

## Discovery Of Rare Alligator Gar Fish In Dal Lake Sparks Alarm

Auqib Javeed

**Srinagar:** The discovery of rare Alligator Gar Fish in Dal Lake has not only taken the locals in Kashmir by surprise and triggered a debate on social media platforms but has also worried fisheries experts, with many expressing concern that the aquatic life in Valley's water bodies might face challenging times in future.

The fish discovered on Thursday has been identified as one of the species of gars found in the waters of Kashmir for the first time while many experts identified it as the alligator gar fish.

The fish was found by Jammu



and Kashmir Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) during the de-weeding process of Dal Lake and resembles a crocodile-like head and razor-sharp teeth and is native to North America.

However, the experts said that the fish breed is a threat to local fish and might completely

disturb their ecosystem as it is the carnivorous-a predator that prefers to eat other fish, frogs etc

"The recovery of this fish from Dal Lake is surprising and could be an accidental or careless introduction which may disturb the ecology and available fishery in the Lake because of its feeding habits and the

same needs a detailed investigation by researchers," said Masood-ul-Hassan Balkhi, former Dean, Faculty of Fisheries, at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir.

He argued that the recovery of this fish as well as other exotics (grass carp) in past from Dal Lake needs to be enquired by relevant agencies and scientists to curb this "menace" of unknown/ambiguous introductions in Kashmir waters in an unscientific manner.

Balkhi said the recovery of the gar fish could be a "worrying sign" for Kashmir waters.

"Such introductions warrant

scientific studies keeping in mind the fragile Aquatic ecosystems in Kashmir," he added.

There are many species of gars including alligator gar, cuban, Florida long nose, short nose etc. The researchers have found the garfish across South and Southeast Asia from India and Sri Lanka to the Malaysian Peninsula.

The feeding habits, according to researchers of the gar is young fish feed on larval fishes and insects. "Adults will eat whatever they can catch, consuming primarily fish, but occasionally taking birds, mammals and other animals," said another scientist, Dr. Irfan Khan HoD Fish Genetics & Biotechnology

SKUAST.

Dr. Khan also said that this fish can eat other fish in water but ruled-out any concern.

"Just one specimen has been caught. We get such reports from other states of the country as well but it is better for the authorities who look after the lake and educate the ethics of the lake," Khan said, adding "...but if the male and female species are present in lake and they start breeding then scientist can go for impact and analysis on their impact on other species."

Earlier, Dr. Farooz Ahmad Bhat, Dean at the Faculty of Fisheries, SKUAST-K, confirmed that the fish seen **More on P6**

## Infiltration Bid Foiled In Uri Sector: Army

Press Trust Of India

**Srinagar:** A desperate attempt by militants to disrupt the G20 event in Kashmir has been thwarted, a defence spokesperson said here, referring to an operation in Uri that foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) on Saturday morning.

The militants attempted to infiltrate into the Uri sector of north Kashmir's Baramulla district but alert soldiers engaged them, leading to an exchange of fire, Srinagar-based PRO Defence Col Emron Musavi said.

The spokesperson said a quadcopter being flown by the Pakistani Army to aid the terrorists was also spotted across the LoC and fired at, following which it withdrew.

"This desperate action by the terrorists, duly abetted by the Pakistan Army, is yet another failed attempt to disrupt the G20 Summit and create disturbance in the Valley," the official said.

"Extensive search operations are underway in the densely forested area," he added.

## Inter-State Narco-Militant Module Busted, 4 Held

Press Trust Of India

**Srinagar:** An inter-state narco-militant module was busted and its four members were arrested in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Saturday. They said around eight kilograms of heroine-like substance and cash was seized during the operation.

In a major success against inter-state narco-militant smuggling syndicate originating from Pakistan-controlled Kashmir (PcK), security forces arrested four smugglers involved in running the module, a police official said.

He said acting on a tip-off that a Punjab-based narco-smuggler has arrived in **More on P6**

## Karnataka Assembly Elections

# Congress Wins Big; BJP Concedes Defeat



Press Trust Of India

**Bengaluru:** The Congress on Saturday made a stunning comeback in Karnataka ousting the BJP from its lone southern citadel with a comfortable majority in a morale booster win that will be key for reviving its electoral fortunes ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

The Congress' decisive victory in the Assembly elections after an aggressive pro-poor campaign spearheaded by mass leader and former chief minister Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D K Shivakumar also saw Karnataka continuing with a 38-year-old anti-incumbency trend. The state has never voted an incumbent party to power since 1985.

Siddaramaiah, 75, and Shivakumar, the party's trouble shooter who won from Kanakapura by over one lakh votes and who turns 61 on

Sunday, are both front runners for the chief minister's post. The Congress has returned to power on its own in Karnataka after 10 years. Siddaramaiah was the chief minister from 2013 to 2018.

The first meeting of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) will be held at 5.30 pm on Sunday, according to AICC in-charge of Karnataka Randeep Surjewala. The meeting is likely to decide the name of the new chief minister.

Helped by a nearly 5 per cent vote swing in its favour, the Congress with a vote share of 42.88 per cent bagged 135 out of the 224 seats at stake and was leading in one, according to Election Commission data at 9 pm. The magic mark is 113. It was also the Congress' best-ever performance in Karnataka since 1999 when the party won 132 seats. The party bagged 80 seats in the 2018 elections **More on P6**

## PM Congratulates Cong On Karnataka Win

**P**rim Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday congratulated the Congress for its win in the Karnataka assembly polls and wished the party best in its endeavour to fulfilling people's aspirations. "I thank all those who have supported us in the Karnataka elections. I appreciate the hardwork of BJP Karyakartas. We shall serve Karnataka with even more vigour in the times to come," he said in another tweet.

The Congress is headed to a big win as it won **More on P6**

**WE WILL DO A DETAILED ANALYSIS** as the results conclude. We will take these results in our stride and try to reorganise the party for next year's Lok Sabha elections."

## Investments in J&K: LG Assures Handholding, Time Bound Clearance

### Directs Officials To Provide Necessary Support, Handholding Of Investors; Clearance In Time Bound Manner

Observer News Service

**Jammu:** Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday directed his officials to provide necessary support, handholding of investors and help them getting all clearances in a time bound manner.

He passed these directions while chairing a high-level meeting to discuss strategies to attract more investments into J&K, proactively resolving all the issues with great synergies and to enhance ease of doing business to boost the economy, an official spokesperson said Saturday.

During the meeting, Sinha directed for setting up the help desk of Industries & Commerce Department at the Divisional Commissioner's Office at Jammu and in 4 Deputy Commissioner's offices of Jammu, Kathua, Samba and Udhampur.



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issues including change of land use and to enhance ease of doing business," the LG said.

## J&K Pilgrims To Leave For Hajj From June First Week

**Final Dates To Be Announced Shortly: Executive Officer J&K Hajj Committee**

Agencies

**Srinagar:** The pilgrims for the Hajj-2023 from Jammu & Kashmir would start leaving for Saudi Arabia from the first week of June, 2023.

Pertinently, around 10, 000 people from Jammu and Kashmir are going to perform the pilgrimage of Hajj this year, as per the draw of lots held in the month of March, 2023.

Executive Officer J&K Hajj Committee, Abdul Salam Mir said that the exact dates have not been finalized yet. "But, the Haj pilgrims will start leaving for Saudi Arabia from the first week of June," he said.

He said that the exact dates will be announced soon.

Earlier, Mir had said that a total of 14271 applications



had been received for Hajj-2023.

"For the first time, women without Mahram have been allowed to go for the pilgrimage. 132 female applicants without Mahram have been selected this year. 1320 people who are above 70 years of age have also been selected under Reserved Category," Mir had said.

It is worth to mention here that the Saudi Arabia

government had barred the intending pilgrims above 70 years of age in view of the Covid pandemic in 2020 and 2021.

However, the Saudi government recently announced that pilgrims above 70 years of age will be given priority and for the first time the Saudi government also allowed female pilgrims without mahram to perform the holy pilgrimage of Hajj—(KNO)

## Fresh PSA Detention Order Can't Be Made On Previous Grounds: HC

M Ahmad

**Srinagar:** The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has said order under Public Safety Act cannot be made after considering previous grounds of detention, wholly or partly, when the same have been quashed by the Court.

Quashing a detention order under PSA against a detainee—Showkat Ahmad Bhat son of Ghulam Hassan Bhat of Wahibugh Pulwama, a bench of Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi said if such grounds of detention are taken into consideration while forming subjective satisfaction by the Detaining Authority in making a fresh detention order, the order of detention will be "vitiated".

"When a detention order is quashed by the Court by issuing a high prerogative writ, like Habeas Corpus or certiorari, the grounds of said detention

order should not be taken into consideration either as a whole or in part even along with fresh grounds of detention for drawing requisite subjective satisfaction to pass a fresh detention order because once the Court strikes down an earlier order by virtue of a writ, it nullifies the entire order," the court said.

