

Govt Hopes Ease In Kashmir Travel Advisories After G20 Meet

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: The Union Territory administration is expecting ease in travel advisories from different countries, including the United States and other western countries for traveling to Jammu and Kashmir with the hosting of G-20 meeting in Srinagar scheduled to be held between May 22-24.

Director Tourism, Kashmir Raja Yaqoob Farooq told Kashmir Observer that the department was expecting more footfall of foreign tourists with the hosting of G-20 meeting.

"Definitely, when the foreign delegates arrive and witness a peaceful situation, all their doubts and confusions will clear. Kashmir is branded all over the world and the tourism will reach to the next level with hosting of the world leaders," Yaqoob said.

The newly appointed director further said that the department is planning to showcase the heritage, culture, cuisine etc to the world leaders and will be taken on a sightseeing tour to Baramulla, Dachigam National Park in Srinagar, and also to the ski



File Photo | Abid Bhat

resort of Gulmarg.

"We are expecting over 200 delegates from the different countries to Kashmir and over 99 percent of the preparations are already done," he added.

An official from the tourism department said that they are also expecting ease in travel restrictions following abrogation of Article 370.

It may be noted that the

A Great Opportunity To Promote J&K Tourism: Secy

The upcoming G20 meeting which will be held here is a great opportunity to promote Jammu and Kashmir's tourism potential globally as it will show the world that the union territory is a wonderful destination for all, an official said on Saturday. The third **More on P10**

tourists to leave Kashmir and the valley remained shut for several months. Several countries including the United States then advised its citizens not to visit Jammu and Kashmir.

In a fresh travel advisory, the United States in October 2022, asked its citizens not to travel to Jammu and Kashmir.

"Do not travel to: The union territory of Jammu and Kashmir (except the eastern Ladakh region and its capital, Leh) due to terrorism and civil unrest. Within 10 km of the India-Pakistan border due to the potential **More on P10**

Countdown For G20 Meeting Has Begun: Div Com

Agencies

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir administration on Saturday said that the dates for G20 event have been declared while the countdown has been started and the works started ahead of the event are in the final stage & will be completed soon.

Talking to the reporters after inaugurating two-day painting exhibition at Government Arts Emporium Srinagar, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, said that the dates for G20 meeting have been declared already while the countdown has been started.

"The deadline for the ongoing works was fixed and I had informed you that the works will be completed by April 15. However, due to the sudden change in the weather conditions for the first time in the Valley and also due to the holy month of Ramadan, the works could not be completed. But, we have been making efforts and the works are in the final stage, which will **More on P10**

Teachers Evading ATD-2023 To Face Tough Action

Agencies

Srinagar: The School Education Department Saturday said that it will likely post those teachers in Zone-IV and V who will have stay of three or more years and will try to evade transfers under ATD-2023.

Director of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) in a press conference has said that the teachers who have stay of three or more years will have to apply for the transfers

"Some of the teachers who have a stay of three or more years have a concept that they will go unnoticed if they didn't apply for their transfer but I want to inform those teachers that if they didn't apply for it, they will definitely get transferred to Zone-IV and V," DSEJ said. Earlier, the **More on P10**

Killings of Security Personnel

DM, Army Chief Review Situation In Rajouri



Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday reviewed the security situation along the borders in Jammu and Kashmir as he visited the district of Rajouri, a day after five elite para commandos of the army were killed during an anti-militancy operation in the forested Kandi area of the district.

Singh condoled the deaths of the personnel and commended the security men for their valour and zeal while operating in challenging situations.

The minister's visit also assumes significance as militants have killed 35 people, including 26 soldiers, in eight attacks in the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch since October 2021. The two districts were declared militancy-free more than a decade ago.

"Visited the Army Base Camp in Rajouri, J&K today. Reviewed the operational capabilities and security situation along the border. Also, interacted with the brave soldiers of the Indian Army. India salutes their devotion towards protecting our motherland," he

wrote on his Twitter account.

In another post in response to a tweet by the Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADGPI)-Indian Army paying tributes to the fallen soldiers, Singh said, "I pay homage to these brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in service to the nation. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten. My thoughts are with the bereaved families in this hour of grief."

Officials said Singh, accompanied by Army chief General Manoj Pande and Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, reached Ace of Spades Division headquarters in Rajouri after a brief stopover in Jammu.

Five army personnel were killed and a major-rank officer was injured during a combing operation -- Operation Trinetra -- in the Kandi area on Friday. A holed up militant was killed and one more is believed to be injured Saturday morning.

Officials said the army chief reached Jammu from Delhi ahead of the defence minister, who followed him minutes later. Lt Governor also joined senior civil and army **More on P10**

Militant Killed In Army's Op Trinetra

A militant was killed and another was most likely injured on Saturday in an ongoing operation in the densely forested area of Rajouri district in Jammu and Kashmir, Army said. "In the ongoing joint operation in Kandi forest, Rajouri sector, by Indian Army in coordination with Jammu and Kashmir Police and CRPF, at around 7 am the cordon, while closing in, spotted and pinned down the militants. "In the ensuing gunbattle one militant has been neutralised and one militant is likely to be injured," a defence spokesperson said.

He said an AK-56 rifle, four magazines, 56 bullets, one 9 mm pistol, its **More on P10**

Militant Killed In Baramulla Encounter: Police

A Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant was killed in an encounter with government forces in Baramulla district of North Kashmir on Saturday, police said. After receiving information about the presence of militants in the Karhama Kunzer area of Baramulla, a cordon and search operation was launched, a police official said. It turned into an encounter after militants fired upon the forces who retaliated. One militant was killed in the exchange of fire, the official said. "Killed terrorist identified as Abid Wani, resident **More on P10**

LG, Army Pay Homage To Fallen Soldiers

Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and officials from the Indian Army on Saturday paid homage to five soldiers killed in an IED explosion in Rajouri district, officials said on Saturday. Besides the five soldiers, a major was injured in the explosion which took place Friday in the thickly forested Kandi area of Rajouri district where an operation was underway to flush out militants, they had earlier said. According to the latest reports, the fire fighting between militants and government forces was still on in Kandi forest belt. A wreath-laying ceremony was held at **More on P10**



S H O R T

Police Searches Militant's House In Kulgam

The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday conducted a search at the house of a Hizbul Mujahideen militant in Kulgam district, officials said. The search operation was carried out by the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police as part of its crackdown on militant elements, they said. SIU Kulgam conducted a search at the residential premises of Abdul Gani Bhat, father of militant Farooq Ahmad **More on P10**

JKNPP Working President Joins Azad

Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party working president P K Ganju joined the Democratic Progressive Azad Party here on Saturday along with his supporters, a DPAP leader said. DPAP chairman and former chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad warmly welcomed Ganju, JKNPP spokesperson S Bali and their supporters into the party fold and said their joining would further strengthen the party. Earlier on **More on P10**

Criminal Detained Under PSA In Reasi

A notorious criminal was detained under the Public Safety Act in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, officials said on Friday. The 30-year old, identified as Somraj alias Shamu, was sent to the district jail in Amphalla in Jammu, they said. He was facing scores of criminal cases in different police stations in the district. However, in view of his continuous involvement in a variety of criminal cases and to safeguard **More on P10**

Woman Slips To Death In Ganderbal

A woman slipped to death while collecting herbs in a forest area in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Saturday. 30-year-old Zareena Bano had gone to a nearby forest area to collect herbs, however, due to heavy rainfall and slippery conditions, she lost her balance and died on the spot, an official said. He said that soon after the incident local police reached the spot and recovered her body. **More on P10**

Lightning Strikes Leave Four Dead In Kashmir

Newly-Wed Couple Dies In Pampore, Two More Face Nature's Fury In Budgam



Photo courtesy: Bilal Habib

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: Four people, including a young couple were killed on Saturday in two separate lightning strikes in the twin districts of Pulwama and Budgam in Kashmir Valley on Saturday, officials said.


25-year-old Hilal Ahmed Hanji

and his wife Rozia Jan were working in their fields in Bojhbhagh village of Samboora in the saffron town of Pampore on Saturday afternoon when they were struck by a lightning strike, eyewitnesses told Kashmir Observer.

The couple, they said, were removed to the sub-district **More on P10**


MeT Predicts Widespread Rainfall

The meteorological department on Saturday forecast widespread moderate rain and thunderstorms over Kashmir during the next 24 hours, even as the valley received heavy rainfall in the second half of the day, leaving many localities inundated. A meteorological department official also said that there was also a possibility of light rain and thunderstorm at "scattered places" **More on P10**



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Loneliness is deadly like smoking a dozen cigarettes daily, says US Surgeon General

Press Trust Of India

About half of US adults say they have experienced loneliness, posing health risks and costing the health industry billions of dollars annually, according to an advisory from the US surgeon general.

Loneliness is a common feeling the body sends when something needed for survival is missing. Dr. Vivek Murthy said in the report, adding that the issue needs to be addressed to help the millions of Americans struggling in the shadows. The declaration aims to raise awareness of the issue but won't unlock federal funding or programming devoted to combatting it.

We now know that loneliness is a common feeling that many people experience. It's like hunger or thirst. It's a feeling the body sends us when something we need for survival is missing, Murthy told The Associated Press in an interview.

Research shows that Americans, who have become less engaged with worship houses, community organizations and even their own family members in recent decades, have steadily reported an increase in feelings of loneliness. The number of single households has also doubled over the last 60 years.

But the crisis deeply worsened when COVID-19 spread, prompting schools and workplaces to shut their doors and sending millions of Americans to isolate at home away from relatives or friends.

People culled their friend groups during the coronavirus pandemic and reduced time spent with those friends, the surgeon general's report finds. Americans spent about 20 minutes



a day in person with friends in 2020, down from 60 minutes daily nearly two decades earlier.

The loneliness epidemic is hitting young people, ages 15 to 24, especially hard. The age group reported a 70% drop in time spent with friends during the same period. Loneliness increases the risk of premature death by nearly 30%, with the report revealing that those with poor social relationships also had a greater risk of stroke and heart disease. Isolation also elevates a person's likelihood for experiencing depression, anxiety and dementia.

The surgeon general is calling on workplaces, schools, technology companies, community organizations, parents and other people to make changes that will boost the country's connectedness. He advises people to join community groups and put down their phones when they're catching up with friends; employers to think carefully about their remote work policies;

and health systems to provide training for doctors to recognize the health risks of loneliness.

Technology has rapidly exacerbated the loneliness problem, with one study cited in the report finding that people who used social media for two hours or more daily were more than twice as likely to report feeling socially isolated than those who were on such apps for less than 30 minutes a day.

Murthy said social media is driving the increase in loneliness in particular. His report suggests that technology companies roll out protections for children especially around their social media behavior.

There's really no substitute for in-person interaction, Murthy said. As we shifted to use technology more and more for our communication, we lost out on a lot of that in-person interaction. How do we design technology that strengthens our relationships as opposed to weaken them?

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

E-NIT No. 16/2023-24/EE/SSDG/589-98/E-tendering/Dated:-04-05-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rs.)	Time of Completion	Earnest Money (in Rs)	Major Head of Account	Class of Contractor
1	Electrical work , B.W.O S/I/T/C of wiring and Conduit work and sub board only ,For Single Storey building TAMMAM.HUT at GUREZ Phase 1st	1.03	200	05 Days	2060	BADP	AAY / BEE Class Electric

Position of AAA:- Accorded.

1. Project Authority:-District Development Commissioner

2. The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms- and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

S. No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice.	06-05-2023
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 06-05-2023 (10:00AM) To 11-05-2023 (04:00PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 06-05-2023 (10:00AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 11-05-2023 (04:00PM)
6	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	11-05-2023 (05:00 PM)

In the office of Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez

1. Bids must be accompany ed with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez Major Head 0059-Rev.Misc)[Tender Inviting Authority](Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt)(Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dtd 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan/CDR/FDR should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date)pledged to Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez (Tender receiving Authority)..

2. All bidders have to pay 2% of advertised cost of the work as earnest money deposit (EMD) in shape of CDR pledged to Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez at the time of uploading of tender.

3. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract value as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/pledged to Executive Engineer Special sub Division Gurez within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of work with DLP

4. The date and time of opening of Bid shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through 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 Special Sub Division Gurez.

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

6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

a. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. acquaint bid submission process.

b. 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 vendors.

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

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

e. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with 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 in favour of Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document) and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.

9. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. 10. Price escalation and taxes: The %age quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees, 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.

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

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

13. Instruction to bidder (ITB)

a. All Bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualifying criteria/qualification information with the bids.

All bidders shall upload Copies of Original Documents defining constitution/Legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business with.

b. Cell No. and Correspondence Address.

c. All Bidders shall upload Treasury Challan/2% of Adv Cost. in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer Special sub Division Gurez

d. All Bidders shall upload PAN CARD.

e. All Bidders shall upload Registration Card with latest renewal on JKPWOMS Portal.

f. All Bidders shall upload the GST NO. and GST (REG) GST acknowledgement receipt along with latest GST (3B) of ending previous month & Quarterly respectively .

g. All bidders shall upload verification certificate from concerned Chief Engineer/Superintending Engineer of Enlistment Registration Card. Letter No:- Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Kashmir's :-18484-516 Dated:-21-11-2020 and No:- BS/812-44 Dated 06-04-2021.

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

15. All the documents relating to the bid shall be in English language.

16. Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid.4 No document(s) which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

17. The contractor may purchase required material of quality and specification prescribed, to be certified by Engineer in-charge with documentary proof if asked for as and when desired.

18. If bidder does not quote rate for any item list /quantity schedule such item/items shall be deemed to be part of the overall/total contract value and no rate shall be allowed for such item/items in the allotment contract.

19. All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25.

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No:DIPK-1161/23 DATED: 06-05-2023

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Jal Shakti Department Office Of The Executive Engineer (Irrigation & F C), Division

Kupwara -193222

Notice inviting e-Tender

e-NIT No: 05 of 2023-24

Date: - 06/05/2023

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 work to be opened by the Executive Engineer Irrigation & F C Division Kupwara on at 11:30 AM.

S No	Name of work	Estt. Cost (Rs. in lakh)	Earnest Money	Cost of T/ Doc. (in Rs.)	MH of Account	Time of Completion	Class of contract
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
01	Laying of Check Crates on head sites of Dehgam Khul lolab. (Fresh)	0.58	1160/-	200/-	2702-M&R	07 days	DEE
02	Restoration of Damaged, breached spot on Tazwari khul at RD 1010 mtr near village Madmadov by way of laying Crates.Concrete. (Fresh)	0.56	1120/-	200/-	2702-M&R	07 days	DEE
03	Laying of Toe Crates on supply channel of Sogam khul. (Fresh)	0.64	1280/-	200/-	2702-M&R	07 days	DEE

Position of AAA : Accorded

Position of T.S. : Under process

Position of funds : Assured

1. The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of terms and conditions and other details can be seen/ downloaded on e-procurement Portal www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	06.05.2023
2.	Date of start of downloading	06.05.2023 from 14.00 Hrs.
3.	Bid submission start Date Technical/Financial	06.05.2023 from 14.30 Hrs.
4.	Bid Submission end date.	11.05.2023 up to 16.30 Hrs.
5.	Date & Time of opening of Tenders(online)	12.05.2023 at 11:30 AM.

2. Bid Security/ Earnest Money and Cost of Tender Document

2.01 Bids must be accompanied with Earnest money and cost of tender document (Non- Refundable/Non- transferrable) to be deposited under MH: 0702-Rev. Misc. in shape of Treasury Challan/ receipt or e-Challan (mentioning therein NIT No, S No of work and Adv. Cost of work) and to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department (Irrigation & F C) Division Kupwara & date on the instruments must not be prior to date of issuance of this tender Notice.

2.02 The 1st lowest tenderer (L-1) has to produce Performance Security which should be for an amount of 3% of the contract value in shape of CDR/FDR which shall be released after successful completion of defective liability period (DLP) of work.

2.03 Bid Security/ Earnest Money shall be refunded to the successful bidder (L-1) on receipt of Performance security. The Bid Security/ Earnest Money of other Participants shall be released only on receipt of Treasury Challan/ Treasury receipt.

3. Bidders must ensure to upload all the documents clearly and no clarification shall be asked for later- on. However, the documents shall be received only from Istlowest tenderer (L-1) at the time of fixation of contract.

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

5. Instructions to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

5.01 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual form the "Downloads" option as well as

from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in acquaints bid submission process.

5.02 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.

5.03 The bidder has to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.

5.04 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in above at S. No. 1.

6. The Bid Security/ Earnest Money shall be forfeited if;

6.01 Any bidder / tenderer withdraws his bid / tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

6.02 Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required Performance Security within the specified time limit of seven days from the date of notification of same to the bidder by the tender opening authority.

6.03 Failure to produce the original documents necessary for verification on declaration of the lowest bidder (L-1) on which bidder was qualified by or before 07 days of the opening of Price Bid / generation of comparative statement.

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 of tender due to any reason/ reasons.

8. Scanned copy of Bid Security/Earnest Money, cost of tender documents in shape of e-challan or Treasury challan/ receipt pledged to the Executive Engineer Irrigation & F C Division Kupwara enlistment card duly renewed. Verification of enlistment card,G. S. Tin No.,latest GST Return GST-3B for last Quarter (Quarterly return) and Previous month for (Monthly return).

9. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of quantities) contents, in no case they should attempt to create similar manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.

