

# G20: NSG, Marine Commandos Carry Out Sanitisation Exercises In Srinagar

Auqib Javed

**Srinagar:** The elite National Security Guard (NSG) commandos on Thursday carried out search and frisking operation in this capital city, while the Navy's Special Forces continued patrolling around the Dal Lake in run-up to the G20 meeting being held here next week under unprecedented security arrangements.

According to reports, a posse of NSG commandos on Thursday appeared in Lal Chowk area of the city here and carried out domination and security sanitisation ahead of the G20 meeting scheduled to begin on May 22. The commandos were accompanied by Jammu and Kashmir police and the paramilitary CRPF personnel during the exercise.

The security men reportedly checked the hotels in the city



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centre and collected some information from the owners and the staff as well. The NSG commandos also assessed the situation around Lal Chowk's Ghanta Ghar which is being renovated for the G20 meeting.

Likewise, the elite Marine Commandos (MARCOS) of the Indian Navy also carried out security drills inside the Dal Lake and the Sher-e- Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), the main

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## People Cautioned Against Suspicious ISD Calls

Scores of individuals in Jammu and Kashmir receiving calls and WhatsApp messages from suspicious international mobile numbers in a bid to spread rumours about upcoming G20 events has emerged as the latest security challenge in the Union territory.

The local police have issued an advisory cautioning the public against these numbers and urging them to remain vigilant. One such call from a suspicious number stated, "G20 delegates Kashmir is not India. The Modi regime is ill. G20 members boycott it in Srinagar -- save Kashmir Pandits."

Similar messages are being

circulated on WhatsApp, attempting to incite trouble and instigate a boycott of the G20 event. The Jammu police had on Wednesday identified the suspicious numbers as +44 7520 693559, +447418343648, and +44 7520 693134, and warned the general public to exercise caution and refrain from responding to any communication from these or other ISD numbers. These numbers are responsible for spreading anti-national messages and propaganda, they said.

"These numbers are spreading anti-national messages and propaganda, and the public should remain fully

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## G20 Meet A Historic Opportunity For J&K: LG

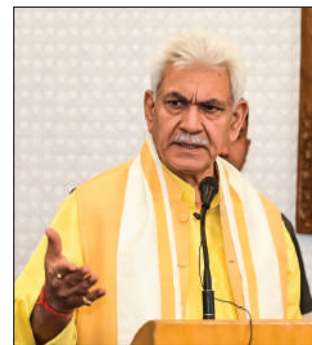
Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that the G20 meeting in Srinagar will give a new height to Jammu and Kashmir's growth, boost limitless potential of tourism & hospitality sector besides enhancing economic prosperity to all sections of society.

"G20 meeting is a historic opportunity for J&K UT to showcase its vibrant culture, traditions and tourism potential. It belongs to all the citizens and they should come forward and be a part of this historic event," Sinha said.

He made these remarks while interacting with the members of civil society groups, PRI members and representatives of various organizations and discussed the upcoming G20 meeting at Srinagar.

The LG also urged the civil society members to take advantage of this opportunity and encourage citizens, tourism and



industry stakeholders to contribute to its grand success.

He expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for providing a powerful platform for the G20 meeting for connecting local and global aspirations.

"G20 meeting will give a new height to J&K's growth, boost the limitless potential of the tourism & hospitality sector and enhance economic prosperity to all sections of society. It is also an opportunity for the handicraft sector

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**I WENT TO DOODHPATHRI WITH MY FAMILY** for a picnic on Sunday. However, on our return in the evening, every vehicle was being thoroughly checked by police and CRPF teams."

## ANANTNAG PANCHAYAT HIT BY SCAM

### Officials Withdraw A Million For Non-Executed Work

Agencies

**Anantnag:** A few employees from Block Office Larnoo in Anantnag district have fraudulently withdrawn around 10 lakhs without carrying out any work. Official sources that around Rs 10 lakh were withdrawn in Panchayat Halqa Larnoo A in Block Larnoo Anantnag for developmental work without spending a single penny on the ground.

They added that the amount was withdrawn under 14th FCA and inquiry has already started.

They said that it was done by the employees of the block and there is need to check whether other officials are also involved in it as they are supposed to release the amount only after proper ground verification of the ground. **More on P6**



A panoramic view of Dal Lake as captured by lensman Mushtaq Reshi on Thursday.