Earlier, counsel representing Bhat argued that the allegations and the grounds pressed

into service have already been made use of by the Detaining Authority in the earlier detention order, i.e., order (No. 26/ DMP/PSA/20) dated 9 September 2020, which was quashed

by the Court on 1 March 2021. He submitted that the Detaining Authority while issuing detention order has not even made a whisper qua earlier detention order which reflects the "unawareness" of the Detaining Authority and as a consequence **More on P6**



## S H O R T T A K E S

### Mughal Road Reopens After Four Months

**O**ne-way traffic resumed on the Mughal Road, an alternative link road connecting the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri in the Jammu region with south Kashmir's Shopian, after an over four-month closure due to heavy winter snowfall, officials said on Saturday. Light motor vehicles were allowed to ply from Behramgalla-Buffliaz in Poonch towards Shopian. The road was closed on January 5 following heavy snowfall, especially in the high-altitude Pir Ki Gali and adjoining areas, a Traffic **More on P6**

### Student's Death Sparks Protest

**F**amily members of a 20-year-old college student, who died by suicide, staged a protest and blocked the Jammu-Pathankot highway for nearly two hours on Saturday, demanding an inquiry into the circumstances leading to the youth's death, officials said. The deceased identified as Arun Kumar, a final year student of Government Degree College from Pathankot, was found hanging in his hostel room in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, they said. **More on P6**

### Man-Eater Bear Captured In Handwara

**A** brown bear, involved in damaging graveyards in Rajwara village of Handwara in North Kashmir's Kupwara district, was captured on Saturday. Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that Wildlife department with the assistance of police captured the man-eater brown bear who was ransacking graveyards in Rajwara village. He said that the bear was roaming in the residential areas for the last few days, posing danger to people's lives and **More on P6**

### 12 Injured As Mini-Bus Skids Off Road

**T**welve people were injured after a mini-bus skidded off road in Dalwas area of Ramban district on Saturday. Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that the mini-bus was on way to Ramban from Batote when the accident took place in Dalwas area. He said in the incident 12 people suffered injuries and they have been shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment. Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the accident.

### Waqf Probes Embezzlement In Kangan Shrine

**T**he Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board on Saturday ordered an inquiry into the allegations of embezzlement of donations at a shrine in the Rayil Gund area of Kangan in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. According to an order, the Waqf board has constituted a three-member inquiry committee to conduct the audit of donations from 2000 onwards. The committee has been asked to conduct inquiry into the allegations of embezzlement of **More on P6**

### Electricity Shock Kills Labourer

**A** labourer was electrocuted to death near S.P. college Area of Central Kashmir Srinagar district on Saturday evening. 25-year-old Zubair Ahmad Sheikh of Dudran village of Boniyar in Uri sustained serious injuries after coming in contact with a live wire near Sri Pratap (SP) College here on Saturday, reports said. Sheikh, a labourer, was removed to the hospital for treatment. However, the doctors there declared him dead. Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the **More on P6**





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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

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NIT No: 19 - MDB of 2023-24/1659-75 DATED: 12/05/2023.

Executive Engineer Muffasil (R&B) Division Budgam on behalf of the President, of India invites percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State Governments.

S. No	Name of Work	Tendered Cost including GST (Rs in lacs.)	Construction Part	Maintenance Part	Total cost work	Cost of Tender Documents (Amt in Rs)	Earnest Money	Time of completion	Class of contractor	AA Status	TS Status
1	Upgradation of Inner Links Lanes at Mushtaq Colony, Gurtenge, Narakra and Ompora taking off from Ompora Narkara Hyderpora road under NABARD RIDE-XXVIII	777.02		77.70	854.72	8500/-	1709440/-	630 days	"AAY Class"	CE (R&B) K-AAA/88 of 2022-23 Dtd:- 9/6/2023	CE (R&B) K-TS2701-03 of 2023-24 Dtd:- 10/5/2023

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Position of AAA Accorded

Position of funds Available

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	12-05-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	13-05-2023 from 10.00 AM.
3	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	16-05-2023 from 11.00 AM.
4	Bid submission Start Date	17-05-2023 from 10.00 AM.
5	Bid Submission End Date	24-05-2023 upto 4.00 PM.
6	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) (Tech. Bids)	25-05-2023 10:00 AM in the office of Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) Kashmir.

No: EE/MDB/1659-75  
DIPK-1511/23

DATED:-13-05-2023

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Muffasil (R&B) Division  
Budgam,

## From Office Of The Advocate Rafi Sadiq

In the case of  
Abdul Rehman Chattabali S/o Ghulam Mohammad Chattabali R/o Chattabali Srinagar 2. Khazri Wife of Late Abdul Rehman Chattabali R/o Chattabali Srinagar

(Caveator)

V/S

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(Non-Caveators) In the matter of: Caveat petition in terms of section 148-A of C.P.C. 1. That the caveat petition is filed by the caveators against the judgement/Award passed by the Hon'ble Motor Accident Claims Tribunal sgr dated 19-04-2023. 2. That the Caveators apprehend that the non-Caveator may file any proceeding before this Hon'ble High Court to seek an ex-parte interim order in which the Caveators is a party. 3. That in case any Appeal/writ or any other proceedings are filed before this Hon'ble High Court no ex-parte ad-interim relief may be granted in favour of the non-Caveator without hearing the Caveators as otherwise the Caveators may suffer irreparable loss and injury which cannot be compensated in any manner and any such orders granted on false representations of the non-Caveator would be an abuse of the process of the court. 4. That the non-caveators have been duly served by publication. In the premises, it is therefore prayed that in case any appeal or any other proceedings are filed before this Hon'ble High Court no order be passed in ex-parte unless the Caveators being heard in person or through their counsel in the interest of law and justices.

Sd/ Advocate  
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## Public Notice

I want to do the necessary change in my daughter's name from Alima Jan to Alima Noor. Anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may intimate the same with concerned authorities within the stipulated time of seven days from the date of publication of this notice in this newspaper. After the expiry of the timeline no objection shall be entertained.

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## Office of The Regional Transport Officer Kashmir

NOTICE

Where as an application for transfer of ownership has been received from Raman- Jot Singh S/o Pradeep Singh R/o P-88 First Floor Chittaran- gar Park (Transferor) of Eco Sports bearing registration No. DL3CCN 3997 chasis No: 14033 Engine No: 14033 Model 2018 in favour of Irfan Ahmad Wani S/o Saif Ud Din Wani R/o Shri Bhat Nowshera Sgr (Transferee).

Now, therefore, it is notified for the information of the general, public that representation/ Objection, if any in connection with proposed transfer will be received within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper Kashmir Observer to the address of undersigned. No. representation/ objection shall be considered unless it is made writing it is made in the aforesaid period. NOJK-RTOK 1201 Dated: 13/05/2023 INF Sd/- Regional Transport Office, Kashmir

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My Name & DOB has been wrongly written in my school records as Soliya Jan & DOB 14/10/2016 while my correct name & DOB Salih Jan & DOB 14/10/2017 which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Block Development Officer Lolo- pora Kunzer within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Salih Jan D/o Mohammad Iqbal Lone R/o Burala Karhuma Baramulla bmg

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of 7th pass certificate from Govt Boys Middle School Chichilora . If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the above mentioned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Nazir Ahmad Gojri S/O Mohammad Shaban Gojri R/o Magam Chichilora Tehsil Karhama bmg

## Office Of The Child Development Project Officer, Kupwara

Advertisement Notice: No.01 of 2023

Dated:-12.05.2023

Subject: Advertisement for Recruitment of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Kupwara.

Reference: 1. Government order No 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 Dated:30.11.2022  
2. Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 dated: 28.04.2023

Approval has been accorded, vide letter No: 103-JK (SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28.04.2023 for filling up of vacancies of Sanginis ( Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Kupwara, as per the details given below:

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Name of Post	No. of Post
1	Kupwara	AWW	06
		AWH	10
Total			16

Applications are invited in the Prescribed Performa in Annexure "A" from the eligible candidates for engagement as Anganwadi Worker and Anganwadi Helper on Honorarium basis for aforementioned posts of Anganwadi Centres. The important dates/details with regard to the posts are as under:

- Date of commencement for submission of application 13.05.2023
- Last date for submission of applications is 29.05.2023 up to 04.30 PM.
- Annexure B- Name of the Post, Location/Ward , Qualification and Criteria for selection
- Annexure C- Affidavit

### ANNEXURE 'A'

Format of Application

- Name of POSHAN Project
- Name of Anganwadi Centre
- Post applied for
- Name of the Candidate
- Father's Name
- Husband's Name (if Married)
- Residence
- Ward No. Panchayat Halqa
- Address for correspondence
- Contact No.
- Date of Birth
- Age as on 01.01.2023
- Academic Qualification:



Sr.No.	Examination passed	Board/University	Year of Passing	Marks Obtained	Total Marks	Percentage

- Do the candidate belong within the family of retiring AWWs/AWHs (YES/NO)
- Document Attached: 1. 2.
4. 5.
6. 7. 8.

Signature of the candidate  
Date:

### ANNEXURE 'B'

Detail of Vacant Posts (AWW/AWH) along with name and location of AWC.

