent in the romance: No less than the utopian futurist, the backward-looking romantic is tempted to violently wrench the present out of joint, to sacrifice lives and treasure on the altar of a "lost wholeness," a fantasy of never-was.

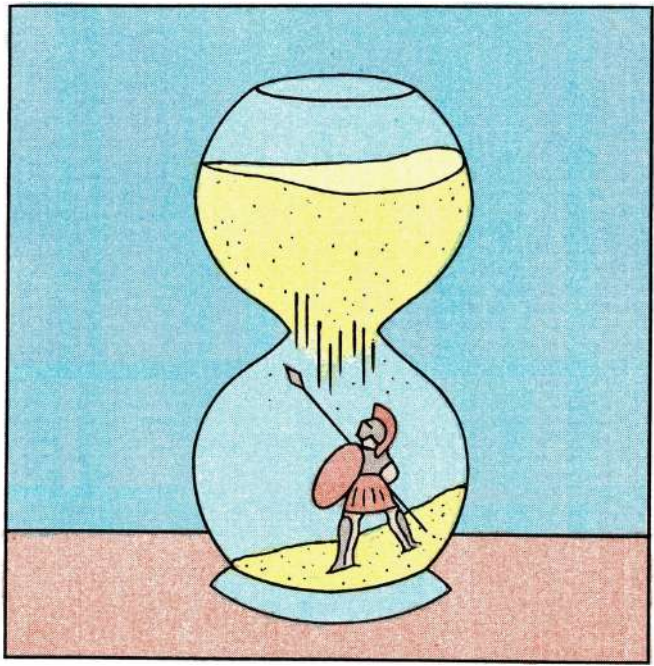
Lilla illustrates this peril with a long discussion of the role that nostalgia and imagined pasts played in the rise and shape and savagery of National Socialism in Germany. The Hitlerian politics of nostalgia wasn't confined to fantasies of Teutonic purity, he notes; the Nazis laid claim to the heritage of Greece as well, with Adolf Hitler himself "drawing a parallel between the Spartan practice of abandoning handicapped children in the wild" and his regime's "industrialised-scale eugenic cleansing." And that kind of invocation, the conscious linkage of the ancient world to the modern present, was itself an imitation of the spirit of Augustan-

age Rome, whose cultural project, embodied most of all by Virgil, was to "redirect nostalgia for the past toward the future and raise the prospect of leapfrogging over the present to arrive at a utopian world to come."

In this sense, Lilla argues, "the ideologies of modern fascism are all heirs to the Aeneid."

I think this is true, but the nature of its truth suggests a necessary counterpoint to Lilla's critique — or maybe an extension and complication of his argument, since I doubt he would fully rule out a constructive role for nostalgia in human civilisation. Because Virgil's "Aeneid" is, after all, one of the central artistic works of Western history, and the larger Augustan Age is likewise well remembered for good reason. So the influence of both Virgil and his era runs down through time through countless channels: Renaissance art, 18th-century poetry, early modern political theory, neoclassical architecture and more. The fascists were heirs to Augustan Rome not because of an affinity between their worldviews, but because Augustan Rome had a lot of would-be heirs.

And it had all those heirs and imitators because the phenomenon Lilla describes, the redirection of nostalgia for past greatness toward a vision of the future, is an essential part of human civilisation-building. It is not that you have the steady march of progress on the one hand and on the other, people throwing themselves backward into fantasies of lost arcadias as some kind of



escapist alternative. The relationship is much more complicated. What we think of as moral and cultural progress is often dependent on backward glances, rediscoveries and recoveries that enable escapes from the cul-de-sac of presentism, the repetitions of decadence. Or alternatively, nostalgic rediscoveries are often necessary to humanise and tame the excesses of progress, to maintain continuities that might otherwise be shattered by social or technological shifts.

The nostalgia of Victorian pastoralists like John Ruskin, whom Lilla refers to, would be an example of

the second category — with Gothic-revival architecture and the Arts and Crafts movement as necessary humanising forces amid the turmoil of the new industrial society.

For an example of the first category, you could look at the Italian Renaissance, the founding of the State of Israel or the Meiji Restoration in Japan. Or for that matter, you could just look around: The American republic, our oh-so-modern and liberal home, was itself founded upon a lot of the backward-looking impulses (toward ancient Greece, toward the Hebrew Bible and the Anglo-Saxons) that Lilla identi-

fies with 20th-century fascism. It was a new order for the ages, but what was the Freemasonry, whose symbols decorate our legal tender, if not an example of invented tradition, no less than any Nazi myth of Aryan antiquity?