## PIL On Preserving Sonamarg

### HC Seeks 'Proposed Plan Of Action' Regarding Tourists, Yatris

M Ahmad

**Srinagar:** The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has sought by Monday "proposed plan of action" from the Government regarding requirements for tourists and smooth pilgrimage of the upcoming Amarnathji Yatra. Hearing a Public Interest Litigation on protection and preservation of Sonamarg resort, a Division Bench of Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice Moksha Kazmi asked the Government Counsel to take instruction from the authorities and inform the court about the same.

Earlier Government advocate Ilyas Laway informed the

court that a committee has been constituted in order to formulate a detailed blueprint of Tourism Development Authority Sonamarg for carrying out the developmental works and upcoming Yatra within the jurisdiction of the resort.

The committee includes Additional Development Commissioner, Ganderbal (Chairman), Chief Executive Officer (Member Secretary), Executive Engineer (Member), Tourist Officer Sonamarg (member), Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Sonamarg and others. The CEO has to present the whole scenario of TDA Sonamarg before the committee. **More on P6**



## Common University Entrance Test

### Centre Issue Likely To Get Resolved Today: KU

Agencies

**Srinagar:** The University of Kashmir (KU) Thursday said that the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) examination centre issue will get 'resolved' on Friday.

Vice-Chancellor of the varsity Prof Nilofer Khan said that it has taken up the CUET examination centre issue with the National Testing Agency (NTA) and Higher Education Department.

"We have taken up the matter with NTA, Higher Education Department and JK administration. Most likely it will get resolved on Friday as both the stakeholders have given us the positive response," Khan said.

She further said that the Higher Education Department has also informed us that it has already taken up the matter

with NTA and most likely, it will get resolved on Friday.

Pertinently, hundreds of aspirants of Common University Entrance Test (CUET) have expressed antipathy against the NTA for designating their examination centres outside the Jammu and Kashmir in contrary to their preferred venues.

The aspirants said that their preferred examination centres for the entrance test were changed from Jammu and Kashmir to other states by the examination conducting agency NTA.

Earlier, a number of NET aspirants of previous session have alleged that they could not appear in the entrance test—blaming the examination conducting agency for changing their preferred venues from Jammu **More on P6**

## Killers Of Mirwaiz Should Be Brought To Justice: AAC

Press Trust Of India

**Srinagar:** The Awami Action Committee led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Thursday said those involved in the murder of Mirwaiz Mohammad Farooq should be brought to justice.

"A few days before the 33rd martyrdom anniversary of Shaheed-i-Millat (Mirwaiz Mohammad Farooq) and the Hawal massacre, police said the accused have been arrested. If involved, they should be brought to justice as soon as possible. As the saying goes 'blood leaves its trail'," a statement issued by the executive committee of the Awami Action Committee (AAC) said on Thursday.

Police on Tuesday said it has arrested two persons who were allegedly involved in the killing of Mirwaiz Mohammad Farooq after evading the law for 33 years.

The AAC said the killing was a very painful and **More on P6**

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

### 3 'Anti-Nationals' Booked Under PSA

The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday booked three people under the Public Safety Act (PSA) for their alleged involvement in 'anti-national activities'. Tawseef Ahmad Parry, Ghulam Mohammad and Shahzad Ahmad Malik were booked under PSA after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent Authority, a police spokesperson said Thursday. The trio, he said, have been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot-Bhalwal Jail Jammu. "Pertinent to mention that many cases are registered **More on P6**

### Militant Hideout Busted In Poonch

Security forces on Thursday busted a suspected militant hideout and seized explosive materials in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, officials said. A search operation was launched by the 39 Rashtriya Rifles and the Special Operations Group in the district's Salani area during which the Army's sniffer dogs detected some suspicious improvised explosive devices (IED) and other materials from a hideout, the official sources said. The explosive materials were destroyed by a bomb disposal squad, they said. Mendhar SHO Sajad Ahmed **More on P6**

### 2 Killed As Mini-Bus Overturns



Two non-local labourers were killed, while seven others sustained injuries when a mini-bus overturned on the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway in Pulwama district, officials said. The accident took place near Gujar Bakarwal hostel in Awantipora area of the **More on P6**

### Youth Dies Of Electrocution

A 26-year-old youth who was injured due to electrocution while installing CCTV cameras in Sopore area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district on May 7, succumbed to his injuries on Thursday. The youth received electric shock accidentally while installing CCTV cameras for a local army unit near the camp in Sopore town. He said that in the incident, the youth identified as Danish was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment, where he was referred to Srinagar. "However, after 11 days Danish succumbed to his **More on P6**

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# Earth-size exoplanet discovered, potentially volcanically active

Press Trust Of India

Astronomers have discovered an Earth-size exoplanet, called LP 791-18 d, that may be carpeted with volcanoes and could potentially support life.