Sr.No.	NAME OF ANGANWADI CENTRE	WARD NO.	Panchayat Halqa	NAME OF POST	NO. OF POSTS
1.	Nagrimalpura	01	Nagri B	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers)	01
2.	Redbugh B	04	Redbugh B	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers)	01
3.	Chalgund Old	06	Chalgund	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers)	01
4.	Hajam Mohalla	08	Hatmulla	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers)	01
5.	Tikker A	08	Tikker	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers)	01
6.	Mugdom Mohalla	09	Khandi A	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers)	01
7.	Pazipora Bala	05	Pazipora	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers)	01
8.	Check Nutnosa 1"	11	Nutnosa B	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers)	01
9.	Trustan	02	Jugtiyal	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers)	01
10.	Tell Mohalla	09	Batergam	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers)	01
1.	Sonipathi	03	Manigah C	Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers)	01
2.	Malik Mohalla	06	Kashera	Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers)	01
3.	Malporanagri	01	Nagri B	Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers)	01
4.	Shah Mohala Zandabathi	08	Vodhpura	Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers)	01
5.	Chopan Mohala	02	Tikker	Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers)	01
6.	Paraynard	10	Hatmulla	Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers)	01

### Eligibility:

For Anganwadi Workers

- The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.
- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.
- The candidate should be a resident of the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is situated. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as the proof of residence of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in the voter list along with her parents, then she must provide certificate of being un-married issued by the concerned Tehsildar. Where ever, there is any dispute as to residence for any reason, then a residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered.
- Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Worker shall be 10+ 2 and maximum graduation. In case no 10+2 pass candidate is available in the ward, 10+2 pass candidate from the adjoining ward shall be considered which would require prior approval of Mission Director, Mission POSHAN.
- In case suitable candidate is not available for adjoining ward, candidate from the nearest ward within the Panchayat can be considered subject to the approval of the MD, Mission POSHAN.
- Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be done purely on merit basis and not other criteria to be considered.
- In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidate, candidate with higher age will be preferred.
- Candidate with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.

### A. Anganwadi Helpers

- The selection of Helper shall be restricted to the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is located.
- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.
- The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.
- Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Helper shall be matriculation.
- In case no matriculate candidate available in the ward, candidates with qualification not less than 8<sup>th</sup> standard shall be considered.
- The committee shall select the most destitute/needly married woman of the ward as helper from amongst those who fulfill the qualification criteria. In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate may be considered.
- In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retiring AWWs/AWHs, the said candidate shall qualify for additional two percent points.

### Document Verification

- The candidate who is shortlisted for document verification will be required to appear for Document Verification along-with the original documents as well as self-attested Photostat copy of each document as per the Advertisement Notification. The candidate must be in possession of the prescribed academic qualification and other document like Domicile Certificate, on or before the last date of submission of application form.
  - Marks sheet(s)/Diploma/Degree of the qualification prescribed for the post as per Advertisement Notification.
  - Date of Birth/Matriculation Certificate.
  - Domicile Certificate.
  - Unmarried Certificate (where required)
- Candidates have to bring two passport size recent color photographs and one original Photo ID proof. Photo ID Proof can be:
  - Aadhar Card
  - Voter ID card.
- The candidate who is supposed to furnish various certificates issued by or before the prescribed cut-off date, shall be required to produce them at the time of Document Verification or as may be sought by the Committee; in case of failure, the committee shall take necessary decision which shall be final.

### ANNEXURE C

All applicants to submit affidavit stating following facts:

- All Documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect or in any of the above stated situation the candidature of deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law.
- Maximum qualification is Graduation for vacancy of Anganwadi worker and Class X for and this is as per facts and onus of proving it to be true lies with the deponent.
- The deponent has read the HR policy no. 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to the deponent in case of selection as Anganwadi worker/ Anganwadi Helper.

No: CDPO/POSHAN/HR/2023/259-70  
DIPK-1508/23  
DATED: 13-05-2023

Child Development Project Officer  
Poshan Project Kupwara





# Reinforce Intelligence Network To combat Drug Abuse: DC Srinagar Tells Officers

## Chairs NCORD Meeting; Reviews Control Measures Against Menace

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Saturday stressed upon the Officers of all the line Departments including Enforcement agencies to strengthen the intelligence network to ensure better coordination in creating greater deterrence to combat dangerous trade of drug-trafficking.

DC Srinagar also said that efforts with Cooperation, Coordination and Collaboration are vital to contain the drug peddling and break the supply chain, besides taking stringent action against the culprits involved in the hazardous trade of drugs.

The directions come following a meeting of District Level Committee of Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) held under the Chairmanship DC Srinagar at DC Office Complex to take appraisal of the action taken by the concerned Departments with regard to

control measures to overcome Drug menace and Narcotics.

The meeting discussed threadbare the incidences of drug addiction, areas of concern, age group of addicts, hot spots of drug abuse and cultivation of illicit poppy, cannabis in the District. The members of the Committee presented the latest report in the District regarding action taken against drug addiction and drug trafficking.

The meeting among others was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Shabir Ahmad, Superintendent of Police, Arif Amin Shah, Assistant, Program Officer, ICDS, SDM East, SDM West, Chief Education Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, Chief Education Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, Assistant Commissioner Labor, Tehsildar Headquarter, besides Nodal Officer Colleges, representative from Airport Authority, Post Office, Private Schools Association, Incharge Drug De-addiction Cen-

tre SMHS Hospital, Incharge ATF, SKIMS Bemina and other concerned.

On the occasion, the DC stressed upon the Officers of all the line Departments including Enforcement agencies to strengthen the intelligence network to ensure better coordination in creating greater deterrence to combat dangerous trade of drug-trafficking. He said that efforts with Cooperation, Coordination and Collaboration are vital to contain the drug peddling and break the supply chain, besides taking stringent action against the culprits involved in the hazardous trade of drugs.

The DC stressed on further intensifying Deterrence at different levels including Educational campaigns at Schools and Colleges levels to sensitize students and common masses about ill effects of drugs as well as encouraging healthy activities and hobbies to discourage the drug abuse.


The DC asked the Nodal Officer Colleges and Chief Education Officer, Srinagar to con-

duct seminars, rallies and other programs on the harmful effects of drug menace in Educational Institutions of the District so that youth is discouraged from tempting towards drugs.

The DC laid stress on identification of drug hotspots in the District and asked the enforcement agencies to conduct raids on such identified hotspots to nab the drug peddlers.


The DC also emphasized on effective functioning of Addiction Treatment Facility Centers (ATFCs) to fight against drug addiction and mitigate the sufferings of the drugs affected persons. He also laid trust on ensuring proper counseling and rehabilitation for individuals struggling with addiction.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took detailed feedback from every concerned Department regarding and measures undertaken for combating illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and its consumption in the District to save youth from the dangerous effects of the drugs.




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**HIJRI CALENDAR**

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PRAYERS	
FAJR	3:55
ZUHR	12:27
ASR	5:20
Magrib	7:27
ISHA	9:01

## G20: SP College Hosts Intra-College Seminar On, ‘One Earth, One Family, One Future

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Dean Students Welfare and Debates and Seminar Committee of Sri Pratap College today jointly organized an intra-college seminar on the theme, "One Earth, One Family, One Future: G-20 Summit Vis-a-Vis Kashmir".

Speaking at the event, the Principal SP College, Prof (Dr) Gh. Jeelani Qurashi stressed upon increasing and adopting sustainable life skills so that skill and knowledge sharing reach all.

The Jury for the event consisted of Prof Manzoor Ahmad Wani, (Head, Department of Botany), Dr.

Nikhat Nabi (Head, Department of Zoology) and Dr. Jan Shabir (Head, Department of Physics).

Dean Student Welfare (Girls) Dr. Khalida Hassan and Dr Misbah Andrabi (Convener Debate and Seminar Committee) were also present at the occasion Prof Manzoor Ahmed Wani spoke about sustainable climate goals and urged upon students to take care of their surroundings.

The participants touched upon diverse aspects of the G-20 summit. Farman Nisar, Tafazul Samoon and Danish Nabi Kumar secured first, second and third positions, respectively.

## 300 Vehicle Capacity Parking Lot Comes Up In Batamalloo

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Srinagar Development Authority (SDA) on Saturday made a 300-vehicle capacity parking zone functional at Batamalloo area of the city. The facility was inaugurated by the Mayor Srinagar, Junaid Azim Mattu, along with the Vice Chairman SDA, Harris Handoo.

Speaking to the media persons on the sidelines of the inaugural event, the Mayor said that parking will come as a big boost for the business community in the area.

"I can tell you there is a systematic, collective structural mechanism in place to meet the urban challenges of Srinagar, be it parking or urban mobility and we are hopeful that in coming times the infrastructural changes will bring betterment in the economic conditions for the business community," he said.

Mattu further said, "We are starting a drive in Srinagar City to check on violations by those buildings that have been given commercial permissions and whose basements have been marked as parking zones but are being used as showrooms."

Vice Chairman SDA said the parking facility is not only a much-needed relief for the nearby shop owners of the Batamalloo area but also for the people who come to shop here. Now anybody can park their vehicles here, he said.