10. The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of the work unless otherwise, specified.

-Sd/-

Executive Engineer
Irrigation & F C Division
Kupwara

No.1&FCD/Kup/CS/565-76

DIPK-1182/23

Dated:-06/05/2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost the RC of my vehicle bearing Regd No; JK01L 9243 somewhere. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Regional Transport Office Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Nadeema Ahmad Sofi
S/o Ghulam Mohammad Sofi
R/o Baghi Mehtab Srinagar nj

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mohammad Yunis Saleem Bhat S/O Bashir Ahmad Bhat R/O Sazan Village Bijrani Doda have purchased Plot No. 297 in Housing Colony Bagh-e-Mehtab from Bashir Ahmad Bhat S/O Abdul Aziz Bhat R/O Baghi Mehtab Srinagar originally allotted in favour of Dr. Mohammad Abbas Mir S/O Late Mohammad Abdullah Mir R/O Youre Khoshipora Qazigund Anantnag. I have applied for transfer of leasehold rights of above said plot in my favour. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to the Managing Director, J&K Housing Board, Green Belt Park, Gandhinagar, Jammu within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice. However, no objection will be entertained after the expiry of the above said period.

Mohammad Yunis Saleem Bhat nj
S/O Bashir Ahmad Bhat R/O Sazan Village Bijrani Doda

The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th session Annual 2003 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

Name : Ab Bari Shah

S/o: Mohd Dilshad Shah

Roll No: 394483

Year & Session 2003 Annual



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

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Sd/ Assistant Secretary
Board Of School Education
Sub Office Bandipora

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of Date Of Birth Certificate for my two sons namely Arshid Hussain Hurra (DOB : 06-03-2012) and Qaqib Hussain Hurra (DOB : 05-10-2015) . If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Block Development Officer Sherabad Khore within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Ali Mohd Hurra
F/o: Arshid Hussain Hurra &
Qaqib Hussain Hurra
R/o Mallabachan bmg

PUBLIC NOTICE

We have applied for the registration of our Tour & Travel agency under name & style "Trip To Hill" Situated at Kawoosa Khalsia Under Tourism Trade Act 1987/82/2011-12 . If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file the same in the office of the Dy Director. Tourism Srinagar Kashmir within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

1. Amir Ah Hajam S/o Gh Mohammad Hajam
R/o Batpora Kanihama bmg
2. Mudasir Reyaz Hajam S/o Reyaz Ahmad Hajam
R/o Kawoosa Khalsia Narbal

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Aijaz Ahmad Mir
S/o Ali Mohd Mir
R/o Katibugh Kunzar BMG

اطلاع عام

برخاص دعام کو مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ میں نے 2004ء میں گورنمنٹ سیکنڈری سکول ایتمیرہ سے نویں جماعت کا امتحان پاس کیا۔ اسلئے مجھے اب نویں جماعت کی دستاویز تفصیلات کیلئے مطلوب ہے اس سلسلے میں اگر کسی شخص کوئی غلطی یا اعتراض ہوگا تو وہ تین دن کے اندر ریجنل پرائمری سکول ایتمیرہ وہ کو اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ بعد ازاں میرے معاون غلطی یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

یاسمیرہ اختر دتر محمد سلطان گنائی

سائنہ ہوکتیر ی بیرہ



Div Com Inaugurates Two Day Painting Exhibition In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Saturday inaugurated a two-day painting exhibition at Government Arts Emporium Srinagar.

On the inaugural day, visitors had the chance to view and appreciate the paintings created by Iftikhar Wani and Er. Shazia Basharat. The exhibition features a diverse range of artwork, showcasing the talent and creativity of the participating artists.

The opening reception was well-attended, with visitors enjoying the creative work and meeting the artists behind the artwork.

Speaking on the occasion, the Div Com said that the event is a celebration of our city's natural beauty and cultural heritage, and we are delighted to see so many people come out to support our local artists.

The Department of Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir has dedicated its services to bringing painting out of the studio into open-air settings to bridge the gap between artists and the masses through the depart-

ment's 'Know Your Artisan' initiative post recognition of Srinagar as the UNESCO's Creative City in the field of Craft and Folk Art.

The exhibition holds a special corner to portray various scenes of Shehr-e-Khaas (Srinagar City) by Iftikhar Wani.

The works in this exhibition represent the many unique ways artists can interpret a similar scene and be inspired by their relationship to the environment and we are thrilled with the success of our Exhibition event, said the Director Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir.

Exhibitions of the same magnitude shall be continued to highlight the artisans of the valley, said an official.

The exhibition showcasing various master pieces of the artists are on display which is open for the general public to highlight the works of the artists.

On the occasion, Director Handicrafts & Handloom thanked the Divisional Administration and all stakeholders who are supporting and promoting the local artisans at global level and also appreciated the role of media who have been prominent in promoting the arts and crafts of the valley.

Srinagar Admin Conducts Inspection Of Several Markets In Shahr-e-Khaas

Observer News Service

Srinagar: On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, the team of Food Safety Department today conducted a special drive in various markets of Shahr-e-Khaas in Srinagar City and SIDCO Industrial estate Khanmouh, to check the quality food items being manufactured / sold to consumers

A team of Officers headed by Assistant Commissioner Food Safety Designated Officer under FSSAI Srinagar, Yameen ul Nabi carried out a surprise market checking in several areas of the City and lifted samples of different food items including Desi Ghee, Packaged Drinking water. Packed milk and Ready to Eat Food items from across City for analytical purposes

The team also attended the complaints received against a restaurant in the District.

On the occasion, the Market Checking Team warned the erring Food Business Operators not to indulge in violations of Food Safety Regulations and insanitary conditions which are against public health failing which a hefty compound will be imposed upon them in future, which can even lead to closure of facility.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar has impressed upon all food business operators not to indulge in operating Food Business without proper License / Registration under Food Safety and Standards Act.

He also advised the FBOs to obtain license / registration under FSS Act, failing which action under the Act will be initiated against the violators.



Amid rainfall, non-local children take shelter behind a wooden kiosk at old Zero Bridge in Srinagar on Saturday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat.

Elderly Woman Scheduled To Perform Hajj Dies In Aali Kadal Blaze

Three-Storey House Suffers Substantial Damage

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A 62-year-old woman was charred to death after a fire broke out in the Aali Kadal area in the old city this morning.

The interior parts of the three-story house were completely destroyed while a couple of adjacent houses suffered partial damages in the inferno.

Locals said fire broke out in the house of one Gulzar Ahmed Mir in the congested Aali Kadal area. Lone elderly woman present in the house as per locals

couldn't come out of the house due to her poor eyesight.

"The deceased woman was my cousin who was alone in the house when the fire broke out in the kitchen. I tried to save her, even opened the door but the flames emanating from the room pushed me back," said a man, adding that the deceased woman along with her husband was scheduled to leave for the Hajj pilgrimage in the coming days.

Thousands of people participated in her last rites. Locals identified the deceased woman

as Nafeesa Begum, wife of Gulzar Ahmed Mir. She is survived by her two married daughters and a son.

Some locals claimed that leakage of gas was the cause of the fire; however, a police official said that they have registered a case and are trying to ascertain the cause of the fire.

Locals thanked police and firefighters for the timely help. "With the efforts of firefighters, police, and locals, the fire could not spread to other houses. We thank them wholeheartedly," they said.

15 Women Among 31 People Commits Suicide in Srinagar Since 2020

Observer News Service

Srinagar: At least 123 persons including 58 women attempted suicide in the last three years in Kashmir capital Srinagar, reveals official data.

Srinagar Police has revealed that it registered 7 suicide cases from 2020 to 2022 under section 306 (Abetment of suicide) and 118 cases under section 309 (Punishment for those who attempt suicide) in Srinagar city.

For the last 3 years, 31 people including 15 females have ended their lives. Most of the

victims from Srinagar ended their lives by jumping into the river Jehlum at different spots in Srinagar.

Psychological experts attribute the escalating nuisance of suicides to the changing social set-up amid a lack of mental and emotional support to the victims falling prey to the lethal trend which has claimed thousands of lives and rendered hundreds of families devastated.

Doctors say that a person commits suicide when he or she reaches the extreme condition of hopelessness. This situation is generally created when a so-

ciety hankers after materialistic needs.

Section 309 of the Indian Penal Code states that whoever attempts to commit suicide and does any act towards the commission of such offence, shall be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with a fine, or with both while Section 306 states that whoever is involved in the abetment of suicide shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years, and shall also be liable to fine.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Pulwama
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
NIT No: 15 /EEP/RNB of 2023-24/1333-1343 Dated: 04 /05/2023

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are being invited on an item rate basis/percentage age basis (as applicable) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	E/M/D in shape of CDR/ FDR/ BG	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor	AAA No:
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Macadamisation of Amirabad School link incl Gousia Colony Umer colony and Masjid Furkan shalpora.	53.04 Incl. C/o Bitumen and GST	1600/-	2% of Adv cost	7 (Working Days)	C&T	AAY	06/SE/PS of 2023-24 Dated: 24.04.2023
	Macadamisation of interior roads of Pinglish and Chadibugh.	53.38 Incl. C/o Bitumen and GST	1600/-	2% of Adv cost	7 (Working Days)	C&T	AAY	06/SE/PS of 2023-24 Dated: 24.04.2023

Position of AAA: Accorded
Position of funds Available
The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.Q), a set of contract terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in on the dates listed below: -

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	04 /05/2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	04 /05/2023 from 10.00 AM.
3	Bid submission Start Date	04/05/2023 from 10.00 AM.
4	Bid Submission End Date	12/05/2023 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	13 /05/2023 at 11:00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama

- Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.
- At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama. The successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

All other terms and conditions shall be available in website www.jktenders.gov.in

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MASTER OF APPLIED EPIDEMIOLOGY (MAE)
(INDIA EPIDEMIC INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (EIS) PROGRAMME)

National Centre for Disease Control, Delhi
and
H.N.B. Medical Education University, Uttarakhand
In Collaboration with
US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta

INVITING APPLICATIONS

The India EIS programme is a competency-based two-year field epidemiology training. The programme is modeled after the EIS programme of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The EIS Programme leads to a Master's in Applied Epidemiology (MAE) degree from H.N.B. Medical Education University, Uttarakhand.

Eligibility Criteria

- MD (Public Health/Preventive and Social Medicine/Community Medicine) **OR**
MD (Clinical or Para-Clinical) with 2 years' experience (service) **OR**
MBBS with Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical, Para-clinical, or Public Health with 3 years of public health experience from any recognized institution **OR**
MBBS from any recognized institution with five years minimum work experience in public health.
- Age: Not exceeding 45 years as of the last date of application

State-sponsored candidates

Government sponsored candidates should be regular employee working in central or state government/autonomous bodies/medical colleges/PSUs and nominated by the state/organization.

Self-sponsored candidates

Self-sponsored candidates do not require nominations. They can apply directly if fulfilling the eligibility criteria.

For more information and prescribed application form, please visit
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Last Date for receiving applications – 06th July 2023.

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HIGHWAY STATUS

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

	PRAYERS
FAJR	4 :02
ZUHR	12:28
ASR	5: 18
Magrib	7:21
ISHA	8: 53

This Day In History

- 1748- French troops conquer Maastricht in the War of the Austrian Succession
- 1832- Greece becomes independent, Otto of Bavaria is chosen as king
- 1873- US marines attack Panama
- 1891- Battle in Bunyoro: Capt F Lugard stops Muslim rebellion, 300 killed
- 1895- Russian scientist Alexander Stepanovich Popov demonstrates to the Russian Physical and Chemical Society his invention - the world's first radio receiver in St. Petersburg. Celebrated as Radio Day in Russia.
- 1912- Columbia University approves plans for awarding the Pulitzer Prize in several categories, after established by Joseph Pulitzer
- 1919- A draft of the Versailles Treaty is shown to Germans
- 1920- USSR recognizes Georgia's independence
- 1928- Pulitzer prize awarded to Thornton Wilder for "Bridge of San Luis Rey"
- 1934- Pulitzer prize awarded to Sidney Kingsley for his play "Men in White"
- 1939- Germany and Italy announce an alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis
- 1941- British House of Commons votes for Winston Churchill (477-3)
- 1945 - World War II: British troops enter Utrecht, Netherlands
- 1945 - World War II: Unconditional German surrender to the Allies signed by General Alfred Jodl at Rheims
- 1947 - General MacArthur approves Japanese constitution
- 1947 - Paraguayan government unleashes contra revolt
- 1954 - French surrender to Vietnam after 55-day siege at Dien Bien Phu
- 1954 - US, Great Britain & France reject Russian membership of NATO
- 1955 - USSR signs peace treaty with France & Great Britain
- 1963 - SETC Telstar 2 launched (apogee 6,700 miles (10,800 km))
- 1975 - Small Astronomy Satellite Explorer 53 launched to study X-rays
- 1986 - Iraq bombs a Tehran oil refiner
- 1992 - US space shuttle STS-49 launched (maiden voyage of Endeavour)
- 1993 - South Africa agrees to multi-racial elections
- 1998 - Mercedes-Benz buys Chrysler for \$US40 billion and forms DaimlerChrysler in the then largest industrial merger in history

From KO Archives

Sumo-Borne Men Abduct, Beat Cop

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR : A traffic police constable was admitted in the hospital in a critical condition after being dropped half dead by some unidentified abductors outside the Batwara gate of the army headquarters in Badamibagh cantonment here this afternoon.

According to reports, Ghulam Muhammad (belt No1556), a constable in the traffic control department deployed in the Regal chowk to enforce one way movement stopped a white Sumo from proceeding in the wrong direction. At this, the unidentified persons pounced on the constable and beat him.

Watching the scuffle, some shopkeepers tried to rescue the policeman. But, the Sumo-borne men putted him in and fled away. The incident took place in broad day light at 3:45 p.m. At about 6.30 p.m. the army authorities informed the police about the constable lying at the mail gate of the BB Cantt almost half dead. However, the police refused to pick up the injured constable and instead demanded the in-spector general of police or any other senior officer to go to the spot for the purpose. Eventually, it was the superintendent of police traffic, Riyaz Ahmad Bedar, who went to the BB Cantt gate and removed the constable to the SMHS hospital where the doctors attending on him said, late in the evening, that his condition was stable.

(Kashmir Observer, 07 May, 2000)

Expect Sunday's Mahapanchayat To Be A Huge Success: Protesting Wrestlers



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The protesting wrestling is hoping that the khap mahapanchayat scheduled at Jantar Mantar on Sunday will be of huge success and will help in getting more support for them in their fight against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

Top wrestlers of the country, including Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Vinesh Phogat, are protesting for the last two weeks at the Jantar Mantar here, demanding the sacking of Brij Bhushan as WFI chief and his arrest because of the alleged sexual harassment of women grapplers.

"Today is the 14th day of our sit-in protest at Jantar Mantar. The fact is you guys (supporters) are here and we are here too. We would like to thank all who are sitting with us here and supporting us. We would like to thank the entire country for standing with us in this fight for justice," said Vinesh on Saturday.

"We hope we will achieve

success in this fight so that truth prevails." Vinesh urged the supporters to be peaceful on Sunday so that bad elements do not hijack the protest.

"Tomorrow, a lot of people are expected to join us from villages... khap panchayats, kisan and mazdoor unions, student organisations to support us. We appeal to everyone to be peaceful. Our success depends on a peaceful demonstration. We also request all who will come tomorrow to cooperate with authorities and police," said the Asian Games gold medalist.

"We also request the police not to stop our supporters tomorrow," Bajrang, an Olympic medalist, has appealed to the countrymen to observe a candlelight march on Sunday to show solidarity with the protesting grapplers. "We request all Indians to come out with a candlelight march at 7 pm on May 7," he said.

Another Olympic medalist wrestler Sakshi Malik said they are yet to decide the future course of action as their lawyers are still working on it.

Riyadh Seeking Flights Between Saudi, Iranian Shia Cities

Agencies

Saudi Arabia is seeking direct flights between its shia-majority city of Dammam and Iran's Mashhad as part of efforts to improve relations between the two countries, according to an aviation industry official in Iran.

Maghsud As'adi, who leads Association of Iranian Airlines, said on Monday that launching flights to Iran's second largest city of Mashhad, located in northeast of the country and home to a major shia shrine, is a priority for Saudi Arabia.

As'adi said the flight route could serve Saudi Arabia's shia community which is based in the eastern city of Dammam.

He said the route could also lead to increased tourism visits by Saudis to other Iranian cities, especially to natural resorts in northern Iran.

The remarks come weeks after Iran's transportation ministry said it had received an official request from Saudi Arabian au-



thorities for three regular flights between the two countries.

The ministry said last month that the flights will be launched regardless of arrangements existing between Tehran and Riyadh about flights carrying Iranian pilgrims to hajj ceremony in Saudi Arabia.

The announcement came amid a joint plan by Iran and Saudi Arabia to restore their diplomatic relations some seven years after the two countries cut their official ties.

The plan is based on an agreement brokered by China in early March which stipulated that the two Muslim countries should reopen their embassies by May 9.

UK Enters Era Of King With Charles' Coronation

Press Trust of India

LONDON: King Charles III was on Saturday crowned the King of the United Kingdom at Westminster Abbey, in a solemn religious ceremony that dates back almost a thousand years.

The king and his wife, Camilla, the queen consort, travelled from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey - a distance of 2.2-km - at a stately pace in the Diamond Jubilee State Coach bearing a gilded crown, which was commissioned for Queen Elizabeth II in 2012.

The king entered through the great west door of the abbey. He wore a long dark red robe as he slowly proceeded through the church behind his wife, Camilla. He was greeted by a congregation of around 2,200 - made up of heads of state and government, worldwide royalty as well as community champions.

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar and his wife Dr Sudesh Dhankhar represented India on the historic occasion and sat alongside other Commonwealth Heads of State. Westminster Abbey has been the site of every British Coronation since that of William The Conqueror in 1066 and King Charles III and his wife, Queen Camilla, followed in the footsteps of this grand tradition in a service themed "Called to Serve".