The exoplanet, orbiting a small red dwarf star about 90 light-years away in a southern constellation called Crater, could undergo volcanic outbursts as often as Jupiter's moon Io, the most volcanically active body in the solar system, the team of researchers, including those at Center for Astrophysics, Harvard & Smithsonian, US, said.

They found and studied the exoplanet using data from NASA's TESS (Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite) and the retired Spitzer Space Telescope, as well as a suite of ground-based observatories.

They have published their findings in the journal Nature.

The team said that the exoplanet, only slightly larger and more massive than Earth, is tidally locked, which meant that the same side constantly faces its star.

While the side facing the star would probably be too hot for liquid water to exist on the surface, the team suspected that the volcanic activity potentially taking place all over the planet could sustain an atmosphere. These conditions, they said, may allow water to condense on the dark side of the planet.

The planet's volcanic activity is being attributed to other planets in the same system, two of which were known to astronomers before LP 791-18 d was discovered,

including LP 791-18 c.

During each orbit, planets d and c pass very close to each other. During each close pass, the planet c, being much larger and more massive than d, produces a gravitational tug on the planet d, making its orbit somewhat elliptical.

On this elliptical path, planet d deforms slightly more every time it goes around the star. These deformations can create enough internal friction to substantially heat the



planet's interior and produce volcanic activity at its surface. Jupiter and some of its moons affect Io in a similar way.

The team said that planet d sat on the inner edge of the habitable zone, the traditional range of distances from a star where scientists hypothesize liquid water could exist on a planet's surface.

They further said that if the planet was as geologically active as they suspected, it could maintain an atmosphere.

Temperatures could drop enough on the planet's night side for water to condense on the surface, they said.

## Office Of The Chairman Allama Iqbal School Of Excellence Magraypora Pattan



### List of Managing Body

S.No.	Name	Parentage	Residence	Qualification	Occupation	Designation
01	Gulshan Akhter	Bashir Ahmad Malik	Magray pora Pattan	M.A , B.ed	House Wife	Chairman
02	Shabnama Bano	Bashir Ahmad Malik	Magray pora Pattan	M.Sc , B.ed	Principal of the school	Principal
03	Riyaz Ahmad Bhat	Late Gh Ahmad Bhat	Magray pora Pattan	B.Tech	Private employee	Vice chairman
04	Nuzhat Maqsood	Maqsood Ahmad Yatoo	Gosha bugh Pattan	B.A	Teacher of the school	Member
05	Ghulam Mouhi ud din Malik	Ghulam Rasool	Magray pora Pattan	Middle	Zamindar	Member/parent
06	Humaira Jan	Ghulam Nabi Lone	Naidkhai sonawari	M.A	Teacher of the school	Member
07	Mohammad Yas- een Malik	Mohammad Shabaz Malik	Magray pora Pattan	Graduate	Social Activist	Member
08	Mushtaq Ahmad Malik	Yasir Ahmad Wani	Magray pora Pattan	Middle	Panch	Member/Parent

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S.No.	Name Of Teacher	Parentage	Residence	Qualification
01	Shabnama Bano	Bashir Ahmad Malik	Magray Pora Pattan	M.sc B.ed
02	Humaira Jan	Ghulam Nabi Lone	Naidkhai Sonawari	M.A
03	Saiyima fayaz	Fayaz Ahmad Malik	Magray Pora Pattan	B.A
04	Nusrata Banoo	Manzoor Ahmad Yatoo	Gosha Bugh Pattan	M.A
05	Zargha Javid	Javid Ahmad Wani	Gosha Bugh Pattan	B.A
06	Nuzhat Maqsood	Maqsood Ahmad Yatoo	Gosha Bugh Pattan	B.A

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## Roll Statement Of Allama Iqbal School Of Excellence Magraypora Pattan (SESSION:- 2023-2024)

S.No	Class	Number Of Boys	Number Of Girls	To- tal
01	Pre-Nursery	12	07	19
02	Nursery	09	05	14
03	LKG	04	04	08
04	UKG	03	03	06
05	1st	01	05	06
06	2nd	Nil	04	04

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## Monthly Fee Structure Of Students Of Allama Iqbal School Of Excellence Magraypora Pattan (Session:- 2023-2024)