A young boy sitting on a wooden bridge, catches fish with fishing tackle at Dal interiors. KO Photo, Abid Baht

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS  
e-NIT No:-II/ET/SAMAGRA/Kmr of 05/2023  
Dated:13/05/2023.  
(Single Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage Basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Governments Departments for the following works:-

SNo.	Name of Work	District	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs) Includ. C/O Stores	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Earnest Money (In rupees)	Time of Completion in (days)	Date & time of Opening of Bid	Class of Contract	MH of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
01	Construction of Elementary Boys Toilet and Girls Toilet at MS Mamal	Anantnag	4.14	200.00	8280.00	120	23-05-2023	D	PAB 2022-2023
02	Construction of Elementary Boys Toilet and Girls Toilet at GMS Laripora Khurd	Anantnag	4.14	200.00	8280.00	120	23-05-2023	D	PAB 2022-2023
03	Construction of Elementary Boys Toilet and Girls Toilet at MS Shoul	Anantnag	4.14	200.00	8280.00	120	23-05-2023	D	PAB 2022-2023
04	Construction of Elementary Boys Toilet and Girls Toilet at BMS Panad	Anantnag	4.14	200.00	8280.00	120	23-05-2023	D	PAB 2022-2023
05	Construction of Secondary Boys Toilet and Girls Toilet at HS Logripora	Anantnag	4.14	200.00	8280.00	120	23-05-2023	D	PAB 2022-2023
06	Construction of Secondary Boys Toilet and Girls Toilet at HS Chowgund	Anantnag	4.14	200.00	8280.00	120	23-05-2023	D	PAB 2022-2023

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Note:-As per Circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Sectarier Finance department vide No.OM No.A/24(2017)-651 dtd.07-06-2018 which reads as under:-  
A) Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e tenders is dispensed with the same and should be obtained from the bidder who is declared first lowest (L1) after opening of financial bids.  
B) (i) All bidders have to pay 2% of Advertised Cost of the Work as earnest money deposit (EMD) in shape of CDRpledged to Executive Engineer Education Division-II- Srinagar at the time of uploading of tender.  
(ii) The successful Bidder has to produce Performance Security Deposit @3% of contract value in the shape of CDR/FDR of the Advertised cost Pledged to Executive Engineer Education Division-II Srinagar within 07 days after opening of Bids which shall be released after successful completion of work with DLP. This will replace the EMD@ 2% of the Advertised cost uploaded by the Bidder.  
D) The earnest money may be forfeited if:-  
a. Any bidder /tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.  
b. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.  
c. Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.  
The Bidding documents 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.

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	13/05/2023
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents.	From 13/05/2023 to 22/05/2023 up to 4PM
3.	Bid submission Start Date	13/05/2023.
4.	Bid submission End Date	22/05/2023 upto 4PM
5.	Date & Time of opening of Bids(Online)	23/05/2023 at 11 AM Office of the Executive Engineer School Education Division 2nd Kashmir

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document to be deposited in the official Bank Account No:-0148040530000004Gole Market karanagar Sgr, and the bank receipt as per the amount deposited and mentioned against the relevant work should be uploaded along with the other required documents in shape of bank receipt in favour of Bill deposit/PMDP/Document Fees Samagra Shiksha/ Executive Engineer School Education Deptt. Div2". It is important to mention name of Bidder, Name of work and NIT No/S.No on the bank receipt counter file which has to be attached with the bid.  
2. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web-site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer School Education Division – 2nd Kashmir (tender receiving authority)/other competent authority to do so.  
3. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 60/120/30 days from the date of opening of financial bids.  
4. The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-  
a) Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or make any Modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.  
b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.  
c) Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 15 days after fixation of contract.  
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6.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.  
6.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.  
6.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.  
6.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original/Photocopies of documents related to the bid are submitted physically by (L1) first lowest bidder before the date specified in para-1.

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# Trump's Resurrection

The US leader's presidential bid and significant mass support is worrisome as it reflects a fascination with polarizing, authoritarian figures who disregard constitutionalism and institutional oversight

RIYAZ WANI

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Authoritarianism affects all systems of governance and does follow a short or extended period of openness. Modern authoritarianism is indifferent in that it - has perfected the art of manipulating democratic systems to its advantage - it uses liberal democracy, the free press, elections, and the institutions to capture power but once in the saddle, it tends to subvert the same system

With Donald Trump back in the running for the White House, and viewed as a slam dunk for re-election, it appears that the US appetite for a demagogue at the helm is yet to be satiated - or may have been further whetted since Trump's dramatic loss to Joe Biden in November 2020. He continues to retain a substantial following among Republican supporters, leaving his competitors such as DeSantis and Nicky Halley far behind. On the polling radar, Trump maintains a 20 to 46 percentage point lead. And this makes him the favourite to win the Republican nomination going forward.

Trump is squaring up against US President Joe Biden, who has already announced his decision to run again. There has been some media focus on the advanced ages of the two leaders - Biden is now an octogenarian and Trump is a few years younger - but that is not what this fight is principally about. The fact that Trump is running for president and has a sizable following is very concerning because it demonstrates a lingering fascination with polarizing, extreme right strongmen around the world who reject constitutionality and institutional checks and balances.. In his term in power, Trump not only rode roughshod over American democracy but also encouraged other strongmen around the world to do the same.

Under his presidency, the US by and large abandoned advocacy of democracy and human rights and made relationship with other countries by and large transactional in nature. This largely detracted from the US moral authority. So much so, the country found itself hardly in a position to lecture other states on the conduct of their internal affairs. Trump as president established a better equation with Russia's Vladimir Putin or Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman than his European allies.

The world faces a similar spectre with Trump back on the stump. And he could very well return to power after facing down a slightly older and weaker Biden. Already, in Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, an authoritarian leader, has returned to power. It also seems likely that Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who is currently facing an election, will be re-elected. This triggers a deep sense of de javu. In a world of strongmen leaders who have bent their respective governance systems to pursue majoritarian agendas as well as accumulate personal power, Trump's return to the driving seat in the US would only exacerbate the situation. It would potentially further encourage authoritarianism around the world.

It is true that the US has not generally been a disinterested champion of democracy and human rights. More often than not, it has used their promotion to advance its foreign policy objectives. It has selectively condemned and



Andrew Harnik/AP

acted against the countries straying from both. Currently, all of the US focus is on stonewalling China's rise and its potential emergence as its global rival. In pursuit of this grand objective, Washington has overlooked the excesses of its allies and instead built an elaborate discourse about the human rights situation in China and Russia. Trump, on the other hand, has shown that he isn't interested in the promotion of both and his engagement with other countries would rather be geared to utilitarian ends.

But this isn't primarily why Trump's return should be a source of worry. He isn't just a typical demagogue who is populist, polarizing and post-truth. The Republican leader is, in fact, a newer variant: he isn't ideological or religious in the typical sense of the term. So he doesn't claim to have any messianic agenda. He isn't also hung up on democratic values. He has an outlook on the world that seems to be bereft of understanding and nuance. And when such a person is the leader of the most powerful country on earth, it can be seriously problematic. For one, he lends authoritarianism global legitimacy.

That said, the rise of demagogues has not only to do with the personalities but also with the circumstances that create them. If we look around the world, autocrats and populists seem to be the flavour of the season. The world

is witnessing the ebbing of liberal democracy, a trend that has now been in evidence over the past decade. Considering the lingering popularity of Trump, the trend looks set to continue. It is said that demagogues are created by times of uncertainty, change and anxiety that, in turn, spawn a collective search for handy certainties to get a handle on the drift. True, specific circumstances of the day will always play a role, but the process, as it should be, is much more complex - informed, in part, by the versions of history and memory. Authoritarianism affects all systems of governance and does follow a short or extended period of openness. Modern authoritarianism is indifferent in that it - has perfected the art of manipulating democratic systems to its advantage - it uses liberal democracy, the free press, elections, and the institutions to capture power but once in the saddle, it tends to subvert the same system. Trump's return to power would once again make this trend mainstream.

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## The Controversy of Cancel Culture Accountability vs. Censorship

Surbhi Mishra

Cancel culture has become a controversial topic in recent years, with many people expressing concern over its impact on free speech and society as a whole. The term refers to the practice of publicly calling out individuals or organizations for their perceived offenses, often resulting in social or economic repercussions for the accused.

On one hand, advocates of cancel culture argue that it is a necessary tool for holding powerful individuals and institutions accountable for their actions. They argue that cancel culture provides a platform for marginalized communities to have their voices heard and demand change.

However, opponents of cancel culture argue that it is an overly punitive and intolerant approach to dealing with disagreements. They argue that cancel culture creates a culture of fear and censorship, where people are afraid to express their opinions or engage in open dialogue for fear of being publicly shamed and ostracized.

One of the most prominent examples of cancel culture in recent years was the #MeToo movement, which saw numerous high-profile individuals in the entertainment and political spheres being publicly called out and facing consequences for

their alleged misconduct. While many argue that this movement was necessary to address long-standing issues of sexual harassment and abuse, others criticized it for unfairly ruining careers and reputations without due process.

Another example of cancel culture is the recent trend of "canceling" celebrities for past tweets or comments that are deemed offensive or inappropriate by today's standards. While some argue that this is an important way of holding people accountable for their past actions, others criticize it as being overly punitive and dismissive of the possibility of personal growth and change.

In the last few years Bollywood has been hit hard by the boycott lobby. The film industry is dealing with hate and hashtags. The cinema circuit has urged twitter users to not boycott films as it affects livelihoods and also cancellation can have worse effects.

The impact of cancel culture is also being felt in the corporate world, where companies are increasingly being held accountable for their social and political stances. For example, companies that are seen as supporting discriminatory policies or ideologies may face backlash from consumers and employees, with some even calling for boycotts or divestment.

There are times when Cancellations lead to social change or combat inequality. But now, most of the time it is seen as cyber-

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bullying. Critics call it the most dangerous trend ever created. It gives people an opportunity to abuse their freedom of expression to cyberbully. What is bothersome about cancelling is it allows people to hide behind a screen and openly humiliate a person with the support of thousands, sometimes even millions, of users. On the other hand some argue that cancel culture is necessary for holding people accountable for their actions and promoting social justice.