The point being, what was fundamentally wrong with the Nazis was not that they were interested in the restoration of imagined glories; it's that they were moral monsters who included mass murder among the glories of the past. Or to take Lilla's formulation about nostalgists "leapfrogging over the present to arrive at a utopian world to come," the problem there is the utopianism, the belief in a perfect society that necessarily requires the elimination of anything and anyone that doesn't fit. It's not the idea of going backward in the hopes of leapfrogging ahead, of trying to find somewhere new and different via some kind of connection with antiquity.

Which brings me around to our own era. Lilla concludes his essay with a warning that "political nostalgia" is now "filling the vacuum left by the abandonment of progressive ideologies like socialism and democratic liberalism" — with implicit references to Western populism and explicit ones to India's Hindutva movement and the civilisational ambitions of Moscow and Beijing.

But one can go back and read an exemplary Lilla essay from nine years ago, before the populist surge, when he was writing on the emptiness and willful historical

ignorance of a libertarian-inflected neoliberalism at the end of history, and gain a slightly different perspective on our situation. Here's some of what Lilla wrote then:

"Never since the end of World War II, and perhaps since the Russian Revolution, has political thinking in the West been so shallow and clueless. ...

Try to convey the grand drama of political and intellectual life from 1789 to 1989 to young students today — American, European, even Chinese students — and you are left feeling like a blind poet singing of lost Atlantis. Fascism for them is "radical evil," hence incomprehensible; how it could develop and why it appealed to millions remains a mystery. Communism, while of course it was for "many good things," makes little sense either, especially the faith that people invested in the Soviet Union. ..."

Ours is a libertarian age by default: whatever ideas or beliefs or feelings muted the demand for individual autonomy in the past have atrophied.

Our libertarianism ... is supremely dogmatic, and like every dogma it sanctions ignorance about the world, and therefore blinds adherents to its effects in that world. It begins with basic liberal principles — the sanctity of the individual, the priority of freedom, distrust of public authority, tolerance — and advances no further. It has no taste for reality, no curiosity about how we got here or where we are going."

If this is really where we've ended up, then maybe it's not

quite right to say that liberal and democratic ideals have been rashly thrown over for the sake of a dangerous nostalgia. Maybe the circumstances Lilla described in 2014 made some kind of retrospective yearning or questing more or less inevitable — as a natural response to a landscape where progress seemed to have ended in boredom, repetition, intellectual sterility, liberal democracy as a dogma rather than a practice, all under the stewardship of what Lilla, then, called a leadership class of "self-satisfied abstainers removed from history."

He would draw a distinction, I suspect, between the neoliberal vapidity he described in that essay and the more robust form of democratic liberalism he posits as an alternative to nationalist nostalgia now. But maybe robustness within democratic liberalism is dependent, as the more conservative kind of liberal has long argued, on a pre-liberal inheritance for both stability and vigour, and when that inheritance is spent, liberalism alone does not suffice for its rebuilding. In which case, the quest for a usable past, the invention and reinvention of tradition, is essential to any forward-looking movement, left-wing as well as right-wing — because as much as history is subject to mythologisation and falsification, it's still more accessible than the unknown future, still the most powerful cultural material we have.

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Will examine validity of extrajudicial divorce like 'Talaq-e-Hasan', not go into individual matrimonial disputes: SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court said on Thursday it will examine the larger constitutional issue of challenge to the validity of extrajudicial divorce like 'Talaq-e-Hasan' among Muslims.

'Talaq-e-Hasan' is a form of divorce by which a man can dissolve the marriage by pronouncing the word 'talaq' once every month over a three-month period.

Under Talaq-e-Hasan, a divorce gets formalised after the third utterance of the word 'talaq' in the third month if cohabitation has not resumed during this period. However, if cohabitation resumes after the first or second utterance of talaq, the parties are assumed to have reconciled.

A bench of Chief Justice DY

Chandrachud and Justices PS Narasimha and JB Pardiwala, which was hearing a batch of eight pleas challenging extrajudicial divorce, including one filed by Ghaziabad resident Benazeer Heena, however, said it will not go into individual matrimonial disputes.

"Since the court is seized of a constitutional challenge, it is clarified that the petitioner (Heena) and the ninth respondent (her husband), who have already approached diverse forums to address their matrimonial issues and thus any issue unrelated to the constitutional issue will not be taken on record," the bench said.

It asked advocate Kanu Agarwal, appearing for the Centre, to prepare a tabulated

chart on the relief being sought in other petitions in the batch and place it before the court on the next date of hearing.

At the outset, senior advocate Shyam Divan, appearing for Heena, said at the last hearing her husband was asked to be present and now an affidavit has been filed which has all the facts related to the matrimonial dispute that needs to be struck off the record.

Advocate MR Shamshad, appearing for the husband, said the courts below have asked her to file income related documents which she has not and is espousing a personal grievance in the form of a PIL.