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The Service was conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, with faith leaders and representatives of the Hindu, Sikh, Muslim, Buddhist and Jewish communities processing through the Abbey ahead of the service.

King Charles III took the solemn oath to govern the people of the United Kingdom with "justice and mercy" and to foster an environment where people of all faiths and beliefs can live freely after placing his hand on the Bible. He later kissed the holy book.

For his coronation, King Charles III wore the crimson velvet Robe of State, a Crimson Coronation Tunic and cream silk overshirt with Royal Naval trousers. The king's Robe of State is made of crimson velvet and was worn by King George VI at the Coronation in 1937.

Queen Camilla, the queen

consort, wore a crimson robe, this one originally made for Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. Underneath she is wearing a tailored dress designed by Bruce Oldfield and created in Bruce Oldfield's couture workrooms in Battersea, London.

Rishi Sunak made history as the first Indian-origin British Prime Minister to perform a reading at the Coronation ceremony.

As the country's first Hindu head of government, the 42-year-old read from the Epistle to the Colossians from the New Testament reflecting the theme of service to others, in keeping with the recent tradition of UK Prime Ministers giving readings at State occasions.

He and wife Akshata Murty, the daughter of Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy, led the procession of flag-bearers as the UK's Union Jack flag was carried into the Abbey by a high-ranking Royal Air Force (RAF) cadet.

Death Toll In Manipur Violence Rises To 54; Imphal Valley Returning To Normalcy

Press Trust of India

IMPHAL: The death toll in the ethnic violence which has engulfed Manipur increased to 54, officials said even as unofficial sources placed the figure at several scores dead and more than 150 injured.

Life returned to a wary normalcy in Imphal Valley on Saturday as shops and markets reopened and cars started plying on the roads.

Security presence which has been bolstered by flying in more Army troops and Central police forces was clearly visible on all major roads and areas. Roadblocks and cordons have been set up in areas where militant groups had engaged security forces on Friday.

Large number of people, including students, were seen assembled at Imphal airport to try get a flight out of the troubled state.

Meanwhile, an Assam Rifles column has been instructed to pick up all Naga students in Imphal from



pick up points on Sunday for a trip back to Kohima.

Survivors at various refugee camps set up for victims of the riots which broke out on Wednesday night said several villages have been torched.

Nearly 10,000 Army, paramilitary and central police forces have been deployed in the state where rioting broke out after demonstrations were organized by tribals, including Kukis and Nagas, on Wednesday against a move to give the majority Meitei community, scheduled tribe status.

Meiteis account for about 53 per cent of the population

and live mostly in the Imphal Valley. Tribals, who include Nagas and Kukis, account for another 40 per cent of the population and live mostly in the hill districts which surround the Valley.

Of the 54 officially declared dead, 16 bodies were kept in the morgue of the Churachandpur district hospital, while 15 bodies were at the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences in Imphal East district, officials said.

The Regional Institute of Medical Sciences at Lamphel in Imphal West district reported 23 dead, the official said.

PM Holds Massive Roadshow In Bengaluru As BJP Raises Karnataka Poll Pitch

Press Trust of India

BENGALURU: With just four days left for Assembly polls in Karnataka, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday held a massive roadshow in the city, waving at a large number of enthusiastic crowd, who had lined up on both sides of the route.

The 26 km roadshow, from Someshwar Bhavan RBI Ground

Jai' slogans and shouting loud cheers in what appeared to be a "festive atmosphere" in several places.

At many places, people showered flower petals as his cavalcade passed through the stretch slowly, amid the sounds of drum beats. The Prime Minister too responded by showering the flower petals gathered on the vehicle, back at the crowd.



in Bengaluru South to Malleshwaram's Sankey Tank, was covered in about three hours.

PM Modi's roadshow traversed through parts of south and central Bengaluru, touching about a dozen Assembly segments.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Bengaluru South MP, Tejasvi Surya, and Bengaluru Central MP, PC Mohan.

Standing on the specially designed vehicle, PM Modi greeted the crowd gathered on the sides of the roads and on nearby buildings, many of whom were seen chanting 'Modi, Modi', 'Jai Bajarangbali', 'Bharat Mata ki

Massive arrangements had been made along the stretch, including erecting barricades, to ensure that the roadshow goes on smoothly. Tight security was put in place. According to state BJP sources, tens of thousands of people had gathered along the roadside.

The entire distance was decked up with saffron hues as BJP flags were seen on either side of the road, and thousands of party workers and supporters too were wearing saffron shawls and caps. Saffron flags, which looked like the 'Bhagwa flag' with lord Hanuman's face on it, were spotted at several places.

"Homosexuality A Disorder, Will Rise If Same-Sex Marriage Legalised": RSS Body Survey

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Many doctors and allied medical professionals believe that homosexuality is "a disorder" and it will increase further in society if same-sex marriage is legalised, according to a survey by Samwardhini Nyas, an affiliate of the women's wing of the RSS.

A senior functionary of the Rashtra Sevika Samiti, a women's organisation which parallels the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), said the findings of the survey are based on 318 responses collected across the country covering medical practitioners from eight different pathies of treatment from modern science to Ayurveda.

In their response to the survey, according to Samwardhini Nyas, nearly 70 per cent of the doctors and allied medical professionals stated that "homosexuality is a disorder" while 83 per cent of them "confirmed transmission of sexual disease in homosexual relations."

"From the survey, it is observed that the decision to legalise such marriages may promote more disorder in the

society rather than curing patients and bringing them to normalcy," the RSS body said.

"Counselling is the better option to cure patients of such a psychological disorder," it added.

The Samwardhini Nyas's survey recommended that public opinion should be taken before taking any decision on the demand for legalising same-sex marriage.

"Over 67 per cent of the doctors in their response to the survey questionnaire felt that homosexual parents cannot raise their offspring properly," the Rashtra Sevika Samiti affiliate added.

The survey has been conducted by the Samwardhini Nyas against the backdrop of a five-judge constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, hearing arguments on a batch of pleas seeking legal sanction for same-sex marriage.

"Over 57 per cent of the doctors who responded to the survey disfavoured the Supreme Court's intervention in the matter," a senior functionary of the Samwardhini Nyas said.

8 Decades On, 93-Year-Old Woman Wins Court Battle For 2 Flats In South Mumbai

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: The Bombay High Court has directed the Maharashtra government to hand over two south Mumbai flats to their owner, a 93-year-old woman, putting an end to a property dispute that dragged on for eight decades.

The flats are situated on the first floor of Ruby Mansion in south Mumbai and measure 500 sq ft and 600 sq ft. On March 28, 1942, the building was requisitioned under the then Defence of India Act, which allowed the British rulers of the time to take possession of private properties.

A division bench of Justices R D Dhanuka and M M Sathaye in its order of May 4 noted that despite de-requisition orders passed in July 1946, the flats were never handed back to the owner - Alice D'souza.

The properties are presently occupied by the legal heirs of a former government official.

D'souza in her petition had sought a direction to the Maharashtra government and the Collector of Mumbai to implement the July 1946 de-requisition orders and to hand over



possession of the flats to her.

The nonagenarian's plea was opposed by the present occupants of the flat who are the legal heirs of one D S Laud, who was inducted into the premises in the 1940s under the requisition order. Laud was a government officer in the civil services department at the time.

D'souza in her petition claimed that the requisition order was withdrawn but still the possession of the flat was not handed over to the rightful owner. Possession of other flats in the building was handed back to its owners, the plea said.

The bench in its order noted that physical possession of the premises was never handed over to the owner (D'souza) and hence the de-requisition was not complete.

"We have no hesitation to hold that in the present case, the premises have continued to be under requisition," HC said.

The court directed the state government to "hand over vacant and peaceful possession of the subject matter premises to the petitioner owner (D'souza) after taking its possession from the present occupants within eight weeks".

Scorpion Bites Woman On Air India Nagpur-Mumbai Flight: Report

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: In a rare incident, a woman passenger was bitten by a scorpion onboard an Air India flight from Nagpur to Mumbai last month. On landing at the airport, the passenger was attended by a doctor, subsequently treated at a hospital and discharged, the airline said in a statement today.

Air India said there was an "extremely rare and unfortunate incident involving a scorpion biting a passenger onboard our flight AI 630 on April 23, 2023".

According to the airline, it followed the protocol and conducted complete inspection of the aircraft and found the scorpion after which a due fumigation process was carried out.

Following the incident, Air India asked the catering department to advise dry cleaners to check their facilities for any bed bugs infestation and if necessary, carry out fumigation of the facilities as there is a possibility of bugs finding their way into the aircraft through the supplies, an Air India official told Press Trust of India.

Earlier also, there have been instances of reptiles being found onboard aircraft.

In December last year, a snake was found in the cargo hold of an Air India Express plane from Calicut after it landed at the Dubai airport.

Artists Protest Near Amartya Sen's House

Press Trust of India

SANTINIKETAN: Intellectuals held a sit-in near the ancestral house of Nobel laureate Amartya Sen here on Saturday protesting against the notice by Visva-Bharati university to the economist to vacate 0.13 acres (5,500 sq ft) of the total 1.38 acres allegedly held by him 'illegally' or face eviction.

Rabindranath Tagore's songs of protest were sung during the sit-in.

Among the intellectuals who took part in the protest, held for the second consecutive day, were film maker Goutam Ghosh, painters Suvapasanna and Jogen Choudhury.

In another podium, set up near by, leaders of the ruling TMC sat in protest. They included state minister Chandranath Sinha, Suri MLA and Birbhumi zilla parishad president Bikash Roy Choudhury, Labhpur MLA Abhijit Sinha and Nanoor MLA Bidhan Majhi. Scores of party activists too sat with them.

The TMC is opposing the Visva-Bharati notice to Amartya Sen tooth and nail.

"I have come all the way from Kolkata to voice my protest against the harassment and insult to an internationally respected economist like Amartya Sen, who is among the country's pride. The

way his land issue is being treated by Visva-Bharati authorities is unfortunate as the matter is sub-judice," Goutam Ghosh said.

"This is not the Visva-Bharati we have known. We demand that Amartya babu should not be subjected to such treatment any more," the filmmaker told PTI over phone.

Abhijit Sinha said people of Bengal are aghast over the treatment meted out to Sen by the university and the "democratic protest" against it will continue for the next few days.

The protests followed sit-ins by the 'Committee for Protection of Social Dignity', which too was held in front of Pratichi on the same issue on Friday. Tagore's famed drama 'Rakta Karabi' was staged as a mark of protest and local people and Ashramites of Visva-Bharati protested by singing the Bard's songs.

"Rakta Karabi" is a powerful and poignant play where commercial exploitation, oppression, power, love and obsession operate on different levels and manifest themselves in different shades.

Visva Bharati spokesperson Mahua Banerjee said, "The matter is in the court. We respect its order and the law of the land. We have lodged a complaint to the competent authorities.

Most Of Smart City Works To Be Completed By May 15: CS Told



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Saturday impressed upon the officers of the Srinagar Smart City Ltd (SSCL) including District and Divisional Administration to enhance necessary resources on all the sites where work is going on so that all identified works are completed by mid of this month.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, PDD; Principal Secretary, PWD; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Secretary, Tourism; Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar; Commissioner, SMC/JMC; VC, LCMA; Chief Engineers of PWD and KPDCI besides other concerned officers.

Dr Mehta, while taking stock of works going on under SSCL, exhorted upon the executing agencies to utilize the time very efficiently and continue working in double shifts for successfully completing the projects on time. He told them to see the weather reports for the upcoming week for making best out of it. He even advised them to provide the labourers working on sites with necessary facilities so that they are able to work during inclement weather conditions.

The Chief Secretary urged the executing agencies to monitor the works round the clock for quality work and their timely completion. He asked them to remove the debris at all the completed sites for ease of people and prepare for dedicating them to public at an earliest.

Taking work wise review he asked the Divisional Administration to make sure that aesthetics is maintained in all areas.

The Chief Secretary also took note of works to be done at Rambagh, Flood spill Channel, Lalla Ded Crossing, River front development, Cycle track construction, walkways improvement, Polo View, Gupkar Precinct, Ram Munshibagh Park, Development of Gupkar Road including that of works at Nishat and enroute SKICC. He asked them to complete all of these works before 15th of this month. He also en-

quired about the status of works to be taken in hand at TRC and Parimpora market.

The Chief Secretary directed the concerned to make all the fountains including new ones functional in the Dal Lake. He also asked them to lit up the street lights along the Dal shore line and make all the installed light clusters functional for overall beautification of the area being the most visited place by the tourists on visit to the city.

He asked VC, LCMA to start water sports activities at Dal Lake besides installation of jetty inside it. He also asked them to complete the designated works at 'Char Chinari' and 'Panch Chinari' for making them attractive for visitors. He told them that both these destinations have a good potential to attract the visitors thereby offering more opportunities to Shikara wallas and other traders there.

Dr Mehta also asked from Divisional Administration about the condition of Road upto Gulmarg and the status of works taken in hand there. He directed for making all the arrangements before hand and ensure that tourists do not face any inconvenience there.

Dr Mehta also stressed on avoiding confusion in doing any of the works. He told them to make relevant officers responsible for their works so that each of them focuses on their assigned tasks and ensures their completion on time.

The Chief Secretary was informed that all the works are going on at a satisfactory pace and most of them would be completed by 15th of this month. He was also informed that around 125 works are going on under this Smart City Mission here. It was revealed that out of Rs 321.40 Cr released to SSCL the fund expenditure stands more than 92% and immediately after receiving the next tranche of funds from the UTthe Corporation would receive more funds from the Central Government for taking up more works under the Mission adding better infrastructure and avenues to the summer capital of the UT.

Trailer Of Movie Welcome To Kashmir' Released In Srinagar

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The trailer of "Welcome to Kashmir", touted to be Kashmir's first movie for Bollywood, was unveiled on Saturday by Tourism Secretary Syed Abid Rasheed Shah.

Directed by Tariq Bhat, the film aims to showcase the Valley and its people in a positive light. It focuses on women empowerment and the fight against drug abuse.

Secretary Tourism said it was heartening to see a film highlight pivotal social issues.

"This (drug menace) is a social issue across the world. It is the responsibility of all of us, rather than just one department or the government, to ensure that our society works very hard towards eradication of this menace," Shah said at the trailer launch at Inox Cinema here.

"Welcome to Kashmir" re-

volves around a girl who dreams to work for women empowerment and women safety in Kashmir. It features newcomers Mateena Rajput and Ahmad Shahab.

"As a Kashmiri artist, it is a huge thing for me that the trailer of the movie was launched today. The reopening of cinemas Inox multiplex in Sonwar area of the city here has helped the local artists as well. The movie is about fighting drug addiction, and women empowerment. It has touched Kashmiri culture. I hope the people will like the movie," Rajput told PTL.

She said the Jammu and Kashmir's administration's new film policy has helped attract filmmakers to the Valley and promote local artists.

"As an artist, we feel that we can do something now," she added. "Welcome to Kashmir" is scheduled to be released on May 26.

J&K's Sex Ratio At Birth Better Than National Average: NHM Director

Says Sex Determination Being Regulated Through Effective Implementation Of PCPNDT

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The sex ratio at birth in Jammu and Kashmir is better than national average while sex determination is being regulated through effective implementation of PCPNDT, NHM Director Ayushi Sudan said on Saturday.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of an event in Srinagar, she said that the sex ratio in J&K is definitely better than the national average because of social factors.

"There is still need of capacity building for Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (prohibition of sex selection) Act, 1994 and the main aim of the act is to prohibit sex determination especially at the time of pre-natal diagnosis," Sudan said.

She said that gender bias and sex determination is a critical public health concern which is being regulated through effective implementation of

PCPNDT Act for which a comprehensive action strategy has been devised and monitored.

"Here is a need for capacity building of our stakeholders, so as to get the final details of the act for what we have gathered here and a similar workshop will be held in Jammu division as well so that this act can be handled in a better and more effective way," she said.

"With better understanding, we are hopeful of further improvement on sex ratio at birth while district teams in this regard have been conducting inspections and with proper timeline and monitoring, registrations are being given to diagnostic centres," she said.

She said that as per the NHFS-5 data, the sex ratio at birth in J&K has improved vastly and it is better than most of the states and union territories of the country.

"We have seen an improvement in the last 10 days and we believe with women em-

powerment, there will be further improvement in the future," Ayushi Sudan said.

She said that streamlining of PCPNDT act is only one aspect to improve sex ratio but there are several other aspects like women empowerment and different programmes that can help in further improvement of the sex ratio at birth in J&K.

Notably as per the National Family Health Survey (NHFS-5), sex ratio at birth for children born (females per 1,000 males) has increased from 923 in 2015-2016 to 976 in 2019-2020.

As per the NHFS-5 data, against the national average of 929 girl children born for every 1,000 boys, J&K has 976 girl children born for every 1000 boys.

The urban areas have a slight edge over rural pockets, she said. "In urban areas of J&K, 978 girl children were born for every 1,000 boys while in rural areas the rate was 976," she added—(KNO)

Justice Tashi Meets LG, Seeks Separate HC Bench For Ladakh

Observer News Service

LEH: Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Administrative Judge for District Leh and Kargil also Chairperson Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court of J&K and Ladakh called on Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Niwas, Leh.

Justice Tashi Rabstan apprised the LG about the various issues faced by the litigants of Ladakh who have to travel to either Jammu or Srinagar to file their cases in the High Court of J&K and Ladakh as there is no



separate bench for Ladakh. He further informed that in other parts of our country several High Courts are common for two or more States/UTs but separate benches for the respective States/UTs have been established. Likewise, a separate bench of the High Court

of J&K and Ladakh can be established for UT of Ladakh and until such time a circuit bench can function at Ladakh.