S.No	Class	Admis- sion Fee	Monthly Tu- tion Fee
01	Pre-Nursery	Nil	220
02	Nursery	Nil	250
03	LKG	Nil	270
04	UKG	Nil	280
05	1st	Nil	310
06	2nd	Nil	320

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**Government of Jammu & Kashmir**  
**Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Forest Division Shopian.**  
 e-NIT NO.:- 01 of 2023-24 DATED:- 16-05-2023

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited from registered, reputed and resourceful Contractors/Firms registered with Jammu & Kashmir Govt./Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:-

Particulars of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security Amount in Rs	Class of contractor	Cost of Tender Document Rs.	Time of completion
Standard Nursery Maintenance Operations for Polybags Plants of Nagbal Nursery. No. of Polybags 1 <sup>st</sup> Year = 111400= 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year=148000= 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year=66440= Name of Forest Nursery: Central Nursery Nagbal Location of Nursery: Nagbal Shopian Range: SC Shopian Division: Shopian.	5.489	Rs.10978=	D and C	Rs. 300	Six calendar Months
<b>Note: Operations include weeding, hoeing, segregation, shifting of Polybags, re-stocking, fungicide, Pesticide, DAP, Urea and Replacement of old rotten Polybags 25% including cost of Polybags</b>					
Standard Nursery Maintenance Operations for Polybags Plants at Shahpayeen Nursery padpawan and Small Nursery at Range Premises Pulwama. No. of Polybags 1 <sup>st</sup> Year = 57000= 1 <sup>st</sup> year=16000= Small bags Name of Forest Nursery: Shahpayeen Nursery padpawan Location of Nursery: Padpawan Shopian Range: Shopian, Division: Shopian. No. of Polybags 1 <sup>st</sup> Year = 5000= 2 <sup>nd</sup> year=3000= Name of Forest Nursery: Small Nursery at Range Premises Romshi Location of Nursery: Washbugh Pul. Range: Romshi Division: Shopian. Note: Operations include weeding, hoeing, segregation, shifting of Polybags, re-stocking, fungicide, Pesticide, DAP, Urea, etc.	1.114	Rs.2228=	D	Rs. 200	Six calendar Months

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bills of quantities, (B.O.Q) set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Website:- www.jktenders.gov.in.

Position of AA: Accorded  
 Position of T/S: Accorded  
 Position of Funds: Budgeted

Publishing Date:-	16-05-2023
Download Start Date:-	17-05-2023 from 07:00 PM
Bid submission Start Date:-	17-05-2023 from 07:00 PM
Bid submission End Date:-	27-05-2023 upto 06:00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid Online.	29-05-2023 at 02:00 PM in the Office of the Conservator of Forests Kashmir South Circle Bijnbehara Anantnag.
Date of Opening of Financial Bid Online:	To be opened (Online) at any convenient date and time after complete Evaluation of Technical Bids Received.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: https://jktenders.gov.in.
- Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Chalan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Bid Security in the shape of EMD for requisite amount and pledged to Divisional Forest Officer Shopian.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e. Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/Forest Dept. duly renewed for the current year 2023-24, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document), Bid Security (EMD), Affidavit-cum-Undertaking
- The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.
- As per rule 171 of GFR-2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.
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No: DFO/SPN/2023-24/110-15  
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## Office Of The Superintending Engineer, Procurement, JPDCJ, Jammu, Rail Head, Jammu J&K

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No: SE/PRJ/TS/507

Dated: 17-05-2023

### NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

e- NIT NO. SE/PRJ/13/2023-24  
 Dated: 17.05.2023

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## UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR, SRINAGAR Office of the Dean Research

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In continuation of this office admission notification No:F(Ph.D Adm)Res/KU/23 dated 25-04-2023, it is notified for the information of all the concerned that the creation and addition of fresh vacancies in the subjects have been made. Subsequently, last date for submission of online application forms for Ph.D programme in the University of Kashmir is extended upto and including 26th of May, 2023.