"Has she been given Talaq or not? If she has been given Talaq, she can very well challenge it.

We have to see what the basis for the challenge is," the court said.

Divan contended the matrimonial aspect is irrelevant to the constitutional issue at hand.

Shamshad said all the petitions in the batch have sought extrajudicial divorce to be held illegal, and a plea with similar prayer had earlier been rejected by the apex court.

Agarwal said the generic prayers in the pleas are regarding constitutional validity of the provisions of the 1937 Shariat Act.

"We will not go into matrimonial disputes here..we are on the challenge to the extrajudicial divorces like Talaq-e-Hasan and we will look into it," the bench said.

HDFC Bank plans to expand its presence in semi-urban, rural locations

Srinagar: HDFC Bank has planned to expand its presence in the semi-urban and rural locations (SURU) of the country. As a part of this strong push, it intends to add more branches and launch customised products for this market segment.

The Bank proposes to add more than 675 branches in the current financial year in these locations to take the total number to close to 5000. As of March 31, 2023, it had 52 per cent of its 7821 branches in SURU areas.

The Bank has launched an industry first, customised programme 'Vishesh', for the SURU areas. This is a unique programme as it offers a blend of financial and wellness benefits and is tailored to provide a premium banking experience to customers in semi-urban and rural geographies.

The key features of the 'Vishesh' programme are Dedicated Personal Banker,



Extendable to 8 family members, Gold loan and valuation, Daily Hospicash benefits, Annual Preventive Health Check-Up, One annual complimentary and cashless Health check-up, Unlimited Tele Health consultation and Offering a host of Agritech services.

"As a bank we believe Bharat is critical for tomorrow's India and improving rural lives is key to India becoming a \$5 trillion economy. Our unique customer

engagement model and differentiated propositions for customers in semi-urban and rural geographies position the bank to play the role of an ideal partner to enrich rural lives," said Arvind Vohra, Group Head-Retail Branch Banking.

"Today, large sections of Indians living beyond the metros and Tier 1 cities seek the same standard of living and banking products/financial services as in urban India. HDFC Bank has been at the forefront when it comes to catering to this need. Launching customised products like 'Vishesh' is one more step in this direction," he added.

Apart from launching new products and services, the Bank has a unique customer engagement model, felicitating rural seniors such as sarpanches, teachers, and key officials as they play a key role in the growth and progress of villages.

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More Women In Srinagar

they are mostly regarding mental disorders, panic or anxiety attacks, depression or OCD, or issues related to those suffering bipolar disorder.

People can speak to the counsellors in three languages -- Kashmiri, Urdu and English. The centre functions round the clock.

Hussain said the Tele MANAS initiative is a game changer because a person cannot always travel to a hospital for mental health issues.

Giving details about the operations at the centre, the psychiatrist said that if an issue is not resolved by counsellors, it is referred to the next level, where they are handled by clinical psychologists.

If the issue is still not resolved or if some patients need medications and treatment, they are referred to psychiatrists who do the assessment and treatment over phone, he said.

Bilawal Bhutto

I expect the SCO CFM meeting to be successful," Bhutto Zardari told reporters.

Before leaving for Goa, the Pakistani foreign minister said."My decision to attend this meeting illustrates Pakistan's strong commitment to the charter of the SCO."

"During my visit, which is focused exclusively on the SCO, I look forward to constructive discussions with my counterparts from friendly countries," he said.

The Pakistan foreign minister's visit to India is the first such trip from Islamabad since 2011. Then Pakistan foreign minister Hina Rabbani Khar visited India that year. Khar is currently serving as the minister of state for foreign affairs.

In May 2014, former Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif visited India to attend Prime Minister Narendra Modi's swearing-in ceremony.

In December 2015, former External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj visited Pakistan, and days later Modi made a brief visit to that country.

The invitation to the Pakistan foreign minister to attend the SCO meeting was sent in January, days after Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif offered to hold bilateral talks between India and Pakistan.

In an interview with UAE-based Al Arabiya news channel, Sharif had said Pakistan has learnt its lesson after three wars with India and now it wants to live in peace with India, if "we are able to resolve our genuine problems."

However, Pakistan's Prime Minister's Office later said negotiations are not possible without India revoking its 2019 actions on Kashmir.

India has been maintaining that it desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan while insisting that the onus is on Islamabad to create an environment free of terror and hostility for such an engagement.

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

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

J&K HC Refuses

administration in July following allegations of paper leak and malpractice.

The CBI is investigating the sub-inspector recruitment scam.

"I am of the considered opinion that at this stage when the investigation is yet to be completed, it is the fittest case where bail ought not to be granted and the petitioners/accused too have failed to carve out a strong case for bail in their favour," the judge said in his 10-page order on Wednesday.