Justice Tashi also informed the LG Ladakh about the ongoing infrastructure projects of the judiciary in both the Districts of Leh and Kargil.

Ramban Woman Feared Drowned After Jumping Into Stream

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A 25-year-old woman was feared drowned after she allegedly jumped into a fast-flowing stream in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district on Saturday, a police official said.

The woman, a mother of two, was having a dispute with her husband and was attending a meeting convened by village elders to sort out their differences in Banihal area, the official said. He said the woman left the meeting in a fit of anger and jumped into the nearby Mahoo nallah in Nachilana area.

A rescue operation was immediately launched by locals, police and Army but there was no trace of the woman, the official said.

The operation was halted due to rising water levels owing to heavy rains in the area, they said.

House Damaged In Kupwara Blaze

SRINAGAR: A residential house was damaged in a fire incident at Machil sector in north Kashmir's Kupwara district.

An official said that based on the SoS phone call about the fire breaking out in a residential house at Machil village. "Immediately troops of the Army swung into action. A well-coordinated action by the troops resulted in no loss of life and injuries to anyone," the official said.

The official said that due to timely action, drills and procedures followed by the Fire Fighting Team, no damage to other houses due to spread of fire to nearby houses was ensured. In spite of bad weather, the official said that the Firefighting team of Machil Battalion successfully doused-off the fire of the house which belonged to them.

He also apprised the chair that under RGSA, 99 Panchayat Bhawans have been completed and 9 are under construction in the district. It was also shared that under 14th FC, 6322 works were completed with an expenditure of Rs 67.56 crore.

The Director expressed satisfaction regarding the progress made by the district and directed the officers of RDD to work hard in the larger interest of the public.

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utilization of funds and to ensure the quality of work to create durable assets for making all villages healthy and clean.

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Online RTI Under Active Consideration Of J&K Govt

RTI Movement Welcomes The Move

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Govt is mulling to provide online RTI application facility along with first appeal to the citizens very soon.

This was revealed by the General Administration Department (GAD) in a reply provided to an RTI activist Syed Adil from Ganderbal.

Adil, who is a senior member of Jammu & Kashmir RTI Movement (Incharge IT cell) had sought information related to online RTI facility from Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeITY) Govt of India in January this year.

Adil's RTI application reads "Whether the Central Government or Jammu & Kashmir Administration proposes to set up Online service of RTI Application in Jammu & Kashmir UT if so, the details thereof. If not, the time by which such facilities are likely to be set up or easily available in the said UT - Jammu & Kashmir as LT LG J&K claimed all offline services have been shut down after 15th January 2023? Whether the Central Government or Jammu & Kashmir Administration has also launched 'RTI Application Services' on 15th January 2023 if so, the details thereof"

The Ministry forwarded the RTI application to Department of Personnel & Trainings (DoPT) Govt of India who further forwarded it to General

Administration Department (GAD) of J&K Govt.

The GAD vide its RTI reply dated 2.05.2023 told RTI applicant Syed Adil that online RTI filing and first appeal was under active consideration of the Govt.

The response provided by Mohit Raina -Under Secretary who is the designated Public Information Officer (PIO) in GAD reads "It is informed that the matter with regard to registration of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir with Online RTI portal of Department of Personnel and Trainings (DoPT) GoI, for facilitating the general public to file online RTI applications and first appeals is under active consideration in the GAD in consultation with Govt of India. As soon as the modalities are finalized, the same shall be shared in public domain through designated website www.gad.jk.nic.in"

Meanwhile Chairman J&K RTI Movement Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat has welcomed this move and hoped that by May end online RTI application filing along with first appeal will be a reality.

He congratulated Syed Adil for doing advocacy for online RTI using Right to Information Act (RTI) as a tool. "It is heartening that Adil did this advocacy for online RTI application filing and his tool in this work was the simple application filed under RTI Act" said Dr Raja Muzaffar

Policewomen Deployed To Check Drug Trafficking In Samba

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: In a first, women police personnel have been deployed to check drug trafficking in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, officials said.

They have undergone commando courses, are tech-savvy, and have the acumen required for policing under challenging circumstances, a senior police officer said

Senior Superintendent of Police

Benam Tosh has strategically deployed women police personnel to play a pivotal role in the anti-drug drive, the officials said.

"With a view to give effective response to the drug challenge and to completely eradicate the narco menace from the district, well-trained dynamic women personnel have been deployed in the district anti-NDPS team, the district special branch (DSB) and for strategic police station duties," the official said.

Directors Review Functioning Of RDD, Panchayati Raj

Observer News Service

KULGAM: Director Rural Development Department (RDD) Kashmir, Shabir Hussein Bhat and Director Panchayati Raj (PR), Khalid Majid Saturday visited Kulgam and jointly chaired a meeting of Officers of RDD and PR at Rest house Chawalgam to review the functioning and achievement, implementation status of various schemes in the district.

During the meeting, ACD Kulgam Mohammad Imran apprised the Director RDD about the progress made

by the district under various schemes like MGNREGA, PMAY-G, B2V3, RGSA, UT Capex, Distt Capex, SBM and 14th FC.

It was informed during the meeting that 45122 job cards have been issued, 17123 works under MGNREGA during 2022-23 were taken-up and completed with a wage disbursement of Rs. 40 crores.

He added that under PMAY(G), against the target of 2600 units, 1910 units have been completed whereas 690 are under progress and the expenditure cost is around 30 crore.

He also apprised the chair that under RGSA, 99 Panchayat Bhawans have been completed and 9 are under construction in the district. It was also shared that under 14th FC, 6322 works were completed with an expenditure of Rs 67.56 crore.

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI WATER SUPPLY MASTER PLAN DIVISION.

TENDER NOTICE

E- NIT / GIST of e-NIT No.09/WSMP of 05-2023, dated 02/05/2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, J&K Union Territory e-tenders (in SINGLE Cover System) are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Union Territory Govt., for the following Stage Contract Works (For the year 2023-2024)

S. No	Name of Work	Ceiling (Rs. In Lacs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 2 % of Advertised Cost	Cost of T/DoC (In Rupees)	Class of Contractor BEE, CEE & DEE	Major Head of Account
01	Annual Maintenance of 4 MGD WTP Pokhribal Stage Contract 2023-24 (under MandR)	Rs. 15.00 Lacs		Rs.1500.00		Under M&R

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

S. No.	Description	Date		
		DD	MM	YYYY
1	Publishing date of NIT	02	05	2023
2	Download start date	02	05	2023
3	Bid submission start date	02	05	2023
4	Bid submission end date	08	05	2023
5	Bid opening date	09	05	2023

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "download bid submission".

- To participate in bidding process bidders, must get digital signature certificate (DSC) as per information technology-2000 bidders can get digital certificate from approved option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website (jktenders.gov.in) to acquaint vendors.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature.
- The cost of tender document shall be deposited in the Treasury under MH 0215 PHE in favour of EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, JAL Shakti WSMP Division Srinagar. (Name of work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt).
- Besides above the bidder should also upload the following documents from "My Document" area required under "Other Important Documents" (OID)
 - i) Scanned copy of Valid Registration Card.
 - ii) Scanned copy of GST Registration/PAN.
 - iii) Scanned copy of Latest GST Return.
 - iv) Scanned copy of EMD / TR.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid and no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.
- The original instrument in respect of Treasury Receipt, and relevant attested copies of Technical Bid Documents as specified above must be submitted by Lowest Bidder (L1) to EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, JAL Shakti WSMP Division Srinagar.
- by hand or by speed/registered post before the allotting of work or as and when demanded. If the bidder fails to produce the same within the prescribed time period, he will be debarred from taking part in tendering process in this division for at least one year.
- No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- The bid shall be deposit in electronic format only on the web site of (jktenders.gov.in) till the end date mentioned in bid submission.
- The bid(s) shall be opened online on above mentioned date or any other subsequent date in presence of the bidders who may wish to be present.
- No claim shall be entertained on account of disruption of internet services being used by bidders and are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid any technical snags in last hours.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason whatsoever claimed by the bidder.
- The Bidders will firmly note that the above items of work involved for aforesaid Work(s) shall include but not limited to the following:-
 - a) All safety arrangements as per relevant IS, IRC and IRS Codes of practice and as specified in the tender documents.
 - b) Construction of all access roads as required to different construction spots and construction of all temporary diversions of roads, laying of temporary Pipe crossings, maintenance of all roads and dismantling same after completion & making same good.
 - c) Constructions of all temporary cross drains as required and construction of all temporary diversions of streams/Nallahs/Canals, maintenance of all diversions etc. as per site conditions and as directed by the Engineer.
 - d) Dewatering & construction of Ring bunds complete.
 - e) The rate shall include the Charges for Submission of progress photographs (digital), vedigraphic record through the professional person before, during & after construction and progress reports in soft copies and hard copies for works register & office record. Taking levels by Auto Level / ETS before and after execution. Preparation of work abstract of executed work, preparation of Bills. The information and data stated and incorporated in tender document elsewhere is for the General guidance only and may vary as a result of more detailed construction drawings and as per site requirements.
 - f) Also Providing of First Aid medical facilities to the Labourers, working staff at site of work in addition as mentioned at above site(s) & the insurance as well.
 - g) In case of lowest bid value being below the advertised cost, following additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR shall be uploaded with the Bid failing which the Bids shall be rejected straight away without assigning any reasons thereof:

For Contract value	Performance security
Upto 10% below for the advertised cost.	Nil
Beyond 10% to 15% below the advertised cost.	15%
Beyond 15% to 20% below the advertised cost.	25%
Beyond 20% below the advertised cost.	35%

And the same shall not be released till the close of the contract.
 - h) In case the lowest bidder / allottee does not turn up in time for execution in case of emergent work of restoration, a penalty of Rs.1000/- shall be imposed per each activity.

No:WSMP/CC/758-65

Dated:- 02-05-2023

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Executive Engineer,

Jal Shakti WSMP

Division Srinagar.

Women, Recreation and a Walk to Remember in Kashmir

Haneen Farid

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“412 complaints of crimes against women in the three years preceding 8th March 2023.” “30-year-old woman killed in Budgam.” “Human trafficking increased by 15.56% in the last year in Jammu & Kashmir.”

These were only some of the many headlines I encountered recently whilst sifting through the news. Add to these the innumerable videos of unruly men harassing women circulating online recently, shared often to bring them to the attention of the authorities for action. Perhaps violence against women has not increased but is only being reported more now.

The more I pondered upon this, the more I realised that such happenings do not revolve around mere quantitative figures or accounts to be underplayed. In fact, these are unmistakable indicators of the social evils that continue to plague the women of the valley. And naturally, these only deepen the fear that they have been accustomed to possess.

One of those who remain trapped in this state of fear is a friend, Sana. She resides in a compact house situated in a narrow alleyway in Dalgate and confines herself to the four walls of her room, spending a majority of her time studying for online classes; she prefers the seclusion of her house instead of being exposed out in public.

For a long time, I did not unreservedly understand why she would choose to remain in this solitude when she could be out in the bustling streets of Srinagar, exploring the city and living the life of any ordinary teenager.

Growing up outside Kashmir, I would normally give up an arm and a leg to have chai from Dalgate, windowshop the latest trends in pherans and shawls, and eat street food that I would possibly regret for the next week.

But this was my idea of Kashmir.

So when I visited the valley last year, I was with Sana when she mentioned that every time she stepped outside, she covered herself from head to toe. This was not because of religious obligations or any other understandable reason- she told me in Urdu, ‘yahan toh log aakhon se hi khaa jaate hain’ (here, people devour one just through their gaze).

Now, this is quite an intense statement to be uttered by a human being, let alone a teenage girl. And I failed to comprehend why this was a concern in Kashmir, a region with a rich Islamic heritage where men would justifiably be expected to lower their gaze and women would be obligated not to judge anyone.

Then why this atmosphere of letting women feel stifled and targeted?



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I started to get answers when I recalled how my own time in Kashmir is usually spent, which in a way is much like my friend Sana’s.

Every evening, we have a stall of aalve munj or potato fries set up in our village. So each time I visit the valley, it’s almost tradition to relish these like there’s no tomorrow.

When I was to go to this stall, I would plan for its walk which was nearly five minutes. Even so, it did not suffice for me to go with a friend; I was conditioned to be accompanied by a male or an older woman.

While I wholeheartedly resisted this, I was left with no choice in the end but to succumb to these restrictions. Because in fact, the fear of leaving unescorted in one’s own neighbourhood is extreme.

And, the reason for this is that there is something inherently unsafe about being a woman and walking in a dark night, given the present conditions.

Whilst this is a small, specific example, it speaks clearly of the reality we as women face, constantly fearing for our lives and our wellbeing.

In a sense, every single step we take outside of

our homes is a constant reminder that we could be walking closer to a danger that may be creeping up on us from anywhere.

So the next time we hear about the latest survey or statistical report on the conditions of women in Kashmir, let’s take a step back and remind ourselves that what we’re

presented with is not fictitious, but a reflection of the social attitudes that we see around us, that we tolerate, and that we often enable.

It is certainly a state of affairs that we have come to endure, but it should not be one we accept as the truth and least of all settle for in the end.

*Views expressed in the article are the author’s own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer
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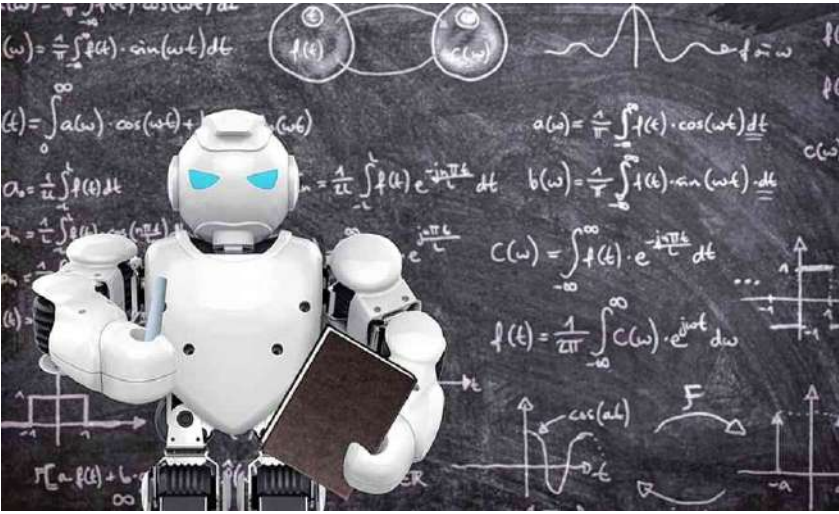
The world is on the verge of entering an era where the walking-talking teacher in the classroom will be replaced by a robot, which can process information and organise ideas much faster and more accurately than any human being. There are many reasons for this prediction. The ability to teach online from remote locations has attuned learners to see the instructor only as a virtual image on a screen. The powers that control the industry of education are increasingly pushing institutions to bring a uniformity in instruction pedagogy and evaluation methods, leaving little scope for classroom experimentations. Finally, the technology of robotics makes teaching through machines possible. No higher educational institution feels existentially secure unless it pays money to get some form of recognition from an accreditation agency. Every detail to be taught, in every class session, has to be planned and aligned with predetermined course objectives and programme objectives. All other activities related to teaching and evaluation are rigidly streamlined so as to provide the ‘assurance of learning’.

There are a number of forces that have created this straitjacket for classroom teaching. The explosion of higher education as a mass-produced, marketable commodity has necessitated pervasive controls. There are excellent institutions of higher learning followed by extremely poor institutions that do not provide any learning worthy of mention. Hence, regulators are needed. As all regulators do, they force the regulated entities to become clones of one another. The model for cloning is often constructed at a level of mediocrity since the fear is that not all institutions can be brought up to a desired standard. The best institutions are made to converge to the worst. The additional paperwork required for the regulator to check compliance to the prescribed norms needs quite a bit of extra effort from teachers. This takes time away from teaching and research. The regulators of higher education are also becoming increasingly focused on research. Research, or the production of knowledge, is supposed to be far

Metallic Minds

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to know more about the topic. This requires great mastery over the subject and lucidity in communicating to students over a wide spectrum of receptivity. Another aspect I had noticed was the ability to relate abstract ideas to issues in everyday life, through relatable examples and through references from seemingly unrelated subjects. One teacher became a role model for me because he had a relentless way of probing a problem deeper and deeper. He would keep on asking ‘why’ after every answer we could think of. At the point of our exasperation, he would reveal an explanation that none of us had been able to anticipate.

Great teachers came in all types of personalities too. I have had teachers who exuded a great deal of confidence in dealing with classroom mischief

with a fine sense of humour and a wry wit. I remember another teacher who had the rare ability to teach extremely complicated and difficult topics in an extremely lucid manner, where arguably the worst student in the class would be able to grasp the topic. Yet another teacher taught things that were not part of any published material or textbook, at least not in the way the subject was presented. There were funny instances of great teachers too. One teacher would often, after proving a theorem rigorously on the chalkboard, ask the class how they would make the janitor understand the logic without using the mathematics. Another famous teacher would have a remarkably succinct response to questions asked: he would either respond by saying ‘interesting’ or else he would

say ‘I don’t know’. Then he would continue to lecture. We later learnt from seniors that the first response meant it was a good question and the student should go to his office and discuss the matter in greater detail. He did not want other students to benefit from the answer without the consent of the questioner. The latter response meant that the question was silly and not worth pursuing.

A great teacher must know the subject really well, have depth enough to raise researchable questions, should demonstrate being passionate about the subject and, of course, have great communication skills that can create rapport in the classroom. One iconic teacher who I never had the occasion to meet in the classroom had described teaching as a performance in front of a live audience with a dynamic script. It was having the ability to keep creating without going beyond the grammar of the subject, like a musician expounding on a raga.