Ultimately, the debate over cancel culture is complex and multifaceted, and there is no easy answer to the question of whether

it is ultimately helpful or harmful. Some individuals believe that it is a necessary tool for holding people accountable for their actions, while others argue that it can be used to unfairly target and punish individuals for their beliefs and opinions.

There is a difference between having a respectful and mature conversation about one's wrongdoings and calling someone out in a demeaning manner. Honest debate should be the cornerstone for finding the best solutions

Ultimately, the debate around cancel culture highlights the tension between the desire for accountability and the importance of free speech and open dialogue. While it is important to call out wrongdoing and hold individuals and institutions accountable for their actions, it is also important to ensure that this is done in a fair and just manner that does not silence or ostracize dissenting voices.

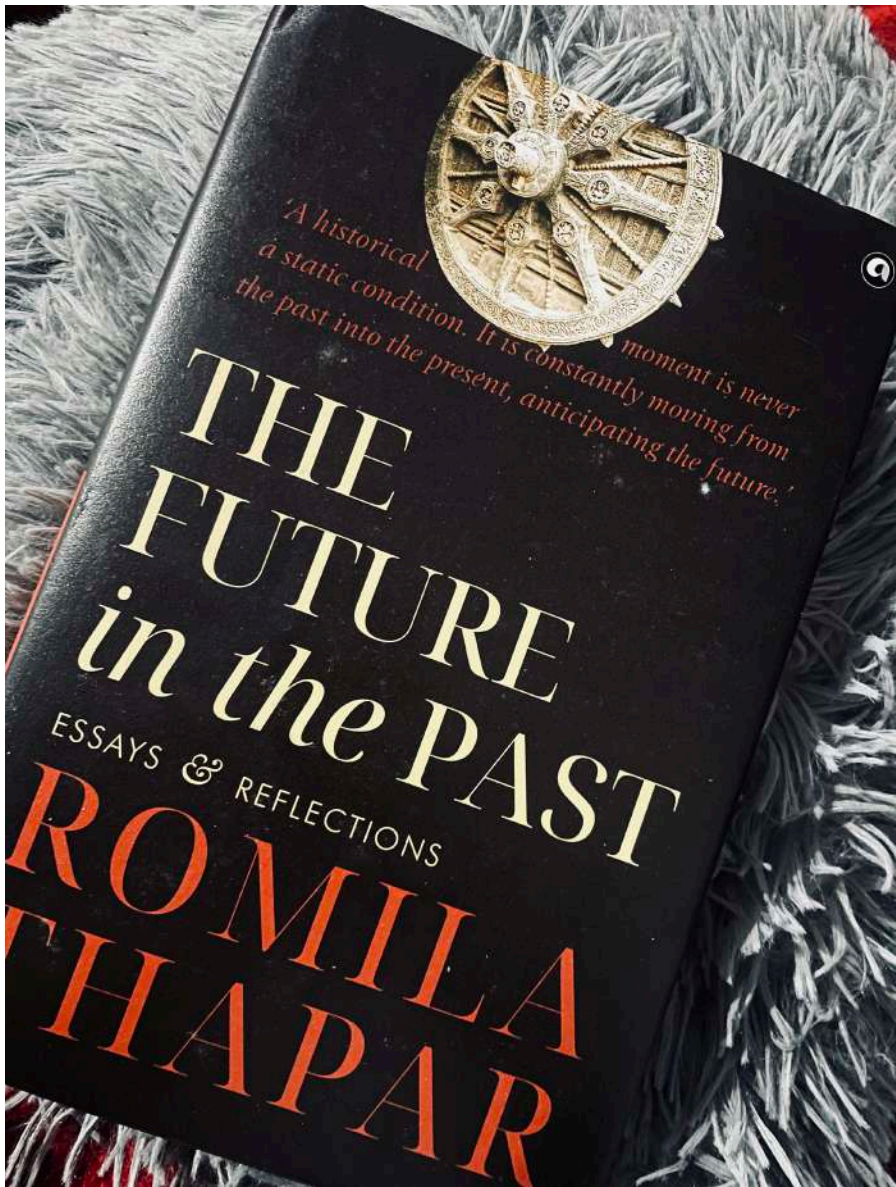
Being canceled can lead to anxiety, depression, trauma, and suicidal thoughts and behavior. Participants of cancellation should express their opinions and views in a respectful and constructive manner. This can help create a space where different perspectives can be heard and debated.

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# BRINGING HISTORY INTO CONTROVERSY

## Romila Thapar on Politics of Religious Communities



Romila Thapar

The projection of the past in terms of communal history, namely that the history of India needs to be seen as the glory of the ancient period when Hinduism was in the ascendant and its decline during the medieval period when that place was taken by Islam, continues to be the simplistic view of Hindu communal groups. The variation is that Muslim communalists see the period of Islamic dominance as the period of glory and Sikh communalists perceive their relations with the Mughal state entirely in terms of the religious confrontation between Muslim and Sikh. The appeal to history for legitimization

has to be conceded that there has been intolerance and persecution of religious sects not just under Muslim rulers but also under Hindu rulers and by powerful Hindu groups even in pre-Islamic times. The evidence of Shaivite persecution of Buddhists and Jainas is conveniently ignored, even though it involved some killing of monks and the desecration of religious sites. The very notion of untouchability is an extreme form of intolerance and persecution. Will the Hindus of today first come to terms with their own intolerance and victimization of the Other before rushing to set right the intolerance of others from the past?

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the popular mind.

The refusal to recognize that historical analyses have changed our image of the past stems from the refusal on the part of the mediators of knowledge (both the educational system and the media) to first read and then pronounce. It is far easier to go on mouthing old ideas even if these are unacceptable to current historians. The old cliché of Muslim rulers being bigots to a greater or lesser degree continues to be repeated despite the work which has been done on their policies, suggesting a far more historically complex context for such policies. This is not a question, for instance, of Hindus being more aware of Aurangzeb but of Aurangzeb being consistently depicted only in one form.

The media is not innocent about fostering communalism. The fashion for glitter and tinsel as news and the underlining of the need for media hype has resulted in an obsession with instant stories focusing on the view of anybody and anything as long as it can be presented as spectacular news. Thoughtful commentaries are dismissed as too academic for the press and TV channels, with a few exceptions and have been largely concerned only with projecting the lowest common denominator both in politics and in culture. It is therefore not surprising that the definition of culture lies in the assumption that Indian society consists in the main of caste Hindus transmuted into a middle class. The success stories of TV channels are serials portraying narratives linked for example to Vaishnava worship projected as part of the national culture of India. At least if the aesthetic qualities of the original are portrayed it might mitigate the religious propaganda.

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*Excerpted from "The Future in the Past: Essays and Reflections" by Romila Thapar published by Aleph Book and Company*

**THE BULK OF THE CONVERSIONS TO ISLAM WERE NOT BY FORCE OF ARMS BUT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF VARIOUS RELIGIOUS TEACHERS.** These conversions were frequently by jati where an entire professional group would convert

by communal groups is in effect a red herring. The issue is not that of the historical correctness of the claim, for the claims being made are in fact political and relate to the society of today. But by reiterating a communal history, justification is sought for trying to undo the past by communal actions in the present. A communal interpretation of the past, even where clearly untenable, is useful for whipping up hysteria in mobilizing a community.

If, however, history is to be brought into the controversy, then communal interpretations of history have to come to terms with many facts which are now conveniently ignored. It

of various religious teachers. These conversions were frequently by jati where an entire professional group would convert. This raises questions about the nature of Hindu society and what might have encouraged conversions.

Relations between groups in society, even if identified by religious practice and belief, are never simplistically black or white. The evidence on such relations in the past and the analysis of this evidence by present-day historians suggests a very different interpretation from that which was current fifty years ago. But in spite of historians constantly reiterating this change, the old theories still hold in

## A Book Review of 'The Case Against The Sexual Revolution'

Farhat Amin

While researching for my book Smart Teenage Muslimah, I read The Case Against the Sexual Revolution by Louise Perry. Perry describes herself as a feminist who is critical of the mainstream feminist movement, and she is often associated with the "conservative feminist" or "anti-feminist feminist" movement, which challenges some of the assumptions and priorities of mainstream feminism.

As she states in an interview published in The Critic, "I see myself as a feminist who is critical of the mainstream feminist movement. I believe in gender equality and women's rights, but I also believe in critical thinking and challenging conventional wisdom. I want to promote a more inclusive and nuanced discussion of gender and sexuality, one that takes into account the diverse experiences and perspectives of women."

Perry's book is a powerful critique of the sexual revolution, charting its negative impact on Western society. Throughout my reading, I could not help being struck by the raw honesty and piercing insight of her words. In her analysis, Perry exposes the damage inflicted upon the traditional family structure and the values that underpin it, arguing that contrary to popular perception, the sexual revolution was not a liberating force and had many negative consequences, particularly for women.

The book's first section outlines the sexual revolution and its impact on society. Perry contends that the sexual revolution was not a spontaneous movement but rather a careful orchestration spearheaded by intellectuals and activists. She identifies several vital figures instrumental in promoting the sexual revolution, including Herbert Marcuse, Wilhelm Reich, and Betty Friedan. Perry claims these figures profoundly influenced society and their ideas continue to shape our culture today.