Kumar and his son had sought bail from the high court after their earlier application was rejected by the chief judicial magistrate, Jammu. In their latest application, the petitioners claimed the records of the case clearly reveal that there is not an iota of evidence of their role in the leak of the question paper and that they have not committed any offence.

Senior additional advocate general and CBI counsel Monika Kohli vehemently opposed the bail plea on the grounds that they, along with other accused, have indulged in a criminal conspiracy with officials of JKSSB and M/s Merit Trac Bengaluru, the company assigned the task of conduct of written examination.

She said they are among 33 accused persons indicted in the case and have played a "key role" in the scam.

"The investigation conducted so far has revealed that M/s Merit Trac Bengaluru was awarded (the contract for) conducting the written examination for the post of sub-inspectors in J&K and during the conduct of the examination, petitioners entered into criminal conspiracy with other accused based in Haryana for leak of question papers and sale of the same to the candidates in lieu of money.

"Petitioners/accused are highly influential persons and may influence the prosecution witnesses, whereby, the investigation may be prejudiced and more so the career of hundreds and thousands of aspirants have been marred/spoiled, the investigation is underway and more accused are likely to be arrested for sustained interrogation," Kohli said.

She said that if the petitioners are enlarged on bail it will be difficult for the investigating agency to unearth the inter-state gangs operating in several states.

Agreeing with the CBI counsel, the judge said recruitment scam in government services undermines public confidence in the system and causes grave injustice to the deserving and meritorious candidates.

Kumar is accused of arranging vehicles on March 25, 2022 for transportation of candidates, including his son, from Jammu to Karnal for providing leaked question paper in lieu of money and was in constant touch with other accused persons.

On health issues of Kumar, the judge said the administration is under legal obligation to provide all medical facilities to the petitioners in judicial custody, if required.

Security Bunkers

The task to facelift and renovate the existing security bunkers as part of beautification in the valley has been given to Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL)

Army Chopper

were evacuated to the command hospital in Udhampur, where the technician Craftsman Pabballa Anil - succumbed to his injuries, the Army said.

General Officer Commanding-in-chief of the Northern Command Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi paid rich tributes to the technician.

"#LtGenUpendraDwivedi, #ArmyCdrNC & All Ranks #NorthernCommand offer tribute to supreme sacrifice of CFN (Avn Tech) Pabballa Anil, in the line of duty during operational flying of ALH MK III near #Kishtwar #JammuKashmir & offer deepest condolences to the bereaved family," the Army's Northern Command tweeted.

Pabballa Anil, 30, hailed from Rajanna Sircilla district in Telangana.

Defence sources said the condition of both the pilots was "stable".

Locals in the area rushed to the site and helped rescue the injured men. Some videos showing Kashmiri-speaking locals comforting the injured while they awaited evacuation to hospital drew praises on social media.

The wreckage of the helicopter was found on the banks of the river, said Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Khalil Ahmad Poswal.

He had earlier put the time of the incident at around 10.35 am.

For people in the area, helicopters are the only mode of transport during winter. Helicopters are also the only source of supplies, including rations.

There was some confusion earlier in the day over how many people were on board.

The helicopter crash in Kishtwar district was the fifth such incident in Jammu and Kashmir since 2021.

On January 25, 2021, Army helicopter Dhruv crash-landed in Kathua district's Lakhampur near Punjab border, killing one pilot and injuring another.

On August 3, 2021, Army aviation squadron's Rudra helicopter crashed into Ranjit Sagar Dam on Kathua-Pathankot border, killing both the pilots - Lt Col Abheet Singh and Captain Jayant Joshi. While the body of Singh was retrieved from the dam on August 15, Joshi's mortal remains were fished out on October 17.

On September 21, 2021, the Army's Cheetah helicopter crash-landed in dense forests near Patnitop in Udhampur district, killing both the pilots - Major Rohit Kumar and Major Anuj Rajput.

On March 11, 2022, the Army's Cheetah helicopter crashed in Gurez sector of north Kashmir's Bandipora district, killing its co-pilot Major Sankalp Yadav and injuring the pilot, a Lt Col-rank officer.

Love Given

happy that his apology was considered by the government and he was provided with the visa to perform the last rites of his mother, whose body is lying in a mortuary for the past week.

Earlier, Love shared a copy of his visa on Facebook with the message, "Thank you India for taking me off the blacklist so that I may go and attend my mother's funeral. God bless".

The only son of JKNPP founder Bhim Singh has apologised to Prime Minister Modi for participating in an anti-government protest in February last year that led to him being black-listed by the High Commission.

In an open letter to the prime minister, Love said that he regrets throwing eggs and stones at the High Commission during the February 2022 protest and requested the prime minister to intervene so that he could return and perform the funeral of his mother Jay Mala (64).