Technology is breaking boundaries as far as access to academic learning is concerned. Classroom teaching is being mechanised to a remarkable extent where even if human teachers existed, their ability to be creative would be stifled. The classroom as an institution of higher learning is on its way to oblivion. What is also disappearing is the profession of teachers who helped students ‘learn how to learn’. Large amounts of data are eroding the skill to think and analyse. Higher learning is now about mechanically learning to use the tools of any subject. In all these disruptions, the usefulness of asking questions and doubting things is being lost. The student believes what is taught as truth — from history to economics to biology. Controlling the classroom content facilitates influence over the minds of a whole generation of learners. It is the era of the eclipse of the classroom and the creative master of its universe.

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The Silver Screen Journey One-to-One with Actor Mir Sarwar

‘Critical to understand the world and the craft in order to create films that make a difference in society’

Rhys Gonsalves

Mir Sarwar, an actor from the valley who made his Bollywood debut in Kabir Khan's 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan', is now making a name for himself in the industry.

He has given notable performances in his roles in movies and web series and is not only doing Hindi movies but also Marathi movies, as his film 'Ravrambha' is set to hit theatres on May 12th.

Mir Sarwar spoke briefly with Kashmir Observer about his journey and experiences in the Bollywood film industry.

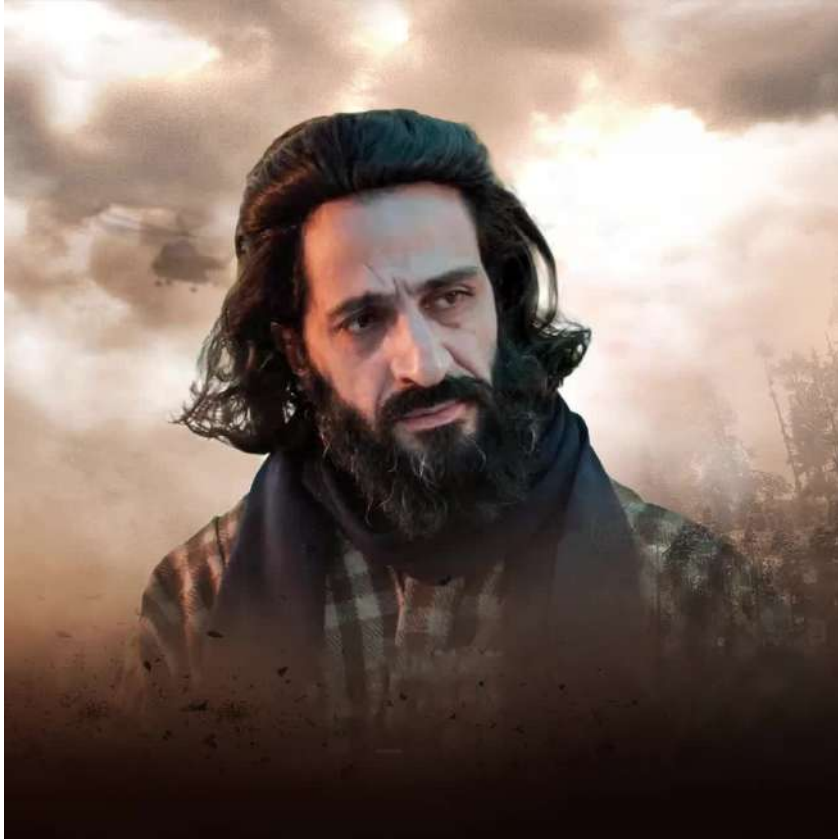
What prompted you to relocate to Mumbai and pursue a career as an actor? What was the influence?

Mumbai is, of course, the final destination for anyone who wants to become an actor so that they can be a part of movies and web series. I initially spent the majority of my time in Delhi. I did my theatre, modelling, and basic training there, and I worked in theatres for many years. I was a sportsman in Kashmir, which helped me in other fields. After 5-6 years in theatre, I saved up some money and planned to relocate to Mumbai but for various reasons, I was unable to do so. But after a while, I moved to Mumbai and began visiting the city for film purposes.

plete your education, whatever you're doing in life, and if you want to get into this field, there are many institutions you can join in many cities, and if you're really serious about it and your family is supportive, it's a blessing, especially financially. Just chase your dreams, nothing can stop you. "Acchi niyat se aage badho toh uparwala bhi saath deta hai!"

What films did you watch growing up, and where/how did you watch them in Kashmir?

There was only Doordarshan when I was a kid, and we didn't have any say over what kind of movies we watched. But I've always liked sensible movies. And I've always enjoyed watching Bollywood films as well as other films from my childhood. I recall an incident in 1996, when I used to travel for sports events and championships. I used to read all the magazines, and on Filmfare, there was a list of films that had come out that year. There were 120 films released that year, and I saw them all in the theatre. I used to always extend my stay in a particular city or Jammu. So I can watch all the movies, and most of the theatres in Jammu are nearby. I remember there used to be three or four shows a day, and I used to dash from one cinema hall to the next to catch the film on time. To save money, I did not take the bus or an auto rickshaw. That was my obsession. And as I grew older, I began to watch world



and the dedication. If you are dedicated to your craft, there will be no obstacles. There is no impediment, and no one can stop you. And, yes, you must work very hard to make contacts. You can only do that if you know some people and have met them. In terms of acting, auditions are the best way to get work. It takes some time. It doesn't happen in a day, a month, or even many months. It can take years at times, but all you have to do is hang in there.

What are your thoughts? What were your initial challenges as a Kashmiri when you first moved to Mumbai?

Every city has its own set of challenges, and moving to Mumbai was no exception. I also went to those auditions and fest receptions, got appreciated, and got some work. It's a long, never-ending process, and you keep learning until the end. And yes, I always advise young people to work on their skills, work on their language, body language, and accent, and learn some new things. You have mobile phones, so record your voice, listen to it, and correct it. Create funny reels, scenes, and auditions, then upload them to YouTube and share them with your teachers. Every city has a teacher, every city has a theatre group, and every city has an institute, large or small. If you're an actor, it's always a good idea to join a theatre group. If you want to start singing, go to some masters. "Guru har cheez mein zaroori hota hai!" So, whatever field you want to pursue, all you have to do is read more and watch more good stuff. The internet is the greatest invention of our time. You can search and google. It has benefits and drawbacks. You can harness its power. There's a lot to learn on the internet, so watch some good stuff.

What is your ambition as an actor? What are your goals as an actor? Is there a specific genre you want to work in, or a specific director with whom you want to work?

As an actor, all I need to do is explore all of the possibilities where I can demonstrate my versatility and work with all of the great directors. Because whoever is directing a film has worked extremely hard for many years and has a unique set of skills. So all I want to do is work with all the talented directors and filmmakers so that I can learn the craft and apply everything I've learned from them in my films. Because I am also an independent filmmaker, and we make independent films in Jammu and Kashmir, it will be beneficial for me to incorporate whatever techniques I learn from them into my films and stories. The stories that I want to tell the entire world. It's always a joy to



things online. It is always preferable to visit the location and conduct proper research before writing and producing a film about Kashmir in order to spread understanding. Because people who only watch television channels and debates have a completely different perception and image of Kashmir.

You've worked with a lot of experienced actors. What do you learn from working with such actors?

It's always fun to work with different actors in the industry. And because humans differ in appearance, voice and personality, their acting style differs as well. Everyone has their own individual and unique style of acting, and while they use different techniques to portray, most actors use their own personality traits. Mir Sarwar as a person will be Mir Sarwar in a particular character, but there will be some differences, some mannerisms, some observations, whatever the character requires. I've already worked with talented actors and learned a lot from them; I'd like to work with even more in order to continue learning and honing my craft.



ANYONE MAKING A FILM ABOUT KASHMIR should do their research and not follow the same formula as everyone else. Many films are made on the same subject, with only minor differences, but the central theme remains constant. There are many other aspects to Kashmir

What do you think about becoming an actor/filmmaker and in order to create art? How important is formal education?

Every field requires some level of expertise, whether obtained through doing, assisting, or being a part of groups. It all depends on your situation. Everyone comes from a different background. Nobody can plan things in advance, and some people are fortunate in that their family is stable and willing to assist them financially, especially financially, and they accept their journey and career choice. The majority of people are not so fortunate. Many societies do not accept or support filmmaking and acting as a profession. Things have changed in recent years, but this was not always the case. It is essential to study and rely on education. Never rely on just one thing in life. Com-



Cigarette Butts Leak Deadly Toxins Into Environment, Study Finds

Press Trust Of India

Cigarette filters leak thousands of toxins and plastic fibers into the environment that are toxic to aquatic larvae, according to a study that calls for these filters to be completely banned.

A research team at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden found that microfibers and the chemicals that leak out of the filters in cigarette butts are toxic to aquatic larvae.

"The filter is full of thousands of toxic chemicals and microplastic fibers, so it's not just any piece of plastic that's being discarded into the environment. It's hazardous waste," said Bethanie Carney Almroth, Professor of Ecotoxicology at the University of Gothenburg.



The study, published in the journal Microplastics and Nanoplastics, tested the effects of the toxins that are found in the filter after smoking, as well as the substances that are in the filter from the start, on aquatic mosquito larvae.

It found that the toxins lead to a 20 per cent higher mortality rate among mosquito larvae. Previous research has shown that the toxins in the filters also have adverse effects on many other aquatic organisms.

For example, fish can die if they are exposed to concentrations corresponding to the toxins exuded by barely two cigarette butts in one liter of water for four days. "Cigarette filters are also a major source of the microplastics that find their way into our environment—something we know has a major negative impact on biological life. The EU has already classified cigarette filters as hazardous waste," said Almroth. The researchers also observed in the study how smokers in Gothenburg behave when it's time to put out their cigarettes.

It turns out that many people throw their cigarette butts on the ground even if there are ashtrays nearby.

Scholarships This Week

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

Scholarship Name 1
SBIF Asha Scholarship Program 2023

Description: SBI Foundation is offering SBIF Asha Scholarship Program 2023 for students pursuing PhD studies at premier institutions with an aim to support their higher education.

Eligibility: Open for Indian students pursuing first-year of PhD from premier institutions in the academic year 2022-23. Applicants must be pursuing research in areas such as cybersecurity, innovative finance mechanisms, new payment models, Intellectual Property rights, micro-finance and credit linkage, policy reform to enable financial inclusion, last-mile access to digital banking and financial services, etc. They must have scored a minimum of 75% marks in the previous academic year. Their annual family income must be less than INR 3 lakh.

- Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 5,00,000 for one year
- Last Date to Apply: 31-05-2023
- Application mode: Online applications only
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/SBIF55

Scholarship Name 2
Medhaavi Engineering Scholarship Program 2023-24

Description: Bharat Petro-



leum Corporation Limited (BPCL) is offering financial assistance to underprivileged students pursuing engineering courses at specified 20 NITs across India and encouraging them to pursue their higher studies, gain self-confidence, achieve independence, and become employable.

Eligibility: Students enrolled in engineering courses (any year) in the academic year 2023-24 at any of the specified 20 NITs across India are eligible. Applicants must have scored at least 55% marks in Class 12 examination. The annual family income of the applicants should be less than INR 8 lakh from all sources.

- Prizes & Rewards: One-time fixed scholarship of INR 50,000
- Last Date to Apply: 07-06-2023
- Application mode: Online applications only
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/TFM2

line applications only
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/BPCL51

Scholarship Name 3
The Anant Fellowship 2022

Description: The Anant Fellowship 2022 is an opportunity offered by the Anant National University (India's first design university) to undergraduate degree holders. This fellowship is a global programme that prepares and empowers solutionaries to design, build and preserve an equitable built environment.

Eligibility: Open for candidates who hold an undergraduate degree in any discipline and demonstrate commitment to improving the built environment. The candidates must have an understanding of the issues pertaining to the area of the built environment and a combination of good academic and extracurricular achievements.

- Prizes & Rewards: 25%-100% tuition scholarship
- Last Date to Apply: 31-07-2023
- Application mode: via Online/Post to - Anant Fellowship, Anant National University, Sanskardham Campus, Bopal-Ghuma-Sanand Road, Ahmedabad, Gujarat 382115
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/TFM2

Before The Hon^{ble} High Court Of Jammu And Kashmir , At Srinagar

From the office of :-
Adv faizan ul haq mattoo
Adv Imtiyaz Aziz baigh

IN THE CASE OF :-

1.Imran baba
S/O Habibullah baba
R/O Rehmat Alam colony anantnag
2.Muneer Ahmad Khan
S/o Mohd hafiz Khan
R/O Rajbagh srinagar
3,Mufti Hamid maqbool
S/o Mufti mohd maqbool
R/o Rawalpura srinagar
4.Feroz Ahmad bhat
S/o Ghulam Ahmad bhat
R/o Iqbal Abad srinagar
5, Mohd Asif mir
S/o Abdul Majeed mir
R/o Umar Abad zaina koot srinagar .
6, Ajaz Rashid wani
S/o Abdul Rashid wani
R/o Dahwatoo sallar anantnag.
7,Shabir Ahmad karnai
S/o Abdul Rehman karnai
R/o Chandpora harwan srinagar.

V/S
Public at large

IN THE MATTER OF:- Caveat petetion in terms of section 148 A cpc .

The caveators has reason to believe/apprehension that non caveators may file an application /case / revision/ appeal or any other proceedings before this hon^{ble} court on the ground of distorted facts /misrepresentation and cooked up story , therefore may succeed in obtaining some relief / order at their back / ex parte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators may suffer an irreparable loss and injury which can't be compensated by any means later on . Therefore it would be proper to put caveators on notice so that an opportunity of being heard is given to the caveators before passing any such relief / order .

Hence this Caveat application .

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Subject: - Revised tentative seniority list of Senior Assistants (Combined) of J&K Economics & Statistics (Subordinate) Service as on 01.01.2023.

CIRCULAR NO. 12 DES OF 2023
DATED: 06-05-2023

Whereas, Rule-11 of SRO 252 J&K Economics & Statistics (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, 1989, provides for maintenance of updated and final seniority of members of the service strictly as per J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules 1956;

Whereas, the Directorate of Economics & Statistics has notified the (Cadre wise) Tentative Seniority list of Senior Assistants borne on the J&K Economics & Statistics (Subordinate) Service as on 01.07.2022 vide Circular No. 16-DES of 2022 dated 20-12-2022;

Whereas, during bifurcation of posts between Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and UT of Ladakh, the posts of Senior Assistants have been reflected as State/ UT cadre vide SRO 796 dated 25.10.2019 issued by Finance Department and as such the department has to promote eligible members of the service to the next higher level on the basis of combined seniority till segregation of seniority in terms of Rule-4 SRO 375 of 2010 dated 21.10.2010; and

Whereas, a number of changes have taken place in the seniority list maintained by the Directorate by effecting placements, promotions and retirements etc and as such need has been felt to revise and update the seniority list;

Whereas, the Departmental Promotion Committee in its meeting held under the chairmanship of Director General, Economics and Statistics, J&K on 15.12.2021 has among other things taken the following decision:-

"The Directorate will issue the final Seniority list of all categories of employees after inviting the necessary objections."

Now therefore, the revised Tentative Seniority List (combined) of Senior Assistants borne on the J&K Economics & Statistics (Subordinate) Service as on 01.01.2023 is hereby notified as per Annexure to this Circular for inviting objections, if any, from the members of the service.

The members of this service can also access the Seniority List on the Official Website of Directorate of Economics and Statistics, J&K i.e. www.ecostatjk.nic.in.