One of the most compelling characteristics of The Case Against the Sexual Revolution is Perry's willingness to confront the uncomfortable truths of our time. She writes, "We are living in a society that has embraced a new moral code, which prizes sexual pleasure above all else." This new moral code has led to the proliferation of pornography, casual sex, and other forms of sexual indul-

gence, eroding the social fabric of our communities. Here, I was genuinely taken aback to find a feminist author echoing sentiments that Muslims have held for a long time.

Perry's critique of the sexual revolution continues unapologetically, as she notes how the movement has undermined women's dignity and autonomy. She notes, "The sexual revolution has not been good for women. It has turned women into objects of desire rather than autonomous individuals with their own desires and aspirations." Her examination of how the sexual revolution has perpetuated gender inequality is indeed fascinating.

A unique aspect of the book is Perry's ability to connect the dots between seemingly disparate social phenomena. For example, she notes that the rise of hook-up culture and the decline of the traditional family structure are not separate issues but intimately connected. She writes, "The sexual revolution has contributed to the breakdown of the traditional family structure by promoting a culture of casual sex and temporary relationships." This kind of analysis is crucial for understanding the complex ways social phenomena intersect and interact with one another. Most books addressing relationships claim hook-up culture and dating apps are a true boon for single women; but they fail to address the toll they take on mental health and self-esteem.

Perry is most articulate when she details the emotional damage suffered by women who feel they must accept this male-centred model of sexual relationships. "Hook-up culture is more common in environments in which men are dominant, and, in a sexual marketplace in which such a culture prevails, a woman who refuses to participate puts herself at a disadvantage," she writes. Who wants to be the uncool girl who admits that she values intimacy and emotional connection more than casual sex?

Among the strengths of this book is the depth of research that the author has conducted. She provides numerous examples to support her arguments and draws on various sources, including academic studies, historical documents and contemporary news articles. Thorough attention to sourcing her claims lends a great deal of credibility to her views, rendering the book a valuable re-



**FINALLY, WHITE FEMINISTS ARE SPEAKING OUT AGAINST SHAMELESSNESS AND PROMISCUITY AND ARGUING IN FAVOR OF CHIVALRY,** avoiding states of intoxication, avoiding dating apps and claiming that marriage is the best basis for child-rearing. While it is true that for sexually promiscuous liberals, the sexual revolution has brought about positive changes, it is also true that negative consequences must be addressed for women and families

source for anyone interested in understanding the impact of the sexual revolution on society.

Given that Perry's views are grounded in her personal experiences, observations and a wide range of research and data, she can present a convincing case that the sexual revolution has had far-reaching and damaging consequences for our society. However, her assertions have not gone unchallenged.

Detractors of the book argue that Perry's analysis is overly simplistic and fails to take into account the many benefits that the Sexual Revolution has brought about. For example, a review in The Critic states, "As much as Perry decries the crumbling of suitable concepts regarding sex, however, she also seems hesitant to

dig deeper underneath the veneer of numerous assertions. The 'guidance' she aims to provide sometimes consists in a list of virtues. At some points those accumulations become superficial to the point that they force the reader to beg the following question: why is Perry not probing further?"

Other critics argue that Perry's analysis is rooted in a conservative worldview that does not represent all members of society. In her review for The Guardian, Rachel Cooke states, "I wish she hadn't detoured into marriage. As a feminist who decries the matricidal impulses of her generation, I hope she won't mind me saying that life is long, that people fall in and out of love in spite of their best efforts, and that all the sta-

tistics in the world cannot make me believe that a child with really miserable parents would not, ultimately, be better off if they could only separate amicably."

But, despite these critiques, I believe The Case Against the Sexual Revolution is an essential book. Finally, white feminists are speaking out against shamelessness and promiscuity and arguing in favor of chivalry, avoiding states of intoxication, avoiding dating apps and claiming that marriage is the best basis for child-rearing. While it is true that for sexually promiscuous liberals, the sexual revolution has brought about positive changes, it is also true that negative consequences must be addressed for women and families. Perry's willingness to confront

these issues head-on is a welcome and refreshing change from the often superficial and politically correct discussions that dominate current public discourse.

However, despite the power and insight of Perry's analysis, her argument has some weaknesses. For example, she tends to oversimplify the causes of certain social phenomena. For instance, she argues that the sexual revolution is solely responsible for the decline in birth rates in Western countries. While the sexual revolution has undoubtedly played a role in this decline, other factors, such as economic changes and changing social norms, also contribute to this trend. Another factor that cannot be overlooked is the rise of second-wave feminism, which encouraged women to go to work rather than stay at home and raise a family.

And although I did find myself agreeing with numerous points Perry wrote, ultimately, I could only agree with some of her solutions and foundational principles. As a Muslim, I believe in submission and obedience to Allah, not my desires; my choice is that which Allah has chosen. This is in direct opposition to Perry's statement, "I am a feminist... My feminist credentials are golden... I think women are capable of making their own choices and decisions, and we need to trust and respect that. It's not our place to tell women what they should or shouldn't do with their bodies or their lives."

Overall, for the purpose of research, The Case Against the Sexual Revolution was a must-read to understand the profound changes that have taken place in Western society over the past several decades. Perry's fearless analysis of the movement and its impact is a wake-up call for liberals to re-examine their values and priorities. As she writes, "We need to reclaim the values of love, commitment, and sacrifice that have been eroded by the Sexual Revolution." The Case Against the Sexual Revolution is a powerful and timely reminder of the urgent need to do just that, albeit from the basis of our own tradition.

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# National Lok Adalat held on pan – India basis across J&K

1,12,289 Cases resolved, Rs. 58.11 Crore settled

SRINAGAR, MAY 13: Under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority, the J&K Legal Services Authority organized 2ndNational Lok Adalat of the calendar year 2023 throughout the U.T of J&K, today under the zestful leadership of Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh & Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority, Justice Tashi Rabstan, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority and also under the able guidance of Justice Sindhu Sharma, Chairperson, High Court Legal Services Committee.

In order to boost amicable settlements amongst the parties in cases like MACT, Matrimonial disputes, cheque bounce under NI Act, Money recovery, etc., pre-lokadalat sittings and pre-counselling sessions were organized well before the date of National Lok Adalat so that the parties may get more chances for negotiation/dialogue with the opposite parties to arrive at a consensus.

Apart from that, webinars and virtual meetings were organized to sensitize the officers of Legal Services Authorities/Committees, Panel Lawyers and PLVs about the importance of Lok Adalat as a mode for Alternate Dispute Resolution.

Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh & Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority was received at Baramulla by Addl. District Judge alongwith other Judicial Officers and Deputy Commissioner as well as SSP Baramulla.

A Ceremonial Guard of honour was accorded to Chief Justice before inauguration of the 2ndNational Lok Adalat at District Court Complex, Baramulla. After inaugurating the Lok Adalat the Chief Justice inspected different benches constituted to have first-hand information about the cases being taken up for disposal in the said Lok Adalat.

Chief Justice on this occasion also delivered Cheques besides distributing Hearing Aids and Tricycles to the beneficiaries and urged upon the litigants to take maximum benefit of the Lok Adalat.

Thereafter, the Chief Justice

also visited Court Complex Uri where SDM Uri along with Sub Judge and other officers of police and Civil Administration received the Chief Justice who inspected the progress of Lok Adalat there also. Subsequently, the Chief Justice inaugurated an awareness programme on the Topic "Lok Adalat an effective tool of ADR Mechanism" at Govt. Degree College Uri and addressed the gathering educating them about the benefits of Lok Adalat.

Likewise, Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority visited District Court Complex, Bhaderwah, where he was accorded a warm welcome by Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Bhaderwah along with other judicial officers and Addl. SP Bhaderwah.

Justice Tashi was given ceremonial guard of honour, where after, he inaugurated the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel at District Court Complex Bhaderwah. Taking stock of the progress of 2nd National Lok Adalat going on in the Court Complex Bhaderwah, the Executive Chairman himself joined the Bench No.01 with PDJ Bhaderwah to persuaded the parties entangled in a civil

litigation from past 7 years to settle the dispute amicably in the Lok Adalat in order to preserve the family relations between them.

Justice Tashi also delivered cheques of awarded compensation to the beneficiaries present there. While interacting with the Advocates and the litigant public, Justice Tashi urged them to take maximum benefit of the Lok Adalat in settling their disputes and said that settlement of matter in Lok Adalat leads to win-win situation for both the litigating parties.

Later, in the afternoon, Justice Tashi visited District Court Complex, Kishtwar, where a warm reception was accorded to Justice Tashi by the Judicial Officers, Advocates, officers of Police and Civil Administration including Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Deputy Commissioner and Addl. SP Kishtwar. The compensation money regarding the cases settled in the Lok Adalat was paid to the beneficiaries in shape of cheque on the spot.

As per the information received from different Legal Services Institutions of various districts of UT of J&K, out of a total number of 1,96,780cases taken up by 144 Benches in the

day long National Lok Adalat at various courts across the UT of J&K, 1,12,289cases were disposed of and an amount of Rs. 58,10,98,054 /- was awarded as compensation/settlement amount in Motor Accident Claims, civil, criminal, labour disputes, Electricity and Water Bills cases, Land Acquisition, Family matters, cheque dishonor and Bank Recovery cases.

Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Amit Kumar Gupta, while talking to media persons appreciated the efforts of all the Judicial Officers, Secretaries DLSA's, Advocates, staff of the district and tehsil courts as well as Legal Services Institutions besides litigants for their whole hearted participation in the National Lok Adalat and playing an important role in settlement of cases.