Mala, a Supreme Court lawyer, died on April 26 and her body has been kept at the mortuary of Government Medical College (GMC) hospital in Jammu after Love requested it be kept there till he returns to perform the last rites.

This comes even as his relatives are engaged in a tussle to take control of the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP), which has been in disarray following Bhim Singh's death on May 31, 2022. Love could not attend his father's funeral as well.

"Praise Shiva! Mom, I will be there tomorrow! Promise. Thank you Prime Minister Narendra Modi and everyone for your loving support to get me back home for my mom's funeral. Peace & #Love ProfBhim Singh," he said in another post on Facebook.

According to Love, he was blacklisted by India after the British police arrested him following a protest outside the Indian High Commission in London on February 14, 2022.

In the open letter to the prime minister on Tuesday, Love said he deeply and sincerely regrets his actions and apologises for his mistake of throwing eggs and stones at the High Commission.

"I will be deeply thankful if you could kindly forgive me and allow me to visit Jammu to perform the last rites of my mother -- I need to reach Jammu urgently as everyone is waiting for my arrival to perform the last rites," he said, adding it was also the wish of his mother.

Mentioning the Indian High Commission's denial of approval for his travel, he said, "I assure you that henceforth there will be no such act by me against my Nation which I love very much and am very much proud of."

Burn Fat, Not

stations with 1000 cycles will come up after every one kilometer across the city soon," CEO Smart City said.

Mehran Khan Division Head for Chartered Bikes said off-road cycling besides reducing travel time will provide a safe, healthy and congestion free trip to the cycle riders.

"A total of 100 chartered docking yards are popping up in Srinagar. 30 more stations will be made functional within the next couple of days. 1000 cycles will be made available for the consumers on these 100 docking stations across Srinagar," he said, adding, the users could unlock the cycle only after downloading chartered applications online.

Regarding per trip charges, he said the cycles have been deployed at all five stations on the riverfront and the user initially has to pay as per the usage.

LG Greet People

yourself have profoundly impacted the humanity. May this joyous festival of Buddha Purnima usher in peace, prosperity and happiness for everyone," the Lt Governor said.

2 People Killed In

ordered, they added.

Meanwhile, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj

Sinha, has expressed grief over the loss of lives in the blaze and has conveyed his condolences and sympathies to the kin of those who have died in the accident and the injured.

"Anguished by the loss of lives due to the fire incident at a hotel in Sanasar. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. Praying for the speedy recovery of the injured," Sinha said

The LG spoke to the Deputy Commissioner and directed him to render all assistance to the kin of victims.

NIA Raids In

The houses of persons affiliated with proscribed outfits and those involved in militancy were searched, they added.

On Tuesday, the NIA swooped in at 12 locations in Jammu and Kashmir as part of its investigation in a Pakistan-backed militancy conspiracy case.

Out of the 12 locations, 11 were in the Kashmir Valley -- eight in Pulwama district and one each in Kulgam, Anantnag, and Budgam districts -- and one was in Poonch district of Jammu region.

CRPF Inspector

attacks in Dhangri village on January one this year.

Police Officer's

thereby posing a threat to peace and order, the officials said., adding his detention under the PSA was issued by the district magistrate.

Sharma did not change his behaviour in spite of being booked in several FIRs and arrested by police in these cases, they said.

The officials said twelve cases are pending against the accused in various police stations.

As the accused's activities amounted to propagating and creating feelings of terror among communities, he was ordered to be detained under section 8 of the Public Safety Act and has been lodged in jail, they said.

Timber Smuggler

in timber smuggling for the past two decades.

"He was several times summoned to Divisional Forest Office Baderwah and Range Office Neeru, but the notorious smuggler, also known as 'Veerappan of Baderwah', remained at large and never turned up. Instead, he used to intimidate the forest officials," Shekhar said.

His dossier was prepared and sent to the deputy commissioner, Doda for taking a final call. DC Vishesh Paul Mahajan passed orders for his detention under the stringent J-K Public Safety Act 1978, the DFO said.

"Accordingly, police laid multiple nakas in and around Bhardarwah Valley, beside cordoning off the Halian area. Finally, the notorious smuggler was arrested late in the evening," the official said, adding the accused was shifted to District Jail, Baderwah.

Shekhar said some other persons from Tanta and Jaie area of Chirala Range, Rajpura Jatoota area of Bhalessa Range and Thanhala area of Neeru Range are also indulging in timber. We have prepared half a dozen dossiers and strict action against them too is on the cards, he added.

District Magistrate, Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan has imposed a ban under Section 144 of CrPC on sale, purchase and use of portable chain saw (mechanical cutters) in Doda.