Accordingly, the members of the service are directed to file their objections, if any, within a period of **15 days** from the date of issuance of this Circular with documentary proof in support of their claim. **After 15 days, no objection shall be entertained, and Final Seniority List shall be issued.**

No: DES/HRM/NG/TS/8/210697/2023
DIPK-1209/23 DATED: 06-05-2023

Sd/-
(Satvir Kour Sudan)
Director General (E&S),
J&K

Annexure of Circular No: 12 -DES of 2023 Dated: 06-05-20223
Revised Tentative Seniority list of Senior Assistants (Combined) borne on J&K Economics & Statistics (Subordinate) Service as on 01-01-2023

S.No	Name	Qualification	D.O.B	Date of entry in to Govt. service	Date of Appt. to the present post	Whether passed SATC	Present Status of the Official
1	Nazir Ahmad Bhat- UT	Matric	01.04.1966	01.01.1985	07.01.1993	No	Sr. Asstt.
2	Mohammad Ilyas Wani- KDC	Matric	17.08.1967	07.06.1991	17.03.2007	No	Sr. Asstt.
3	Jameela Bano- KDC	10+2	07.07.1963	22.10.1992	17.03.2007	Forego Trg	Sr. Asstt.
4	Shamima Bano- KDC	10+2	07.10.1972	05.10.1994	17.03.2007	No	Sr. Asstt.
5.	Rach Pal Kumar (JDC)	Matric	18.03.1963	12.05.1988	17.03.2007	No	Sr.Asstt.
6	Anil Kumar- JDC	Matric	01.11.1971	29.06.1989	17.03.2007	Yes	Sr. Asstt.
7	Shaloo Khajuria- JDC	Matric	07.04.1977	22.03.1997	17-03-2007	No	Sr. Asstt.
8	Rashid Jabbar Ganai- JDC	Matric	26-09-1979	09.10.1997	17.03.2007	Yes	Sr. Asstt.
9	Parshotam Kumar (SC)- JDC	Matric	02.04.1966	19.12.1989	17.03.2007	No	Sr. Asstt.
10	Amarjit Singh (RBA)- KDC	BA	28.08.1965	08.12.1998	17.03.2007	Yes	Sr. Asstt.
11	Wali Mohd Ganai (HC)- UT	Matric	10.02.1963	27.10.1984	06.09.2007	No	Sr. Asstt.
12	Rakesh Kumar- JDC	Matric	04.09.1966	01.10.1985	21.09.2007	No	Sr. Asstt.
13	Ghulam Hassan Itoo- KDC	10+2	10.04.1974	14.06.1997	28.07.2008	Yes	Sr. Asstt.
14	Rashida Bano- KDC	10+2	06.07.1969	17.04.1998	29.07.2008	No	Sr. Asstt.
15	Manzoor Ah Dhobi (OBC)- KDC	Matric	20.04.1965	01.01.1999	29.07.2008	No	Sr. Asstt.
16	Nazir Ahmad Bhat -II- UT	Matric	07.03.1967	12.10.1989	13.10.2008	Forego Trg	Sr. Asstt.
17	Ab. Hamid Pandit- UT	Matric	04.03.1966	13.01.1989	18.11.2009	No	Sr. Asstt.
18	Khursheed Ah. Mir- KDC	Matric	29.03.1968	23.07.1986	18.11.2009	Forego Trg	Sr. Asstt.
19	Mohd. Shafiq Bhat (HC)- UT	Matric	20.01.1967	08.08.1986	02.12.2010	No	Sr. Asstt.
20	Fehmida Bano- UT	Matric	06.05.1968	29.06.1992	02.12.2010	Forego Trg.	Sr. Asstt.
21	Ali Mohammad Ganie-UT	Matric	06.06.1967	25.01.1988	02.12.2010	No	Sr. Asstt.
22	Rakesh Kumar Sharma- JDC	Matric	06.09.1965	16.12.1988	02.12.2010	No	Sr. Asstt.
23	Devinder Prashad Thapa (SC)- JDC	Matric	20.02.1970	30.11.1998	09.09.2011	No	Sr. Asstt.
24	Khalid Abbas (RBA)- KDC	Matric	01.03.1977	12.12.1997	13.03.2012	No	Sr. Asstt.
25	Saleem Hussain (ST)- JDC	Matric	10.06.1975	05.12.1998	06.09.2012	No	Sr. Asstt.
26	Sunita Devi (RBA)- JDC	BA/ PGDCA	04.09.1965	27.05.2002	07.09.2012	No	Sr. Asstt.

Note:

- The date of birth will be subject to scrutiny/ verification with reference to Matriculation Certificate issued by J&K State Board of School Education.
- The reserve category certificate (s) recorded in the seniority list are further verification from the concerned competent authority as per the rules.

(Madan Lal)
Joint Director (Central)
Dir. of Economics & Statistics J&K

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Jammu And Kashmir Project Construction Corporation Notice Inviting Tender.

e-NIT No:- 06/E/K/JKPC of 2023-24 Dated :- 03-05-2023

On behalf of the Managing Director J&KPC Ltd. J&K Union Territory , The Deputy General Manager JKPC Ltd Electric Unit Srinagar e-tender is invited in single cover on percentage basis from the Registered/ reputed and experienced Firms/Contractors having expertise as detailed in the tender document for the following works:-

Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Call
Internal Electrification of Government Degree College (G+2) Floors at Verinag Anantnag.	63.18	1,26,360/-	2500/-	In Tandem with Civil works	"A"	1st

Position of funds = Available with PA.
AAA:- Accorded

1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of Quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per below schedule:

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	03-05-2023
2.	Date of publishing of NIT online	From 04-05-2023.
3.	Period of down-loading of bidding documents	04-05-2023 to 24-05-2023.
4.	Bid submission Start Date	04-05-2023
5.	Bid Submission End Date	24-05-2023 Up to 02:00 PM
6.	Cost of bidding Document	In form of bank receipt/ acknowledgement to be uploaded along with the bid.
7.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	24-05-2023 at 03:00 PM in the office of the Deputy General Manager (E) JKPC Ltd, Srinagar.

Hard Copies of Technical Bid will be invited from L1 only before allotment of work.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager,
JKPC Ltd. Electric Unit
Srinagar

No. :- DGM/E/K/153-59
DIPK-NB-567/23
Dated: - 06-05-2023.

After Go First, aircraft lessor files insolvency plea against SpiceJet



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: SpiceJet too seems to be facing headwinds, with a lessor filing a plea seeking insolvency resolution proceedings against the no-frills airline and the petition is scheduled for hearing before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) next week.

It also comes at a time when competitor and cash-starved Go First has cancelled flights and has filed for voluntary insolvency resolution proceedings.

Aircraft lessor Aircastle (Ireland) Ltd has filed the petition against SpiceJet for initiating insolvency resolution proceedings. The plea was filed on April 28 and it is to be heard by the NCLT Principal Bench on May 8, according to an update on the tribunal's website.

A SpiceJet spokesperson said currently, there are no aircraft from this lessor in the airline's fleet

and that the development will in no way affect its operations.

"All aircraft from this lessor have already been returned by SpiceJet..."

"We are confident of resolving the matter without court proceedings and we are in discussions with their senior leadership team for the same," the spokesperson said in a statement.

Further, the airline spokesperson said the comments provided here are without prejudice to the airline's rights and in no way should be deemed as admission of any liabilities.

According to the NCLT website, two more petitions for insolvency resolution proceedings against SpiceJet are pending. The plea by Willis Lease Finance Corporation was filed on April 12 and the one by Acres Buildwell Private Ltd was filed on February 4. There was no immediate comment from SpiceJet on the two petitions.

Govt To Launch Special Drive To Detect Fake GSTINs

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The CBIC will undertake a two-month-long special drive to detect fake GST registrations and take action to identify the masterminds/beneficiaries as it aims to weed out fake ITC claims.

Fake/non-genuine registrations are being used to fraudulently pass on input tax credit (ITC) to unscrupulous recipients by issuing invoices without any underlying supply of goods or services or both.

This menace of fake registrations and issuance of bogus invoices for passing fake ITC has become a serious problem, wherein fraudulent people engage in dubious and complex transactions, causing revenue loss to the government, the GST Policy wing of the CBIC said.

"A Special All-India Drive may be launched by all Central and State Tax administrations during the period 16th May 2023 to 15th July 2023 to detect suspicious/fake GSTINs and to conduct requisite verification and further remedial action to weed out these fake billers from the GST eco-system and to safeguard Government revenue," the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) said in a communication.

Currently, there was 1.39 crore taxpayers registered under Goods and Services Tax (GST).

The identification of fraudulent GST identification numbers (GSTINs) would be based on



detailed data analytics and risk parameters.

GSTIN will identify such fraudulent GSTINs and share the details of such suspicious GSTINs with the concerned State/ Central Tax administration for initiating a verification drive and conducting necessary action subsequently.

The National Coordination Meeting of the State and Central GST officers on April 24 discussed the issue of unscrupulous elements misusing the identity of other persons to obtain fake/bogus registration under GST.

On receipt of data from GSTIN, a time-bound exercise of verification of the suspicious GSTINs shall be undertaken by the concerned jurisdictional tax officer(s). If, after detailed verification, it is found that the taxpayer is non-existent and fictitious, then the tax officer may immediately initiate action for suspension and cancellation of the registration.

"Action may also be taken to identify the masterminds/beneficiaries behind such fake GSTIN for further action, where ever required, and also for recovery of Government dues and/or provisional attachment of property/ bank accounts, etc. as per provisions of section 83 of CGST Act," the CBIC said.

Why Apple CEO Tim Cook Thinks India Is An 'Incredibly Exciting Market'

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Apple CEO Tim Cook has said India is an "incredibly exciting market" and a "major focus" for the company, as the Cupertino-based iPhone maker highlighted that business in India "set a quarterly record, grew very strong, double-digits year-over-year".

India is at a "tipping point", the top honcho said during the Q2 earnings call of the company.

Apple charted an ambitious retail expansion in India last month, when it launched two retail outlets here, in Mumbai and Delhi, during Cook's first trip to the country in seven years.

The two stores are "off to a great start", Cook said during the quarterly earnings call.

"Looking at the business in India, we did set a quarterly record, grew very strong, double-digits year-over-year. So it was quite a good quarter for us, taking a step back, India is an incredibly exciting market," Cook said.

The Apple CEO praised the "dynamism in the market" and asserted that its "vibrancy is unbelievable".

"It's a major focus for us. I was just there, and the dynamism in the market, the vibrancy is unbelievable. Over time, we have been expanding our operations there to serve more customers, and three years ago, we launched the Apple Store online, and then, as you just mentioned, we launched two stores just a few weeks ago, and



they're off to a great start, one in Mumbai and one in Delhi," he said.

Apple has a number of channel partners in the country and is "very happy with how that's going overall".

"Overall, I couldn't be more delighted and excited by the enthusiasm I am seeing for the brand there. There are a lot of people coming into the middle class, and I really feel that India is at a tipping point, and it's great to be there," Cook said.

Cook, during his recent India trip, had met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as well as Minister for Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnav, and Minister of State for IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar, as he pledged the company's investment commitment to India.

Looking to replicate what China did to Apple's business in the last 15 years, the tech giant is eyeing India's massive market with an expanding middle class to power sales growth, and potentially make it a home base for the production of mil-

lions of Apple devices.

The new stores in Mumbai and Delhi come at a time when Apple is trying to deepen its retail push in India, the world's second-largest smartphone market.

As such, India is also home to factories that produce 5 per cent of total iPhones as Apple diversifies its supply chains away from China.

"And as I noted earlier, in a milestone for Apple, we just opened our first two Apple stores in India, in Mumbai and Delhi. I was there to see it for myself, and I couldn't have been more delighted by the excitement and enthusiasm of the customers, developers, creators and team members I got to spend time with," Cook said during the earnings' call.

Apple has announced financial results for its fiscal 2023 second quarter ended April 1, 2023. The company posted quarterly revenue of \$94.8 billion, down 3 per cent year over year.

"Today, we're reporting revenue of \$94.8 billion for the March quarter, which was better than our expectations. We set an all-time record for services and a March quarter record for iPhone," Cook said.

He went on to add, "We were particularly pleased with the performance we saw in emerging markets and achieved all-time records in Mexico, Indonesia, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and the UAE, as well as a number of March quarter records, including in Brazil, Malaysia and India."

SKUAST-K Develops Cold-Tolerant Maize Variety Released At National Level

KDM-30 released for cultivation in J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Uttara Khand, Assam, Meghalaya, Ladakh and Manipur

Observer News Service

Srinagar- Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir-developed hybrid maize variety has been released recently at the national level for cultivation in the cold climatic Northern Hill Zone of the country.

Cold resistant early maturing high yield maize composite, KDM-30, suitable for cultivation in J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Assam, Meghalaya, Ladakh and Manipur, was recently released in the 66th Annual Maize Workshop held at GBPUAT, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand.

"The variety (KDM-30) performs better than the best national check, Vijay with 13% more grain yield and moderate resistance to diseases and pests like Turicum Leaf Blight and Maizw Stem



Borer," said Dr Zahoor Ahmad Dar, associate director at the SKUAST-K's Dryland Agriculture Research Station (DARS), Rangreth, Budgam.

Dar, who was leading the team of scientists involved in developing this cold-resistant maize variety, said KDM-30, besides being highly cold tolerant, gives more yield and better disease protection than Vijay, which is considered the best maize variety in the country.

The maize composite is derived from materials obtained from international and national nurseries, which were subsequently hybrid-

ized with the local material to incorporate uniqueness like cold tolerance, early maturity, and high grain quality.

The variety possesses a high level of carotenoids as well as the unique expression of cold-tolerance-regulated enzymes at the molecular level. The KDM-30 is going to replace Kishen Ganga-1 (KG-1) variety in high-altitude areas of the Northern Hill Zone (up to 2500m amsl) and can be a potential candidate to serve in cold arid Ladakh Region as a dual-purpose crop where it has been initially evaluated for grain-to-grain maturity in native cropping window.

'Focus On Border Tourism, Livelihood Generation Schemes Under SSY'



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SRINAGAR: Secretary, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, Dr. Raghav Langer, Saturday chaired a meeting to review progress on preparation of Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2023-24 under Samridh Seema Yojana (SSY).

Secretary held a detailed assessment of physical and financial progress achieved under SSY during 2022-23. He was apprised that against total release of Rs. 42.44 crore, an expenditure of Rs. 29.10 crore has been incurred, whereas 380 works have been completed against 478 works under SSY during 2022-23.

Secretary stressed upon the District Development Commissioners and concerned officers of border districts of Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Rajouri, Poonch, Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora to implement the scheme for addressing the infrastructure gaps in border habitations through convergence. He asked them to meet the special developmental needs and well being of the people living in remote and inaccessible areas through a participatory approach.

Director General, BAPD and Chief Planning Officers of the concerned districts attended the meeting.

Addressing the officers, Secretary emphasized upon them to give priority to all the ongoing works of 2022-23 while

formulating the Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2023-24 under the scheme which has been placed under District Capex Budget in the current financial year.

He asked the officers to focus on inclusion of works like promoting border tourism, border Homestays, guest houses, tourism related infrastructure, Skill Development training and capacity building/Livelihood generation programme, Agriculture/Horticulture and allied activities (Farm Mechanization/ Farm Machinery Hiring Centers/ Common Facilitation Centers/ Micro Irrigation/Area expansion under orchard plantation/ High Yielding Plantations) for community benefit in consultation with PRIs while formulating AAP 2023-24 under SSY. It was also agreed upon to include works like provisioning of decentralized renewable energy related intervention such as solar dryers, solar mills, biomass-powered cold storage, Solar Pumps among others for community benefit, Smart Classes and Smart Labs besides provision for Monitoring Mechanism (use of IT tools for outcome monitoring) in the current year.

Secretary directed the officers to avoid duplication of works besides achieving tangible outcomes from the interventions. He also asked for developing a mobile application and dashboard for mapping of the assets created, so far, both under Border Area Development Programme and Samridh Seema Yojana.

Women Entrepreneurs Can Bring A Positive Change In Society: Dir JKEDI

Observer News Service

PULWAMA: The Director, Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) Saturday presided over a one-day Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAP) organized by Government Degree College for Women (GDCW), Pulwama in collaboration with JKEDI.

The program is part of the ongoing efforts of the Institute to create mass awareness among the educated youth of the UT. The theme of the program revolved around women entrepreneurs and their contribution in the overall startup ecosystem of J&K.

"JKEDI intends to reach every corner of J&K and create awareness about entrepreneurship. With a potential to change the economic landscape of the UT, it can be a game changer. There are a lot of government initiatives to aid and support startups and aspiring entrepreneurs and one must avail such incentives to push their businesses. Women entrepreneurs can bring a positive change and create an all-inclusive and balanced soci-

ety," said Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, Director JKEDI.

"I request the youth who are the future of J&K to think in terms of making a new beginning by taking the reins of the nation and become role models and capitalize their skills and available resources for a better tomorrow," he added.

Principal GDCW, Pulwama, Prof. (Dr) Yasmeen Farooq Khan also highlighted various issues concerning women entrepreneurs and motivated the young students to choose entrepreneurship as a first career option. Hundreds of students participated in the program.

Senior faculty members of JKEDI also participated in the program and spoke about various activities and programs of the Institute. District Nodal Officer, JKEDI Pulwama also gave a presentation highlighting the achievements of the Institute.

To motivate the young students, a number of inspiring success stories of women entrepreneurs from Pulwama and other parts of the UT were also showcased in the event.

Tanishq Organizes Exclusive Event For Their Customers In Srinagar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Tanishq India's largest jewellery retail brand from the house of Tata held a memorable evening for its customers on the occasion of celebrating the holy month of Ramzan. It was held at Taj Vivanta Dal view, Srinagar on Saturday.

This exclusive event was an enjoyable evening for the customers with an engaging session on diamonds from the house of Tanishq.

The customer engagement event saw a huge turnout of more than 150 enthusiastic and lively Tanishq customers. The fun-filled customer engagement activity showcased Wedding and Diamond jewellery collection. The event was attended by jewellery consumers who were equally excited to be a part of the event. The event was followed by a delicious and authentic Kashmiri Wazwan Dinner. A performance by popular Sufi singer Noor Mohammed Shah made the evening memorable



with his mesmerizing voice for the audience. It was one of its kind event in the valley of Srinagar as an enjoyable evening. Customers were spoilt for choice with jewellery pieces from the best Diamond collections this season from Tanishq. Diamond jewellery pieces are the perfect addition to every woman's jewellery trousseau box.

Unlike a Tanishq diamond The aim of the event was to celebrate the bond that Tanishq shares with its customers. Stun-

ning showcase diamond jewellery displayed the authentic detailing & ornate craftsmanship done by the skilled karigars of Tanishq. The engaging activities and the festive spirit made the evening a memorable one. Experts from the Tanishq team, Ms Vidhya, Mr Sohrab and Mr Faizan also gave a series of talks on the new collection and conducted a session on diamond awareness. This event was the very first of its kind to be held in the beautiful valley of Srinagar.

India's Forex Reserves Rise USD 4.532 Bln To USD 588.78 Bln

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: India's foreign exchange reserves jumped USD 4.532 billion to USD 588.78 billion for the week ended April 28, the Reserve Bank of India said on Friday.

The overall reserves had dropped USD 2.164 billion to USD 584.248 billion in the previous reporting week.

In October 2021, the country's forex reserves had touched an all-time high of USD 645 billion. The reserves had been declining as the central bank deployed the kitty to defend the rupee amid pressures caused mainly by global developments.

For the week ended April 28, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, increased nearly USD 5 billion to USD 519.485 billion, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the RBI.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Gold reserves dropped USD 494 million to USD 45.657 billion, the RBI said.

The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were up USD 35 million to USD 18.466 billion.