He also highlighted the role of Para Legal Volunteers and the media, both print and electronic, in creating and spreading awareness amongst the masses regarding the initiatives of Legal Services Authority and about welfare schemes launched by the Govt. and Legal Services Authority. The 3rd National Lok Adalat is scheduled to be held on Saturday, September09, 2023.

## Bangladesh issues high alert as approaching cyclone Mocha turns 'very dangerous'

Dhaka: Bangladeshi authorities on Saturday ordered hundreds of thousands of people on southeastern coastlines to evacuate as a "very dangerous" tropical cyclone was expected to make landfall in the country, threatening the Rohingya refugee camp, the world's largest.

Cyclone Mocha, one of the most powerful cyclones seen in Bangladesh in nearly two decades, is predicted to make landfall on Sunday near the Bangladesh-Myanmar border.

"Directives have been issued to evacuate to safety hundreds of thousands in our southeastern coastlines," a disaster management ministry spokesman told PTL.

His comments came after Bangladesh's Met office released its latest special weather bulletin asking the maritime ports of southeastern Chattogram and Cox's Bazar to hoist "great danger signal number 8".

The Met Office said the "very dangerous" cyclonic storm Mocha continued to move to the north northwest packing winds up to 175 kilometres per hour.

The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) earlier on Friday feared a storm surge of 2-2.5 metres over the weekend that was likely to inundate low-lying areas of North Myanmar as well as parts of Bangladesh where flash floods and

landslides were also possible. "It's a very dangerous cyclone and...it's associated with violent winds...There will be major impacts both ahead and after landfall for potentially hundreds of thousands of the world's most vulnerable people," WMO spokesman Clare Nullis told a press briefing in Geneva.

Meteorologists said the storm's path is set to affect Bangladesh's southeastern border district of Cox's Bazar where over a million Rohingya refugees live. Most of them fled to neighbouring Bangladesh after a military-led crackdown in Myanmar in 2017.

Their shelters are made of bamboo, tin and polythene sheets and are vulnerable to strong winds, rain, and landslides. According to the Disaster Management Ministry, more than 1,500 cyclone centres have been set up, with a target to evacuate 500,000 people in the two districts.

"We're focussing on the efforts to ensure adequate food, safe shelter and special care for women, children and the elderly," the ministry's spokesperson said.

Volunteers and government workers were requesting the residents of the coastal areas to move to safety before Saturday night a government spokesman said "We have stocked food for one week".

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#### Discovery Of Rare

in Dal Lake is an alligator gar fish, sighted for the first time in Kashmir.

"This fish is not harmful. However, we don't have any research on it as this is the first time it has been seen here in Dal Lake," Dr. Farooq told the media.

Meanwhile, the department of fisheries, Kashmir has written to LCMA for handing over of the fish to them so that a detailed research can be done.

An official from the fisheries department told Kashmir Observer that the fish is dead but has been preserved by the LCMA and they have written to the VC, LCMA for handing it over to their department.

"We will hand over the fish to the fisheries department of SKUAST where they will carry out a detailed research. Our first priority will be how the fish came to Kashmir," said Rafiq Ahmad Sofi, Chief Project officer, Gagribal, Srinagar.

Sofi said the department has taken this issue very seriously and has started the investigation and will ascertain whether it is an alligator gar or other species.

"This is a banned fish. Our prima facie investigation tells us that somebody has apparently found this in their aquarium and then released it in Dal," Sofi added.

According to researchers, the alligator gar is one of the top predators in its natural freshwater environment. It is an ambush predator that lies in wait for prey and then attacks with its large jaws. The gar's good vision and ability to sense chemicals seem to be the main means by which they detect prey in the water.

#### Congress Wins

with a vote share of 38 per cent.

Of the six regions in the state, the Congress swept the Old Mysuru, Mumbai Karnataka, Hyderabad Karnataka and Central Karnataka regions. The BJP managed to retain its hold only in Coastal Karnataka while it was a mixed bag in Bengaluru.

Though its vote share decreased only marginally from 36.2 per cent to 36 per cent, the BJP's seat tally slumped to 65 from 104 in 2018. It was the second loss for the BJP after Himachal Pradesh in December last year.

As BJP leaders were contemplative in defeat, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the party could not make the mark "in spite of a lot of effort put in by everyone, including the prime minister and workers of the party".

"We will do a detailed analysis as the results conclude. We will take these results in our stride and try to reorganise the party for next year's Lok Sabha elections," said Bommai who won from Shiggaon.

As many as 14 ministers tasted defeat at the hustings.

The JD-S, which had hoped to be kingmaker, won 19 seats, down from 37 last time with its vote share decreasing to 13.32 per cent from 18 per cent in the previous elections. The Congress made huge inroads into the JD(S)' Vokkaliga stronghold in Old Mysuru region.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the Congress for its win and wished the party best in its endeavour to fulfilling people's aspirations.

With a much-needed victory in the crucial southern state in the Congress bag, celebrations broke out at its offices across the country, from Bengaluru to Bikaner and Ranchi to Ahmedabad, as party workers danced to drum-beats and burst firecrackers.

The Congress also hailed the Bharat Jodo Yatra for the party's success in the home state of party president Mallikarjun Kharge having won 15 of the 20 assembly constituencies in the state the Rahul Gandhi-led foot march passed through.

"The Bharat Jodo Yatra was the Sanjeevini for the party," Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh told PTI.

A campaign against corruption, guarantees of dote and consolidation of Muslim votes appear to have underpinned the Congress victory that was also aided by anti-incumbency against the BJP government.

Congress party's hyper-localised campaign, a bold gambit of a proposed Bajrang Dal ban, a promise of five guarantees, prominence to state leadership and deft caste and class combinations in Karnataka could, going forward, serve as a template to counter the hitherto successful blend of BJP's "welfare outreach" and Hindutva politics. Assembly elections are due in the next one year in Telangana and Madhya Pradesh as also in Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, where it is in power

"I am happy we contested the Karnataka polls without using hate, bad language. We fought the polls with love. In Karnataka, the market of hate ('nafrat ka bazaar') has closed down and shops of love ('mohabbat ki dukanein') opened," said former party chief Rahul Gandhi, who has been disqualified as Lok Sabha MP after he was sentenced by a Gujarat court to two years in prison in a defamation case.

The strength of the poor has defeated the power of crony capitalists and this will happen in all states, he added amid loud cheers by party workers at the Congress' headquarters in Delhi.

"This is the victory of 'janata janardhan'," Kharge said, adding, "All our leaders have worked unitedly and people have voted for our guarantees." People want politics of issues concerning the masses and tactics of deviating

from major issues would not work is the message from Karnataka, said AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

The result, said senior state leader Siddaramaiah, will be a stepping stone for a Congress victory in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. He will be entering the Karnataka Assembly for the ninth time.

Shivakumar was effusive in his praise of the Gandhi family.

"I can't forget Sonia Gandhi visiting me after the BJP people jailed me," an emotional Shivakumar told reporters, adding he had told the Gandhi family and Kharge that he would deliver Karnataka to them.

Congress' empathic win came as a much needed psychological booster for the party ahead of next year's Lok Sabha elections, firming up its position as the ruling BJP's principal challenger, and ending the recent cycle of electoral losses.

A victory in the first major state since 2018 not only puts the Congress back in the game for the General Elections, it also re-establishes the party's primacy in the opposition space which is currently vastly fragmented.

Having tasted victory after a long gap, the party's strategy to give precedence to local leadership has also helped as it worked both in Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka, though not in Gujarat, and the party has credited the people of Karnataka for this win. The Congress' contention that BJP's central leadership slighted Lingayat leaders also seemed to have found traction.

The BJP suffered massive losses in its bastion of northern Karnataka, a stronghold of the Lingayat community which had traditionally supported it. Quite a few BJP rebels have won, while a large number of Lingayat candidates of the Congress have also scored victories.

The high-profile defections of leaders such as Jagadish Shettar and Laxman Savadi also helped the Congress breach the Lingayat stronghold of the BJP.

The BJP ran a high-pitch campaign around planks which were more national than local.

Its top central leaders sought a fresh mandate in the name of a double-engine government, strengthening the Centre's development push, the Congress' alleged corruption in the past with a dash of Hindutva as they invoked 'Bajrang Bali' to counter the opposition's promise of tough action, including a ban on Bajrang Dal. The Bajrang Bali issue stole the limelight and roused the party's base but has apparently failed to bring new votes.

Prime Minister Modi made this a big campaign issue and had come down heavily on the Congress over its poll promise, saying the opposition party in its manifesto, "decided to lock up Lord Hanuman.

Attacking the Bommai government over corruption, the Congress in its campaign had alleged it was a "40 per cent commission" government. PTI

#### PM Congratulates

121 seats and was leading in 15 more in the elections to the 224-member assembly.

#### Investments in J&K

Jammu Ramesh Kumar, Director General, Industries & Commerce, Jammu Anoo Malhotra, Secretary in the Industries & Commerce Department; Smita Sethi.

#### Fresh PSA Detention

the detention order is rendered illegal.

Subsequently, the court quashed the detention order (59/DMP/PSA/22) dated 25 June 2022, passed by the District Magistrate, Pulwama, against Bhat and directed authorities including Jail Superintendent concerned, to release them forthwith provided he is not required in any other case.