Despite being geographically distant from Kashmir how Kashmiris in West maintain cultural, social, and emotional linkages with their homeland. Tune-in to latest KO podcast

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Passport Office To Hold Special Drive For Nominated Govt Officials

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Passport Office Srinagar is organising a Special drive on Saturday for government officers and officials deputed for duties for Hajj- 2023

Regional passport officer Kashmir and Ladakh, Davinder Kumar said that applicants applying for official passports nominated for Hajj deputation 2023 are requested to attend Regional Passport Office Srinagar on May 06 (Saturday) to process

their Passport applications.

Applicants applying for Official Passport are requested to bring all the requisite original documents & photocopies thereof with them on Saturday, he said.

This special drive is only meant for the government Officers/Officials, who have been nominated on deputation to perform their duties during Hajj 2023, he said, adding that the drive is not for the general public. (KDC)

J&K State Taxes Department Bags SKOCH Award 2023

Dept Honoured In Finance Silver Category For The Successful Implementation Of GST

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The State Taxes Department of Government of Jammu and Kashmir has bagged the SKOCH Award 2023 in Finance Silver category for the successful implementation of GST.

The award is a recognition for the State Taxes Department and the taxpayers who have been an integral part in the implementation of the GST across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Commissioner State Taxes, Dr. Rashmi Singh highlighted the achievements of department and the various innovative measures taken by Additional Commissioner Kashmir Shakeel Maqbool, Additional Commissioner Jammu, Namrita Dogra; Additional commissioner Tax Planning J&K, Ankita Kar, and efforts put by all the officers and officials of the State Taxes Department, J&K for translating the concept of One Nation One Tax of GST regime into practical action and for rooting implementation of GST in a pragmatic way.

During the award process, the department first got order of merit certificate based on its first round of presentation and thereafter final judging was done on final presentation delivered today by Commissioner with queries responded to by both the

Additional Commissioners.

The innovative strategies applied by the department for outreach and awareness were appreciated by the forum besides approach of State taxes department in combining a promotive approach along with preventive and bringing better convergence of all stakeholders that was highly applauded.

Pertinent to mention, the SKOCH Awards 2023 recognized outstanding initiatives and efforts in the fields of governance, finance, health, education, and other domains.

The SKOCH Awards have become an annual event which honours individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the development of India through innovative and sustainable solutions. The awards aim to encourage the spread of best practices, promote the culture of innovation, and recognize excellence in governance.

This year, the Skoch Awards recognized several noteworthy initiatives, including those aimed at strengthening healthcare infrastructure, promoting financial inclusion, empowering women, enhancing digital literacy, and fostering sustainable agriculture , who have worked tirelessly to bring about positive change in their communities.

Ghulam Nabi Azad Calls On LG



SRINAGAR: Ghulam Nabi Azad, former Chief Minister of J&K and Chairman, Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bha-

wan, today.

Azad discussed with the Lt Governor various important matters with regard to the development of Jammu Kashmir and welfare of the people.

CUK's DCJ Observes World Press Freedom Day

Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: Department of Convergent Journalism (DCJ), Central University of Kashmir (CUK) observed the "World Press Freedom Day" by organising a lecture on "New Media and Standalone Journalism," by Prof. Dev Vrat Singh, former Head & Dean, Deptt of Mass Communication, School of Mass Communication and Media Technologies, Central University of Jharkhand, a spokesperson said Thursday

Addressing the participants comprising the faculty members and the students, Prof. Dev Vrat Singh, said, the occasion emphasises the importance of unrestricted journalism and advocates for the fundamental right of freedom of speech.

He said the day serves as a reminder of the critical role that journalists play in holding the powerful accountable and ensuring that the masses have access to impartial information. In his presentation, the speaker discussed changes in journalism in the light of Information Technology and highlighted the significant role played by the social media platforms including Facebook, twitter, Instagram and YouTube in highlighting the public issues instantly.

He, however maintained, that the news groups on the social media platforms should necessarily get the official version, before uploading the news content.

"There have been several instances wherein the credibility of the social media news groups has taken a hit as they failed to follow the ethics and principles of journalism in letter and spirit," he said. After the address, the speaker also interacted with the faculty and staff.

Speaking on the occasion, Dean Academic Affairs and Dean School of Media Studies, Prof. Shahid Rasool, described media as an important pillar of democracy and said the day is being observed to emphasise the value of press freedom and the difficulties faced by journalists in their work.

"The purpose of the Day is to raise awareness about press freedom, the necessity of defending journalists' rights, and the need to support independent, free media," he said. He further added that the freedom of speech should not be misused by anyone for their vested interests.

Head DCJ, Dr. Arif Nazir Zargar, who conducted the proceedings, said, World Press Freedom Day serves as a reminder of the significance of the right to freedom of speech, which is a basic human right recognised in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. He said the theme for the year 2023 is "Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for all other human rights." Sr Asst Prof. Dr John Babu Koyye, proposed the vote of thanks.