The country's reserve position with the IMF was down USD 4 million to USD 5.172 billion in the reporting week.

FCIK Congratulates J&K Bank For Making All-Time High Profit

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) has congratulated J&K Bank for making an all-time high net profit of 1197 Crores in the last financial year besides improving significantly upon all other banking parameters.

While attributing the remarkable achievement of the bank to its dedicated and hardworking management and staff, the apex industrial body has hoped that the bank would now enter into another phase where it improved upon its outlook towards accelerated regrowth of J&K economy and high end sustainability.

FCIK equally attributed the success and achievement of J&K Bank to its loyal depositors from Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh whose deposits accounted for 88.20% of total deposits of Rs.122038 Crores with 6% growth from the last year. FCIK observed that this deposit profile has played an important role in maintaining the margins of the bank as the cost of these deposits stood at one of the lowest rates among the Indian scheduled commercial banks, implying lower than peers' deposit costs @ 3.67%. "Such

a gesture depicted and displayed an emotional bonding of the people of UTJKL with the bank since its inception in 1938 which needed to be respected, maintained and enhanced further.

"The achievement was also attributable to the borrowers of the bank from UTJKL who have obtained loans from the bank and service the same with one of the highest interest rates among the Indian scheduled commercial banks" observed FCIK adding that the bank might have been within its right to cover prevalent risk factors while overcharging their borrowers during turbulent times when all other banks had backed out from flowing credit to various economic sectors including MSMEs. "Although the improvement upon Credit-Deposit ratio to 67.43% by the bank was fair yet it was much below the national average of 75%" observed FCIK adding that J&K Bank needed to fully concentrate on the increased credit flow to all economic sectors in UTJKL as it was observed that out of total advances of Rs.82285 a significant portion has been advanced to large corporate and other enterprises outside the Union Territory.

"The recoveries made from the NPA

Pairwan-e- Wilayat Condemns Parachinar Killings

Observer News Service

Srinagar, Head of Pairwan-e-Wilayat Jammu and Kashmir, Moulana Sibte Mohammad Shabir Qumi today strongly condemned the recent terrorist attack in Parachinar, Pakistan and said that the terrorists, who are fed up with the progress of the Shia community, are hell-bent upon killing every Shia and carry on carnage against the community.

He said that these terrorists may have forgotten the worst defeat of their like minded in Syria and Iraq. He said that the terrorists should know well that this nation is the nation of

Imam Hussain (peace be upon him) who inherited martyrdom. And instead of bowing down, this nation fights like a rock and become victorious.

Qumi said that the terrorists are being bought against dollars to hurt the religious tolerance, mutual brotherhood and unity in Pakistan, but the worrying thing is that the government is still unable to control terrorism and expose these conspiracies. Maulana demanded the government of Pakistan to take steps to ensure the safety of all Pakistani Shias including Parchenar and expose the conspiratorial and evil elements as soon as possible.

Delhi's first 'Haunted Heritage Walk' starts from Tughlaq-era Malcha Mahal

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: Shrouded in mystery, the Tughlaq-era Malcha Mahal in a forested area here on Saturday became the first destination covered by the Delhi Tourism's 'Haunted Heritage Walk', putting the 14th century hunting lodge on the national capital's must visit sites.

Conducted in the evening, a group of visitors on the guided tour listened to stories about the mahal in Chanakyaपुरी, which was built by Sultan Firoz Shah Tughlaq, and its last occupant Begum Wilayat Mahal.

"The story of this place and that of Begum Wilayat Mahal, who claimed to be a member of the royal family of Oudh, is fascinating,"



said 27-year-old Komal Saraswati, who was part of the tour held from 5:30 pm to 7 pm.

Begum Wilayat died in the Mahal and stories around her death add to the mysteries

surrounding the monument, Saraswati said and added that she was told that the Mahal was allotted to Wilayat by the government in 1985.

The 'Haunted Heritage Walk', an extension of the 'Heritage Walk', will conducted at a different "haunted" destination every weekend from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. Bhooli Bhatiyari ka Mahal, Feroze Shah Kotla and Tughlaqabad Fort are among the sites to be covered by the walk, and officials said more sites will be added.

However, the walk will be conducted only if the minimum booking for it is of six people, they said. The maximum is of 20.

Heritage walks create a positive impact on tourism,

enhance the brand value of the city and project its culture, an official said and added that this is a unique way of experiencing Delhi's legacy, heritage, history, culture and cuisines.

"We are getting lots of queries about this walk and we are also super excited. Delhi is visited by tourists for a day or two, our motto to increase the tourist's stay by giving multiple options. This will help to promote our rich history and cultural heritage and also generate revenue and employment," the official said.

Heritage walks can be booked from all tourist information centres, the official website of the DTDC 'DelhiTourism.Gov.In' and the Dekho Meri DILLI Mobile app.

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Govt Hopes Ease

for armed conflict," said the US State Department in a statement.

In 2020, the foreigners' footfall in the Kashmir valley received another blow following the outbreak of Covid-19 and travel restrictions.

However, the Valley received over 24 lakh tourists this year in a record footfall. The tourism official said the foreign tourists have also preferred to visit Kashmir now.

According to official data, in 2020, 3897 foreign tourists arrived in Kashmir, while in 2021, the number declined to 1615. However in 2022 around 20000 foreigners visited the region.

India is hosting the G-20 meeting this year, as G-20 Presidency, the country will be inviting Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and UAE as Guest countries. Over 200 meetings are expected to be held across the country.

Srinagar city is also going to host one of the G20 events from May 22 and 24, despite strong opposition from neighbouring countries—Pakistan and China.

Notably, this will be the first international event in Kashmir post abrogation of Article 370—that granted special status to the Himalayan region.

A Great Opportunity

G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting will be held in Srinagar from May 22 to 24.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the trailer launch of the movie "Welcome to Kashmir" at Inox Cinema here, Tourism Secretary Syed Abid Rasheed Shah said the department has identified 300 new destinations for film shootings and will facilitate production houses.

"The third G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting is taking place in Kashmir which in itself is a major international event. I do not think such a big international event has taken place in Jammu and Kashmir ever before," he said.

"Whether it is adventure tourism or leisure tourism, or our focus areas of film tourism and MICE tourism, we are working to attract the attention of the world and this event is a major opportunity to promote it at the global scale. The event will show the world that Jammu and Kashmir is a wonderful destination for all to come and enjoy," he added.

Jammu and Kashmir was a prime destination for film tourism in the 1960s and 70s.

Efforts of the Department of Tourism and the administration are aimed at making the union territory the prime destination for film tourism once again so that people come here instead of going to Switzerland, France and the Alps, Shah said.

In the last year, over 200 films, web series and TV serials have been shot in Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

"In the coming year, our effort is that as a subset of tourism, film tourism is promoted in a major way inside and outside the country so that the hitherto untouched beautiful destinations and locations that are much better than some of the most beautiful European destinations, are brought on the map," he said.

The tourism secretary said there is a one-stop centre for all the necessary permissions.

There is an online portal, there is an enabling atmosphere so that the film production units do not face any difficulty, he said.

On the shooting of Shah Rukh Khan-starrer movie "Dunki" in Kashmir last month, Shah said major production houses and film stars are coming to the Valley for shooting films.

"I want to give an open-hearted invitation to

all those, whether inside the country or outside, interested in shooting in Jammu and Kashmir. This year, we are projecting 300 new destinations and they can choose any. The government of Jammu and Kashmir will be forthcoming and facilitate you in every way," he said. (PTI)

Countdown For

be completed soon," he said.

Bidhuri also said that the macadamization of roads, tile work and paintings are going at the same time, adding that maybe after one more week, the works will be completed. "The work at least on the route part will be completed in the next one week and the remaining will also be completed shortly," he said.

He further added that tourism is going to get a huge benefit from the G20 event. "Already, Kashmir is known for its picturesque places and the representatives of different countries, who are associated with tourism, are visiting here," he said.

He also said that the record of previous year's footfall will break this year as the jam-packed flights are arriving here already and the event is going to boost the sector further.

About the traffic movement during G20 event, he said that the people will not face any inconvenience, but the traffic movement will be announced at the appropriate time—(KNO)

Teachers Evading

department in the Annual Transfer Drive announcement has said that eligible employees not applying for transfer despite having a mature stay shall be transferred by the Department anywhere as per the requirement of the Department.

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

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

DM, Army Chief

officers to receive the defence minister.

Northern Army commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, Corps commander White Knight Corps, and Divisional Commissioner, Jammu also accompanied Rajnath to Rajouri, they said.

After getting a brief on the operation in Kandi forest, the defence minister chaired a high-level security meeting to review the overall security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, especially in Rajouri and Poonch before returning to Jammu, they said.

"H'ble Raksha Mantri Shri @rajnathsingh accompanied by the H'ble Lt Governor Shri Manoj Sinha & Gen Manoj Pandey #COAS, reviewed the security situation & ongoing counter terrorism operations in #Rajouri," ADGPI tweeted.

In another tweet, it said the Raksha Mantri paid

condolences to the #Bravehearts & interacted with troops. He commended them for their valour & zeal, while operating in challenging situations.

"He (defence minister) said the Nation feels 'secure' due to the eternal vigil & sacrifices by Army in hard & difficult areas," it added.

Earlier in the day, Lt Gen Dwivedi visited the encounter site and was briefed on the developments in the ongoing Operation Trinetra by ground commanders.

The loss of five jawans in Kandi forest is the third major incident this year. It took place at a time when the forces had been engaged in a massive combing operation for the past 15 days following an ambush on an army truck in Bhata Dhurian (Poonch).

Five soldiers were killed and another was injured on April 20 when an army truck was bombed and strafed with bullets by militants. More than 250 people were detained for questioning during combing operations in the wake of the incident. Six overground workers who extended full support to militants were arrested, they said.

According to military officials, militants now have adopted a strategy of engaging troops or attacking people, and then laying improvised explosive devices to harm government forces engaged in combing operations.

This also happened in Dhangri village in Rajouri where militants killed seven civilians in two attacks that came close on the heels of each other on January 1 this year.

In two major incidents in Rajouri in 2022, five army personnel and two militants were killed in a suicide attack at a security camp at Pargal-Darhal on August 11, while two civilians were killed in a firing incident outside an army camp near Rajouri town.

Four blasts rocked Kotranka in Rajouri district between March and April last year. All these cases were worked out by police with the arrest of the accused.

Nine army personnel were killed in two separate encounters with terrorists in Bhata Durrian in Mendhar tehsil of Poonch districts in October 2021.

Two army personnel, one of them a lieutenant, were killed in a mine blast in Nowshera sector of Rajouri on October 30, 2021. Rajouri and Poonch districts have witnessed more killings of army personnel than the militancy-hit Kashmir Valley.

Northern Army Commander Visits Encounter Site

Amid an exchange of fire between militants and government forces, Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi visited the encounter site in the Rajouri district on Saturday, an army spokesman said.

According to a defence spokesperson, contact has been established with hiding militants around 1.15 am on Saturday and the firing between the two sides was continuing when the last reports were received.

The Army said that General Officer Commanding-in-chief, Northern Command, was briefed on all aspects of the ongoing "Operation Trinetra" by ground commanders.

In a tweet, the Army Northern Command said, "OP TRINETRA Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi Army Commander Northern Command at ground zero, reviewing the operational situation on the ongoing operations at Kandi in Rajouri where contact was re-established with militants."

"He was briefed on all aspects of the operations by ground commanders," the tweet read.

The spokesman said a wreath laying ceremony for the Army personnel killed in the operation will be held at the Air Force station

in Jammu shortly.

Militant Killed

three magazines and three grenades were seized from the slain militant whose identity and group affiliation were not known immediately.

The operation is underway, the spokesperson added.

Militant Killed In Baramulla

of Yarhol Babapora in Kulgam, linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT. Incriminating materials, one AK-47 rifle recovered," Kashmir Zone Police said in a tweet.

LG, Army Pay

IAF station in Jammu, where Sinha along with General Officer commanding (GoC) in Chief (GoC-In-C) Northern Command General Upendra Dwivedi, police, and other military officers paid their tributes to the soldiers.

The soldiers killed in the Friday explosion were lance naik Ruchin Singh Rawat from Gairsain in Uttarakhand, paratrooper Siddhant Chettri from Darjeeling in West Bengal, naik Arvind Kumar from Kangra district in Himachal Pradesh, havildar Neelam Singh from Jammu, and paratrooper Pramod Negi from Sirmaur in Himachal Pradesh.

Lightning Strikes

hospital (SDH) Pampore, where doctors declared them dead.

"The couple was cutting grass inside their fields when heavy rainfall started. They took shelter beneath a tree. Suddenly, a lightning strike hit them and left them collapsed on the ground," Aqib Ahmad, an eyewitness said.

The couple, Ahmad said, were married for just eight months. Hilal, he said, was the only earning hand in the family of five. He is survived by his elderly parents and a younger brother.

"Around 4:20pm, we received information that some casualties have been reported from Bojibagh village. When we rushed to the spot, we found a couple lying dead," an official at the SDH Pampore, told Kashmir Observer.

"We tried to revive them but our efforts didn't succeed," the official added.

Hundreds of people thronged the residence of the deceased couple as soon as their bodies reached the village. Heart wrenching scenes were witnessed as the newly-wed couple was taken for burial amid heavy rainfall.

In a similar incident in Budgam, two more people were killed.

Mohammad Sultan Chopan and Taja Bano, wife of Abdul Samad Chopan, both residents of Gurwaith Kalan in Khanshab were killed after lightning struck them in high-altitude meadow in Sochalpathri on Saturday afternoon.

Locals told Kashmir Observer that there were eight people with their livestock at the hilly area when the lightning struck.

MeT Predicts

over Jammu division during the time. For subsequent two days, he said, fairly widespread light to moderate rain and thunderstorms was expected in J&K.

"Rain and thunderstorms are most likely to commence from late afternoon and evening (today) at many places of Kashmir, Zojila-Drass etc. and Jammu region by night," he said.

From May 7-8, he said, rain and thunderstorms was expected at many places of J&K. "Hailstorm and gusty wind is also possible at scattered places."

From May 9-12, he said, "mainly dry" weather was expected.

He asked farmers to postpone spraying of orchards and harvesting of crops till May 8th.

The official also urged tourists to keep warm clothes and eatables ready as "weather will be colder till May 8."

Regarding temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 10.4°C against 9.6°C on the previous night and it was 0.7°C above normal for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 8.0°C against 7.8°C on the previous night while the prominent tourist resort of Pahalgam in South Kashmir recorded a low of 5.4°C against 3.6°C on previous night.

Kokernag recorded a low of 8.2°C against 7.0°C on the previous night and it was 0.2°C below normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 4.0°C against 2.2°C on previous night and it was 0.3°C below normal for the famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 7.4°C, the same as on the previous night and it was 1.0°C below normal for the north Kashmir area.

Jammu recorded a low of 19.7°C against 17.3°C on the previous night and it was 2.9°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 9.3°C (below normal by 0.8°C), Batote 11.6°C (0.9°C below normal), Katra 16.1°C (3.1°C below normal) and Baderwah 10.0°C (below normal by 0.8°C). Ladakh's Leh recorded a low of minus 0.4°C, he added.

Police Searches

Bhat alias Nali, at Chek Desen Yaripora, a police spokesperson said.

Bhat is an active militant of the proscribed militant outfit HM and is wanted in several militancy-related cases, he said.

The search was conducted after a special judge of a designated National Investigation Agency (NIA) court in Kulgam issued a search warrant in one of the cases, the spokesperson said.

The case pertains to the killing of five non-local labourers at Katrosa Kulgam in 2019. The SIU is investigating the case and has been conducting searches and investigations to bring the perpetrators to justice, he added.

JKNPP Working

April 19, JKNPP general secretary Anita Thakur had joined the DPAP along with her supporters.

DPAP Jammu president Jugul Kishore Sharma said prominent political activists joining the Azad-led party indicates that it is growing fast in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said social activist Shivita of Marh constituency of Jammu along with a large number of women also joined the DPAP.

Criminal Detained

the general public, it was necessary to book him under a stringent law, the officials added.

On the directions of Senior Superintendent of Police (Reasi) Amit Gupta, Somraj's dossier for the Public Safety Act was framed and sent to the district magistrate who issued the necessary orders, they said.

"Today, by order of District Magistrate (Reasi) Babila Rakwal, he (Somraj) was arrested under the Public Safety Act and lodged in district jail Amphalla," the officials said.

Woman Slips

"After medico-legal formalities, her body will be handed over to her family members for last rites," he said—(KNO)

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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CSK Beat MI By 6 Wkts

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CHENNAI: Chennai Super Kings cruised to a six-wicket victory over Mumbai Indians in an IPL game here on Saturday.

Mumbai Indians managed a below-par 139 for 8 after being put into bat.

Skipper Rohit Sharma (0) failed to score for the second game in a row, and Nehal Wadhwa's 64 off 51 balls was the only saving grace, while Suryakumar Yadav's 26 off 22 balls was the second-best score. For CSK, pacers Deepak Chahar (2/18 in 3 overs), Tushar Deshpande (2/26 in 4 overs) and Matheesha Pathirana (3/15 in 4 overs) were all among wickets.

In reply, CSK scored the runs in 17.4 overs with Rituraj Gaikwad (30 off 16 balls) and Devon Conway (44 off 42 balls) scoring the bulk of the runs.

Brief scores: MI 139/8 in 20 overs (Nehal Wadhwa 64, Deepak Chahar 2/18, Tushar Deshpande 2/26, Matheesha Pathirana 3/15).

CSK 140/4 in 17.4 overs (Dev-

on Conway 44 off 42 balls, Rituraj Gaikwad 30 off 16 balls Piyush Chawla 2/25).