#### Inter-State Narco-

the district at a pre-decided location to take a consignment of narcotics, a search operation was launched in the Zurhama area of Trehgam.

During the operation, four persons were arrested when they were in the process of exchanging smuggled narcotics and cash among themselves, the official said.

He identified them as Yousuf Bokra, a resident of Rathanpora Kralpora; Showkat Ahmad Khatana, a resident of Meliyal Kupwara; Maroof Ahmad Mir, a resident of Jumagad and at present living at Zurhama Kupwara; and Laba Masih, a resident of Awan Ramdas Ajnala in Amritsar district of Punjab.

During preliminary investigation, it has transpired that the narcotic consignment has been sent by two Pck-based militant handlers of LeT namely Manzoor Ahmad Mir, and Asad Mir, both originally residents of Jumagund Kupwara, who have ex-filtrated to Pck in early 1990s to join terrorist ranks, the official said.

Both Manzoor and Asad have over a period of time become militant handlers of LeT and mainly acting as launching commanders besides pushing narcotics and weapons to sustain militant activities in J-K, he said.

#### Mughal Road

department official said.

Traffic will be allowed from Poonch and Shopian on alternate days from 10 am to 2 pm as the road is still narrow at some places with maintenance and snow clearance operations under progress, the official said.

There was at least a month's delay in re-opening the road due to frequent snowfall

hampering the clearance operation.

Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has already announced the construction of a Rs 5,000-crore tunnel at Pir Ki Gali to transform Mughal Road into an all-weather road.

The move came as a big relief to the residents of Poonch and Rajouri demanding the road's re-opening for the past month.

"The road was supposed to open in March but the delay in its reopening limited our operations mostly to Poonch and Rajouri districts," a cab operator said.

He expressed hope that the resumption of traffic on the road will provide additional earnings opportunities and ensure timely instalment payments on the bank loans on their vehicles.

#### Student's Death

His body was shifted to Government Medical College in Kathua for postmortem, they said.

The body of the deceased was handed over to his family for last rites on Saturday morning but they refused to accept it and later staged a sit-in at Lakhampur, demanding an inquiry into the circumstances leading to the death of the youth, they said.

Senior civil and police officers visited the protesters and persuaded them to disperse, assuring a fair investigation under inquest proceedings, the officials added.

#### Man-Eater Bear

their livestock, besides having damaged graveyards in Rajpora, Shatigam and adjacent areas. Soon after getting information cages were set up at multiple locations and after hectic efforts the bear was captured," he said.

Meanwhile, a man was injured after he was attacked by a leopard in Authoora village in north Kashmir's Baramulla district today.

He said soon after the incident he was shifted to a nearby hospital.

He has been identified as Ghulam Haider Pandith of Authoora Kreeri.

Meanwhile, an official said that they are efforts are on to capture the leopard and appealed to the people to remain cautious.

#### Waqf Probes

donations and properties at Ziyarat Shareef Rayil Gund.

The inquiry team comprises of Nazir Ahmad Wani (supervisor), Manzoor Ahmad Shah and Khursheed Ahmad Sheikh.

As per the per, the committee has been asked to submit its report within seven days.

#### Electricity Shock

incident and started further proceedings in this regard.

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## JKSC Starts Door To Door Campaign For Mass Fitness

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** In a first of its kind initiative, J&K Sports Council team headed by Divisional Sports Officer Kashmir Nuzhat Farooq launched a campaign for mass awareness on Saturday.

The DSO along with other officials toured many places of Downtown, Srinagar and visited Bagh-i-Waris Khan play field and park, Ghani Memorial Stadium Rajouri Kadal and Radpora play field in Rainawari.

The team interacted with scores of people including both old and young and made them aware about the benefits of fitness and healthy lifestyle and the advantages that a healthy body offers in day to day chores of life.

The Divisional Sports Officer also informed the public about the Golden Age event scheduled to be held in Gani Memorial Stadium on 14th May.

Appreciating the door to door



campaign of Sports Council advocating for healthy lifestyle, Sarmad Hafeez Secretary Youth Services and Sports termed this as an out of box idea to make society healthier and fitter.

Meanwhile, the North and South Kashmir playfields remained abuzz with the sports activities. A cricket tournament commenced in Kunzar Baramulla in which 64 teams from the adjoining areas of the district are participating.

## District Rugby Championship Begins In Bandipora



Observer News Service

**BANDIPORA:** A two-day long District Rugby Championship Bandipora 2023 kick started at SK Stadium. SSP Bandipora Lakshay Sharma was the chief guest on the occasion.

Around 24 teams from different schools and clubs of the district both boys and girls of all age categories participated in the event. The chief guest of the occasion while addressing the participants congratulated

the organizers of the event.

This championship is being organized by District Rugby Association Bandipore in collaboration with District administration Bandipora under SVEEP program. The event was conducted under the aegis of J&K Rugby Association which is recognized by J&K sports Council.

Chief organizer Fasil Ali Dar said thanked District Administration Bandipora for the outstanding support in conducting the event successfully.

## CSK Play KKR, Look To Improve Play-Off Chances

Press Trust of India

**CHENNAI:** Four-time champions Chennai Super Kings will clash with Kolkata Knight Riders in the Indian Premier League match in Chennai on Sunday, hoping to strengthen their chances of sealing a play-offs berth.

The Super Kings, with 15 points (12 matches) are better placed to go through to the next stage, while KKR (10 points) need to win their two remaining games and hope other results go their way.

Mahendra Singh Dhoni's team comes into the match with two wins on the bounce and, like always, will be tough to beat at their 'den'.

For the home team, the opening batters Devon Conway (420 runs) and Ruturaj Gaikwad have been providing solid starts.

Though Moeen Ali, Ravindra Jadeja and Ambati Rayudu



have not had the desired impact, the Super Kings have managed well.

The bowlers, Matheesha Pathirana in particular, have done the job for the skipper. Tushar Deshpande, albeit expensive, has managed to pick up wickets. KKR will also fancy their chances based on the presence of spinners, who have made an impact.

Skipper Nitish Rana and Venkatesh Iyer have been the

better performers in the batting line-up and KKR would be expecting the openers to provide a solid start so that the rest can build on that.

The Knight Riders have to put behind the hammering at the hands of Rajasthan Royals on Thursday and approach Sunday's fixture with a positive frame of mind. A loss on the morrow could hurt their chances of advancing in the tournament. Match starts: 7.30 pm.

## LSG Beat SRH By 7 Wickets

Press Trust of India

**HYDERABAD:** Prerak Mankad anchored the Lucknow Super Giants innings with an unbeaten fifty to power his side to a seven-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Indian Premier League here on Saturday.

Opting to bat, SRH managed 182 for six after their batters failed to convert their starts.

In reply, LSG raced to victory with four balls to spare to return to winning ways after three matches.

Besides Mankad, who scored an unbeaten 45-ball 64, Marcus Stoinis (40) and Nicholas Pooran (44 not out) provided valuable contribu-



tions to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Earlier, wicketkeeper-batter Heinrich Klaasen top-scored for the home side with 29-ball 47.

For Lucknow, spin all-rounder Krunal Pandya (2/24) was the pick of the bowlers.

Brief Scores: Sunrisers Hyderabad: 182 for 6 in 20 overs (Heinrich Klaasen 47; Krunal Pandya 2/24) lost to Lucknow Super Giants: 185 for 3 in 19.2 overs (Prerak Mankad 64 not out; Glenn Phillips 1/10) by seven wickets.



## Pakistan Appoint New Zealand's Bradburn As Head Coach

Agencies

Pakistan have appointed former New Zealand all-rounder Grant Bradburn as the head coach of their men's team on a two-year deal after a successful spell as consultant, the country's cricket board (PCB) announced on Saturday.

Bradburn was in charge during Pakistan's recent home series against New Zealand, where the Babar Azam-led side defeated the tourists 4-1 in the one-day international series and split the five-match T20 international series 2-2.

The former Scotland head coach has previously served as

the fielding coach of the Pakistan side from 2018 to 2020 before a stint at their National Cricket Academy (NCA).

"Bradburn joins with plethora of coaching experience," PCB chairman Najam Sethi said in a statement.

"After having worked with our men's side before and at the NCA, he understands our culture and philosophy of cricket well and is an ideal candidate to take our team forward."

Pakistan recently appointed former head coach Mickey Arthur as team director ahead of their three-match ODI series against Afghanistan and the 50-over Asia Cup.

## PL: Southampton Relegated, United Push For CL Spot

Agencies

Southampton's relegation from the Premier League was sealed on Saturday while Manchester United rebounded from back-to-back losses to ignite its push for Champions League qualification.

After 11 years in England's top division, Southampton is heading down to the Championship after a 2-0 loss to Fulham sealed its fate with two games to spare.

That leaves two more relegation spots to fill and two of the four teams in most danger — Leeds and Nottingham Forest — are showing fighting spirit to avoid the drop.

Leeds held third-place Newcastle to a 2-2 draw and is only a point from safety, while Forest also drew 2-2 at Chelsea to stay three points above the bottom three.

Newcastle is now only ahead on goal difference from Man United, which beat Wolverhampton 2-0 to recover from losses on the road to Brighton and West Ham that let Liverpool back in the race for a top-four finish.

Newcastle and Man United have 66 points, four more than fifth-place Liverpool, with all three teams having three games left. Liverpool visits next-to-last Leicester on Monday. (AP)



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