2 Militants Killed In Baramulla: Police



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two militants were killed in an encounter with government forces in the Baramulla district of North Kashmir on Thursday, police said.

Acting on specific input about the presence of militants in the Wanigam Payeen Kreeri area of Baramulla district in north Kashmir, government forces launched a cordon and search operation there early Thursday morning, a police official said.

He said the search operation turned into an encounter after the militants fired upon a search party of the forces, who retaliated.

In the exchange of firing, two militants were killed, the official said.

Policeman Injured In Anantnag Attack

SRINAGAR: A policeman was injured after militants opened fire at security forces in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, officials said.

Militants attacked a security forces' party in the Bijbehara area of the south Kashmir district in the evening, they said.

The officials said a policeman received minor injuries while taking cover, adding he was shifted to a hospital.

The area has been cordoned off and a hunt launched to nab the attackers, they said.

He identified the slain militants as Shakir Majid Najar & Hanan Ahmad Seh from Shopian district. Both joined militancy in the month of March 2023.

Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition, including an AK 47 rifle and a pistol, were recovered from the site of the encounter, he said.

This is the second encounter in the last 24 hours in the Valley after a brief lull.

Two militants were killed when encounter took place after the security forces foiled an infiltration bid near the Line of Control (LoC) in Machil sector of Kupwara district on Wednesday.

Won't Allow Enemy To Disturb Peace In Valley: Army

'Troops Braving Sub-Zero Temperature Stood Under Open Sky For 48 Hours To Eliminate Infiltrators'

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Following the killing of two militants in Machil sector in north Kashmir's Kupwara district, Army on Thursday said that they are ready to foil any attempt made from across the border to push infiltrators into the Valley to disturb peace.

Addressing a press conference at Z Gali, Brigadier Vinod Singh Negi said that operation in Machil sector on May 3 was conducted successfully leading to elimination of two infiltrators.

He said that intelligence agencies were regularly receiving inputs about possible infiltration. "It was learnt that infiltrators will be pushed from across the border. After inputs by the police, a high alert was sounded on May 01," he said.

He said that following inputs

additional ambushes were deployed at possible target places and a special operation group of J&K police was also involved in this operation.

The Brigadier also said that the operation was conducted under challenging conditions as troops braved cold weather conditions and low visibility.

"Braving continuous snow, rain, overflow of water channels and challenging atmosphere, the operation was conducted successfully. Brave troops remained under open sky for more than 48 hours waiting for the infiltrators," he said.

The Brigadier said that on May 03 an ambush spotted and killed two infiltrators. "They were fired at and two of them were killed. Entire area was searched and war like stores along with eatables with Pakistan markings were

recovered."

He added that regularly efforts are being made from the other side of the border to disturb peace here. "All such efforts have been foiled. We are fully alert and every infiltration will be foiled," he said while praising the troops deployed at forward areas.

Meanwhile, SSP Kupwara while addressing the press conference said that they will continue to foil any attempts of the enemy. "Alert troops are deployed at LoC. We continue to work jointly with the army and share every intelligence input. No one can cross the LoC and disturb peace here," he said

Two militants were killed in an encounter in Machil sector on Wednesday as security forces foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control in Kupwara district—(KNO)

Kupwara Admin Ropes In Clergy In Its War Against Drugs

Ulemas Conference Held For Sanitization, Spreading Awareness

Observer News Service

KUPWARA: The District Administration Kupwara has roped in different religious leaders, Ulemas of Masjids and other religious institutions of Kupwara district to spread awareness at grass roots level about the negative impact of drug abuse in the society.

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatraya a Conference of Ulemas, Imams (religious leaders) was held Thursday at the conference Hall of DC Office complex Kupwara.

The Well attended Conference was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kupwara, Gh. Nabi Bhat.

Addressing the conference, ADC appealed to religious leaders, Ulemas and Imams to use their voluntary services for spreading awareness about drug abuse and its consequences in society.

He appealed to Molvis to aware people to eradicate the drug menace and deliver the sermons particularly on Fridays and after every prayer so that awareness about negative effects of drug abuse and drug trafficking menace is generated and spread at the ground level and Drug Addict Patients are properly identified, treated and rehabilitated.

ADC said that the District Administration is focusing on a multi-pronged strategy to combat menace of drug abuse in Kupwara district. Police has launched a massive crackdown on drug peddlers, drug traffickers to break the supply chain of drugs and District Administration is counseling, treating and rehabilitating the drug abuse victims.

Irfan Bahadur, Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Kupwara on the occasion said that Drug-Free-Kupwara is a challenge in which every individual has to play his or her vital role.