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03	Mohd Iqbal Mir	Botony	Botony	4 years
04	Fayaz Ahmad Sheikh	MSc	Zoology	3 years
05	Bilal Ahmad Parry	M. Sc, B.Ed	Mathematics	7 years

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Present:- Ms Tabasum

Shah Faisal Applicant

v/s  
 Registrar Births & Deaths SMC, Srinagar. (Non-Applicant)

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Whereas an application has been received from the applicant for registration of Birth of Shah Faisal in the records of SMC Srinagar. Objection, if any, be submitted in writing before the undersigned within seven days from the date of this Publication. The details of the Person are as under:-

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Sex:-MALE

Father's Name:-Mohd Rafiq Sofi

Mother's name: Gulshan

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Residence:- Dana Mazar Safa Kadal Sgr

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## JKEDI Organizes One-Day Exposure Visit For Students On G20

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Director, Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) presided over a one-day awareness cum exposure visit organized by the Institute in collaboration with Institutions Innovation Council (IIC) of Government Degree College (GDC), Beerwah.

Startups, innovation, and technology are among the core agenda items of India's G-20 presidency and by conducting such programs, JKEDI aims to extend this agenda and foster a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation among the youth of J&K.

On the occasion, students visited the Innovation Labs at JKEDI and interacted with the team of Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Business Modeling (CIIBM), JKEDI.

The team from CIIBM briefed the students about the startup ecosystem of

the UT and made them aware about various Government incentives and programs available for aspiring entrepreneurs. It also informed the students about the significance of India's presidency of G-20 this year and about the Startup 20 consultative group.

"Hosting G-20 summit in J&K presents a diverse opportunity for the startups with innovative ideas looking for access to global markets and investors. It is a platform for youth to come up with solutions to address issues and problems," said Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, Director JKEDI. He stressed on the students to understand and contribute positively towards making J&K's startup ecosystem sustainable and vibrant.

Senior faculty members and officers of the Institute participated in the program. The program included focused sessions on the startup ecosystem.

## SP College Launches Signature Campaign Against Drug Trafficking, Abuse

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The NSS Units of Sri Pratap College today launched a signature campaign against drug trafficking and drug abuse as part of the institution's constant efforts to create awareness regarding drug abuse.

The campaign was launched by the Director Colleges Higher Education Department, Prof (Dr) Yasmeen Ashai and the Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr) Ghulam Jeelani Qureshi.

Director Planning HED, Ashu Gupta,

Principals of Degree Colleges, police personnel also marked their signature in support of the campaign.

Prof Yasmeen Ashai urged the students to take the campaign seriously so that the awareness regarding drug abuse reaches every section of the community.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal of the College directed the NSS volunteers to take the campaign beyond the boundaries of the college and involve people from other institutions to strengthen the campaign.



Amid ongoing projects being undertaken under Srinagar Smart City Ltd, NSG commandos carried out area domination in Lal Chowk two days ahead of proposed G20 meeting in Srinagar. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

## We Cover 5.7 Km Every Day, Says R&B Chief On Road Repairs

Of The Total 1600, '250 Km Stretch Cleared In A Month'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department has taken up the resurfacing, macadamization, and upgradation of roads in the valley early, compared to the previous year.

Chief Engineer R&B Kashmir Rafiq Ahmad Rafiq said the department has so far cleared a road stretch of around 250 kilometers.

"The restoration, resurfacing and upgradation of roads had been started early this year with a target of road stretch of around 1600 kilometers falling under their domain, and will be cleared with all required upgrades," Rafiq said, adding, "The restoration work has started early this year and of the allocated 1600 km road stretch, we have so far cleared 250 km."

Although the rainfall last month made some impediments following the dry weather, we continued the work, he said.

The Chief Engineer said that last year the restoration and resurfacing work started in April,

while in the present year; the work was started around February. The scheduled G-20 event in the month of May in Srinagar also paced up the work and in Srinagar, we cover around 5.7 km every day, he said.

In district Srinagar, a road

department officials, Srinagar has a road stretch of around 1758 km of which 1394 km road stretch is being looked up by the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), while the remaining road stretch falls under the depart-

**The restoration, resurfacing and upgradation of roads had been started early this year with a target of road stretch of around 1600 kilometers falling under their domain, and will be cleared with all required upgrades**

stretch of around 400 km falls under our domain for which the restoration work has already started, Rafiq said, adding, "All the required restoration, and resurfacing in Srinagar will be taken up. Currently, the work is being carried out at various locations in Srinagar."

According to the R&B De-

partment officials, Srinagar has a road stretch of around 1758 km of which 1394 km road stretch is being looked up by the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), while the remaining road stretch falls under the depart-

ment which also includes a minor road stretch falling in Budgam district. It is pertinent to mention here that people from several parts of the valley have been demanding blacktopping and upgradation of their roads, saying they experience a plethora of issues in both dry and rainy weather.