Rohit Sharma Creates Unwanted Batting Record

India and Mumbai Indians (MI) skipper Rohit Sharma registered an unwanted record to his name on Saturday, becoming the player with the most ducks in the history of the league. The veteran batter reached this record during his side's Indian Premier League (IPL) 2023 match against Chennai Super Kings (CSK) on Saturday.

In the match, Rohit did not open the innings. He batted at number three while it was Ishan Kishan and Australian all-rounder Cameron Green who opened the innings. This change in batting position did not do anything good for the skipper as his struggles in the current season continued with a three-ball duck. He was dismissed by Deepak Chahar, with the assistance of safe hands of Ravindra Jadeja. This was Rohit's 16th duck in IPL, the most by any player in the league's history.

IPL 2023: RR Play SRH, Look To Avoid Hat-Trick Of Defeats



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JAIPUR: Bruised and battered in their last game, Rajasthan Royals would look for a much-improved effort from the batting unit against Sunrisers Hyderabad in order to avoid a hat-trick of defeats in the IPL here on Sunday.

RR dished out a shoddy batting display as they were bowled out for 118 by Gujarat Titans on Friday.

Despite back-to-back defeats against Mumbai Indians and GT, RR have managed to hold on to their spot in the

top four of the standings with five wins and as many losses.

In their last outing, RR, which boasts of one of the potent opening duo of the in-form Yashasvi Jaiswal and Jos Buttler, put up a disastrous batting display. But the duo failed to live up to the expectations.

On the bowling front too, RR will have to pull up the socks with Trent Boult and Adam Zampa going for runs.

SRH, on the other hand, have registered just three wins from nine games to occupy the

penultimate spot in the 10-team competition.

Having suffered a close five-run defeat against Kolkata Knight Riders in their last game, SRH would look to return to winning ways to keep their play-off hopes alive.

SRH have been hit hard by the poor show of the batters. The opening pair of Abhishek Sharma and Mayank Agarwal has failed to provide quick starts, putting immense pressure on the likes of Rahul Tripathi, skipper Aiden Markram, and Heinrich Klaasen to do the job.

Para Sports Week By DYSS Concludes Across Valley



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Para Sports Week activities culminated across Kashmir Valley on Saturday. The week-long event was organised by District Youth Services & Sports Department from May 1.

Director DYSS Subash C Chhibber expressed happiness over the successful completion of Para Sports Week. He while highlighting the need of recreation for children and youth in general has said that every child is inclined towards sports and initiatives like sports for Special children is of great importance.

Joint Director Kashmir DYSS Waseem Raja visited Amar Singh College Ground and interacted with scores of specially abled young boys and girls who we're taking part in different games and recreational activities.

JD YSS appreciated the parents of these kids for encouraging them to take part in active sports.

Pertinently, hundreds of students and non students with disabilities have participated in the activities of the Department under Para Sports Week across Kashmir division.

Para Sports Week activities culminated at Sports Stadium, Kulgam on Saturday, where concluding events and award distribution function was held in presence of Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Dr Bilal Mohi-ud-din Bhat. More-than 300 para sports persons of all age groups from across the district participated in cricket, tug of war, carrom, chess.

At Bandipora, the Department of YSS Bandipora also concluded its "Para Sports Week" at District Headquarters.

Sports activities included Yoga, Carrom, Tug of War, Badminton, Chess and other recreational activities etc.

Event concluded with felicitation and an award ceremony.

Pakistan Will Only Come For WC If BCCI Gives 'Written Guarantee' On 2025 CT Participation

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KARACHI: Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Najam Sethi will seek a "written guarantee" from BCCI supremo Jay Shah about Indian team's participation in 2025 ICC Champions Trophy in Pakistan before committing on their national team playing its ODI World Cup games in India, later this year.

The 2023 World Cup will be played from October 5 and BCCI have zeroed in on Ahmedabad (for India game), Chennai, Bengaluru and Kolkata as possible venues for Babar Azam's side.

However with ACC under chairmanship of Jay Shah not confirming the proposed 'Hybrid Model' for the upcoming Asia Cup, where India played its matches in UAE and Pakistan play their games in their home country, Sethi apparently has been advised to play the hardball.

According to a reliable source, Sethi is scheduled to leave for Dubai on 8th May where he will hold meetings



with ACC and International Cricket Council officials.

The source in PCB said that during his Dubai visit, Sethi is also expected to start lobbying to garner support for Pakistan's "principled stance that it will not play its World Cup matches in India unless the BCCI and ICC give written guarantees India will come to Pakistan to play in the 2025 Champions Trophy." "Sethi has recently met with some government officials and also

obtained advice from them on whether Pakistan should play in the Asia Cup if it is not held in Lahore and Dubai as proposed by the PCB under its hybrid model plan to the ACC," the source said.

He added that Sethi has got tacit approval from the government quarters to convey a strong and blunt stance to the ACC members about hosting the Asia Cup in September.

"Sethi is expected to make it very clear to the ACC members that either they accept Pakistan's hybrid proposal or the PCB will not take part in the competition this year if it is moved from Pakistan." The PC chairman is unwilling to accept more delays on scheduling of Asia Cup.

"Apparently, Sethi has now realized that it is time for some hard decisions and is not willing to accept any more delays from the ACC on finalization of venues and schedule for the Asia Cup." "Sethi is clear now no Asia Cup matches in Pakistan, no Pakistan team in Asia Cup," the source claimed.

Premier League Teams Mark Coronation Of King Charles III

Agencies

LONDON: Premier League clubs marked the coronation of King Charles III by playing the national anthem before the start of games on Saturday.

In the morning, Chelsea women's team striker Sam Kerr led the Australian delegation in the formal procession into Westminster Abbey. Kerr was her country's flag-bearer as part of a group with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Tottenham showed live coverage of the coronation on a big screen outside the stadium for fans with tickets to its home game against Crystal Palace.

Players and officials gathered at the center of the field at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium for a rendition of the national anthem — "God Save the King" — just be-

firmed that it would also play the national anthem but acknowledged that "some supporters have strong views on it." It said the league had contacted clubs playing home games and "strongly suggested" they note the historic occasion. Brentford plays at Anfield later Saturday afternoon (1630 GMT).

Liverpool supporters booed the national anthem — which was formerly "God Save the Queen" — when it was played ahead of the FA Cup final a year ago and the Community Shield in July because of what is perceived to be a long-held opposition toward the establishment.

Queen Elizabeth II held the throne for seven decades until her death last September at the age of 96.

There were five Premier League games scheduled Saturday.



fore kickoff. It was a similar scene at Etihad Stadium where Manchester City hosted Leeds.

On Friday, Liverpool con-

Kerr, Australia's all-time top scorer, said Friday that it's "an amazing honor" to be part of the delegation.

Haaland Fires Blanks But Man City Beats Leeds



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MANCHESTER: While Sam Allardyce managed to stop Erling Haaland on Saturday, he could not halt Manchester City's relentless march toward the English Premier League title.

Two first-half goals from Ilkay Gundogan saw the defending champions beat Leeds 2-1 at Etihad Stadium and extend their lead at the top of the table to four points.

But the relegation-threatened visitors, in new manager Allardyce's first game in charge, provided a late scare when substitute Rodrigo struck moments after Gundogan missed from the penalty spot.

Ultimately, City extended its unbeaten run to 20 games in all competitions and moved Pep Guardiola closer to a third straight league title.

With second-placed Arsenal facing a difficult trip to Newcastle on Sunday, City's lead could look even more commanding by the end of the weekend.

Leeds' sorry run stands at six games without a win, with the fight for survival becoming more desperate by the week.

Gundogan's goals in the space of eight first-half minutes put City on course for victory.

The home team was so dominant that it could even afford for its leading scorer to have an unusually off day as Haaland missed a host of chances to add to his 51 goals this season. At one point, the Norway international laughed at himself as another scoring opportunity went by.

He even handed over penalty duties to Gundogan later on to give the City captain the chance to complete his hat trick, only for him to hit the post. (AP)

Kohli Writes To BCCI, Claims He Said Nothing Wrong To Opposing Players

Agencies

NEW DELHI: Former Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) captain Virat Kohli wrote a letter to BCCI officials saying that he didn't say anything wrong to Lucknow Super Giants mentor Gautam Gambhir and pacer Naveen-ul-Haq during an altercation in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2023 match in Lucknow on May 1.

The match was marred by an on-field altercation involving Kohli, Naveen, Amit Mishra and Gambhir.

The ugly clash between the two Indian cricketers - Kohli and Gambhir - wasn't a pleasant sight, and as a result of that, both of them were fined 100 per cent of their match fees for the altercation. On the other hand, Afghanistan fast-bowler Naveen-ul-Haq was fined 50 per cent of his match fees.

In a report published by the Hindi daily Dainik Jagran, the former RCB captain has written a message to a few BCCI officials explaining the situation and expressing his disappointment after being handed a fine of 100



per cent match fee.

Though RCB has a policy of not deducting match fees from their players' salaries for on-field offences, Kohli feels that his behaviour doesn't warrant such a fine.

Kohli reportedly said he did not say anything wrong to the LSG players and mentor during the fight.

The 34-year-old Kohli was aggressive in his celebration during the LSG-RCB match and was charged up against a couple of

LSG players like Naveen-ul-Haq and Kyle Mayers. The witnesses to the verbal altercations claim that Kohli was hostile towards Naveen and Amit Mishra, who was batting with the Afghan cricketer towards the end of LSG's chase, also complained to the umpires about Kohli's behaviour.

Kohli had an ugly spat with Naveen during and after the match, and it is reported that it all started because of Mohammed Siraj's bouncers and throws

that were aimed at him.

The Afghan pacer was irked by the constant barrage of bouncers and throws that Kohli had asked Siraj to bowl. But in his message, Kohli denied doing that and said he did not direct Siraj to hit Naveen but instead only instructed him to bowl bouncers.

After the game, during the customary handshake, Kohli and Naveen had a heated exchange, and the former India captain reportedly complained about the pacer's aggressive behaviour.

Soon after that, Kohli and Mayers were having a conversation when Gambhir stepped in and took the West Indies cricketer away. Kohli then told Gambhir to stay away from the matter, to which the LSG mentor replied that his players are like his family and he won't tolerate anyone abusing them.

Since that day, a lot has been written and reported about that incident, and several videos and pictures of the ugly on-field fight between the two went viral on the internet. (IANS)

Expect Sunday's Mahapanchayat To Be A Huge Success: Protesting Wrestlers

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NEW DELHI: The protesting wrestling are hoping that the khap mahapanchayat scheduled at Jantar Mantar on Sunday will be of huge success and will help in getting more support for them in their fight against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

Top wrestlers of the country, including Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Vinesh Phogat, are protesting for the last two weeks at the Jantar Mantar here, demanding the sacking of Brij Bhushan as WFI chief and his arrest because of the alleged sexual harassment of women grapplers.

"Today is the 14th day of our sit-in protest at Jantar Mantar. The fact is you guys (supporters) are here and we are here too. We would like to thank all who are sitting with us here and supporting us. We would like to thank the entire country for standing with us in this fight for justice," said Vinesh on Saturday.

"We hope we will achieve success in this fight



so that truth prevails."

Vinesh urged the supporters to be peaceful on Sunday so that bad elements do not hijack the protest.

"Tomorrow, a lot of people are expected to join us from villages...khap panchayats, kisan and mazdoor unions, student organisations to support us. We appeal to everyone to be peaceful. Our success depends on a peaceful demonstration. We also request all who will come tomorrow to cooperate with authorities and police," said the Asian Games gold medalist.

"We also request the police not to stop our supporters tomorrow."

Bajrang, an Olympic medalist, has appealed to the

countrymen to observe a candlelight march on Sunday to show solidarity with the protesting grapplers.

"We request all Indians to come out with a candlelight march at 7 pm on May 7," he said.

Another Olympic medalist wrestler Sakshi Malik said they are yet to decide the future course of action as their lawyers are still working on it.

She said the decision to approach a lower court as directed by the Supreme Court can be taken only after the Delhi Police expedites the inquiry and records statements of all the complainants.

"We have discussed with our lawyers. Our

statements are yet to be recorded, we have been waiting for that. The police has been given a deadline to complete recording of statements within a time frame. Once the statement is recorded, only then the case can proceed further. We request the police to record our statements as soon as possible," she said.

Asked whether Sports Minister Anurag Thakur had approached them, she said: "There is no approach from his side. He already knows our demands, so it doesn't make sense to meet him again. If he wants to talk to us, we will definitely talk." Bajrang said, the two committees formed on Saturday have the full authority to decide their future course of action.

The wrestlers had on Friday formed two committees to advise them on the future course of action in their fight against Brij Bhushan.

"We have formed two committees and whatever they decide we will abide by that. The entire framework of the protest will be decided by the committee."

5 Bizarre Rules King Charles Will Have To Follow After Coronation

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King Charles III will be officially crowned today in a coronation ceremony in London. He acceded to the British throne after the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, in September last year. After the coronation, the new monarch will have to follow certain rules ranging from no autographs and selfies to some eating restrictions.

1. King cannot refuse to accept gifts

As per the royal tradition, the members of the British royal family must accept all gifts presented to them during tours or engagements. However, the gift policy of the royal family states that the members must not accept any gift, hospitality or service which would or might appear to place that royal "under any obligation to the donor". The policy also says that "before declining the offer of a gift, careful consideration should be given to any offence that might be caused by such action".

2. King Charles II cannot



travel with Prince William

After being crowned the King, Charles will not be allowed to travel in the same plane as his son Prince William who is the heir to the British throne. As per royal tradition, the two must take separate flights so that lives of both the royals are not in danger in the event of a mishap.

3. Dressing rules

The King must also follow some dressing rules when travelling to foreign countries. According to the rules, the royals should do "diplomatic dressing". This means that their dress should reflect the local tradition of the country they are travelling to.

4. No selfies or autographs

As the new monarch, King Charles III will not be posing for selfies or giving autographs. This rule applies to all members of the British royal family though there is no official protocol regarding selfies.

5. No shellfish for the King

The British royals, including the King, are advised not to consume shellfish to avoid food poisoning. The King also cannot accept food from strangers which is to ensure his safety.

"Papa, Please Come Back," Says Daughter Of Soldier Killed In J&K Attack



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Dalpat: "Why are you not getting up? I don't want anything, papa. Please come back," 10-year-old Pawana Chib cried as she stretched out her hand to touch the face of her father, Havildar Neelam Singh, who lay in a coffin before her on Saturday.

Standing next to her, Chib's mother Vandana is staring in disbelief at her husband's lifeless face held between her hands before she breaks down.

The Havildar's seven-year-old son Ankit is also inconsolable.

Havildar Singh was among the five soldiers who died in an explosion triggered by terrorists on Friday in the thickly forested Kandi area in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district where an operation is underway to flush out terrorists.

As Havildar Singh's body reached his Dalpat-Chak Kripalpur village here in a Tricolour-wrapped coffin, some wept and others tried to make their way through a crowd of hundreds who had gathered to catch one last glimpse of the "brave son of

soil".

The body was brought in a cavalcade from the Indian Air Force station in Jammu, where Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, among other top Army, police and administration officials, paid homage to the soldier at a wreath-laying ceremony.

Chants of "Neelam Singh Amar Rahe" echoed through the village as Vandana saluted her husband one last time.

Havildar Singh was cremated with full military honours. His brother and CISF jawan Angad Singh lit his pyre amid chants of "Jai Shaheed, Jai Army, Jai Hind".

Recalling the last time Singh visited home, his father Hurdev Singh Chib said he is proud of his son.

"I am proud of my son. He was a brave commando who laid down his life fighting terrorists. He was born a warrior. As a child, he always wanted to join the Army," Hurdev told PTI.

A few days ago, he had come home for a while, the distraught father recalled, adding, "He was so dutiful that he just had tea and

left." According to Hurdev, Singh was inducted into the Army in 2003.

Havildar Singh's father-in-law Captain Raghvir Singh Bhau (ret'd) echoed Hurdev's sentiments.

"He was brave and never feared anything. He was part of dozens of successful operations in various parts of Jammu and Kashmir. He brought laurels to the para unit and the Army," he said.

Havildar Singh's cousin Suresh, however, was angry.

"There is an attack every six months. How many homes will be destroyed? The forces retaliate and there will be a lull but then there will be another attack and another family will lose its son," he said.

Villagers described Havildar Singh as a helpful man.

"I joined the armed forces just because Singh encouraged and helped me. I am indebted to him," said a villager, Rameshwar Singh.

Another villager Sarita Devi recalled that Havildar Singh brought her medicines and other items whenever she was in need.

Saudi Arabia developing high-tech visa service



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RIYADH: The Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs has launched a new initiative to cancel the visa sticker on passports and switch to the e-visa, from which data will be read via a QR Code.

This initiative falls within the framework of automating and improving the quality of consular services provided by the ministry. As a first stage, the procedure has been activated at Saudi missions in the UAE, Jordan, Egypt, Bangladesh, India and the Philippines.

The ministry aims to develop a visa-issuing mechanism — including work permits, residence and visit visas — in accordance with the latest technology.

Last year, the ministry announced a mechanism for obtain-

ing a "personal visit" visa, which enables visitors to enter the Kingdom to visit friends or acquaintances who are Saudi citizens.

The visa also allows individuals to travel between the Kingdom's regions and cities, perform Umrah rituals, visit Makkah and Madinah and other religious and historical sites, and attend cultural events.

The ministry said that people can apply for the visa through easy and convenient electronic steps on the visa platform website.

Saudi citizens can invite friends to travel between the Kingdom's regions and cities, perform Umrah by submitting a request for a personal visit on the visa platform and applying for a "visit" request, by logging in through the unified national access platform, and filling out the data for the invitees.





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