Raising concerns on the alarming situation in



substance abuse, ACR Kupwara said that Kashmir Valley is slowly becoming India's drug hub. A recent study has revealed that J&K is currently at the number two position among the top drug abuser states in the country.

Several Ulemas and Imams also expressed their concern over the rising drug abuse and its consequences. They reaffirmed that they will play their role in disseminating awareness to people about negative impacts from the podiums of Masjids and other religious places, so that youth are safeguarded from dangerous exposure to different kinds of drug abuse.

While welcoming the District Administration's efforts to invite them for this noble cause, different Religious Leaders said that they are ready to help the District Administration to eradicate this menace and make the Kupwara drug-addiction and drug trafficking free.

Muslims In Handwara Join KPs To Celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Kashmiri Pandits in north Kashmir's Handwara sub-division Tuesday celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi with the active support from the local Muslim community.

Ganesh Chaturthi is a Hindu festival commemorating the birth of Hindu god Ganesha. The festival is marked by the installation of Ganesha's clay idols. On this day Hindus seek his blessings given that Ganesha is known as god of wealth, sciences, knowledge, wisdom and prosperity.

Vice President Sanathan Dharam, Surinder said that this occasion is celebrated every year and special prayers are held. "On this special occasion, we also held fist prayers at Razdan Mandir which has been renovated. The religious idol installed there was specially imported from Jaipur," he said.

"People have been very supportive here. Even before the migration they would join us in numbers to take out the rally. They would even offer basil water, fruits and many other things to us," he said. "Brotherhood

between the pandit and Muslim communities here is exemplary. People here have always been very cooperative and supportive in every manner."

About the support from administration, he said that they have provided all the basic immediate requirements here. Also, he said the army has been very supportive.

Aijaz Ahmad, a local, said that everyone here is happy with seeing pundits celebrating their day with brotherhood and harmony. "Last year people from both pandit and Muslims communities together took out a rally. We welcomed them wholeheartedly. This will have a greater impact across the region, encouraging everyone to live together," he said.

He also said that Kashmiris are incomplete without pandits.

Ghulam Mohiuddin another local said that both pandits and muslims brothers and everyone are happy with the reunion. "People have changed, Kashmir has changed for good. We want them to live with us. Everyone has come here to welcome them. Locals in numbers have joined them to celebrate this occasion," he said—(KNO)

AMARNATH YATRA

DC Bandipora Visits Shadipora Transit Camp



Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed visited Yatra Transit Camp at Shadipora Sumbal to review the arrangements and other facilities for pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY)-2023, an official spokesperson said Thursday.

Dr. Owais, on the occasion, inspected the upgraded facilities for the convenience of the stay of yatris during the SAJY-2023.

The DC was informed that all necessary arrangements, including facilities of drinking water and electricity, etc. at

Yatra Transit Camp have been put in advance besides the deployment of sufficient staff at the camp.

Dr. Owais also inspected other completed works at the transit camp, including langar facility, prefabricated huts, etc. and expressed satisfaction over the arrangements put in place.

He stressed upon the concerned to ensure cleanliness, sanitation, hygiene, and medical facilities at transit camps round the clock.

Dr Owais directed the concerned agencies for macadamization of the inner links with the camp timely.

SKUAST-K Holds Counselling-Cum-Motivational Session At Wadura, Campus

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SRINAGAR: One day counselling session-cum motivational speech on new age management was held at Faculty of Agriculture Wadura on Thursday.

The event was organized under the aegis of IDP-NAHEP by Career Counselling & Placement Cell, FoA, Wadura.

Renowned motivational speaker Mr. S. N. Tripathi (IAS) 1985 batch, former Special Secretary and Financial Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GoI, Secretary Ministry of Parliamentary affairs, former Director General IIPA was the chief Guest and speaker on the occasion.

He motivated the students to learn how to overcome challenges/hurdles and shared secrets of success in achieving prosperity/high living standards. He advocated infusing investments in education particularly focusing on learning of soft and technical skills in addition of degrees. Event was attended by all the Heads of Divisions, Faculty members and PhD/PG/UG/ UG students of this Faculty.

A plantation drive was also organized on the side-lines of the event. Prof. Tariq Raja Head, Division of Statistics welcomed the Guest and Prof. Raihana Habib Kanth, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST-K, Wadura presented vote of thanks.



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DYSS Holds Para Sports Events Across Kashmir

The competition was organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Pulwama under the patronage of Joint Director Youth Services, Kashmir.

As of now, four more league goals will see Erling break Johnson's long-standing Club record. On May 4, 1929, Johnson scored his 38th goal of the 1928/29 First Division (then top flight) campaign in a 1-1 draw against Liverpool at Anfield, which established the Manchester City record that has stood for nearly a century.