## Anjuman-E-Sharie Shian Urges Admin To Set Up CUET Exam Centers In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Anjuman-E-Sharie Shian on Thursday urged the government to set up examination centers at Srinagar for various under-

graduate (UG) courses.

In a statement, Spokesperson of the Anjuman Sharie, said that it is not possible for the students to afford air tickets to travel to other states and appear for entrance exams as most of them are hailing from margin-

alized communities.

Anjuman Sharie Shian has appealed to the administration to urgently look into the matter and ensure alternative exam centres for Kashmiri students to be established in Srinagar for the entrance exam.

## VC SKUAST Chairs 17th Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K, Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai, today chaired 17th Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting of Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo, was present as chief guest.

Director Extension SKUAST-K, Professor Dil Mohammed Makhdoomi co-chaired the meeting while Director Research SKUASTK, Professor Tariq H Masoodi, Dean Faculty of Agriculture Wadoora, Professor Riahana H Kant, Dean Faculty of Horticulture SKUAST-K, Professor Shabir Ahmad Wani, Associate Director Research MRCFC Khudwani, Professor Najeer ur Rehman Sofi, Associate Director Research, Professor Nasir A Dar, Senior Scientist and

Head KVK Kulgam, Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Ganai, scientists of KVK Kulgam and MRCFC Khudwani besides all chiefs and other officers of line departments, progressive farmers and entrepreneurs were present in the meeting.

Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K stressed on integration of mandatory work of Kendra with all the components of Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP) so that the activities listed under the plan are integrated and carried out in collaboration with line departments efficiently and in a time bound manner.

He emphasized the need for value addition and branding of agricultural produce for its profitable marketing.

Atal Dulloo, in his address, highlighted the decreasing factor productivity in agriculture and stressed that investment in agriculture needs to be

increased to enhance its productivity and profitability. He laid emphasis on value chain development for growth of agriculture and use of IT for dissemination of advisory and also for human resource development of the farming community.

Director Extension highlighted the determined efforts of the Vice Chancellor in bringing laurels to SKUAST Kashmir. He appreciated the efforts of KVK in carrying out their mandated activities religiously with focus on initiatives set to change the scenario of agriculture and allied sectors in the UT.

Director Research SKUAST Kashmir briefed about the research feats of the University and extended his thanks to Atal Dulloo for being a cornerstone to the newly launched HADP initiative in the UT.

Form No. 3  
See Regulation-15 (1)(a) /16(3)

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**Case No.: TA/9/2022**

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Exh. No.: 13988

JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK LIMITED  
VS  
MR ABDUL HAMID GANIE

To,  
(1) MR ABDUL HAMID GANIE D/W/S/O- S/O GHULAM QADJR GANIE  
R/O VILLAGE DANHMOO TEHSIL KREERI DISTRICT Baramulla JAMMU AND KASHMIR

(2) MR SHEIKH MUSHTAQ AHMAD  
S/O MOHAMMAD SULTAN SHEIKH R/O VILLAGE GUTTIYAR TEHSIL AND DISTRICT BARAMULLA UT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

(3) MR BASHIR AHMAD MIR S/O LATE OF MOHAMMAD SUBHAN MIR R/O VILLAGE GUTTIYAR TEHSIL AND DISTRICT BARAMULLA UT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

SUMMONS

WHEREAS, TA/9/2022 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 13/12/2022.

WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 2749549.20/- (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).  
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-

(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;  
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;  
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;  
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;  
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets, You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and before Registrar on 24/05/2023 at 10:30A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

BY REGISTERED POST, DASTI AS WELL AS Through e mail  
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Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)  
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### PRAYERS

FAJR	3:50
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ISHA	9:06

## This Day In History

- 1585 - Spain confiscates English ships
- 1635 - France's First Minister, Cardinal Richelieu declares war on Spain (Franco-Spanish War 1635–59)
- 1643 - Battle at Rocroi/Allersheim: French army destroys Spanish army
- 1643 Massachusetts Bay, Plymouth, Connecticut and New Harbor form the United Colonies of New England
- 1649 - England is declared a Commonwealth by an act of the Rump Parliament making England a republic for the next 11 years
- 1652 - Spanish troops occupy Grevelingen
- 1662 U - niformity Act of England goes into effect
- 1749 - George II grants charter to Ohio Company to settle Ohio Valley
- 1792 - Russian army enters Poland
- 1793 - Netherlands captures French island of St Maarten (held until 1795)
- 1796 - Game protection law restricts encroachment on Indian hunting grounds
- 1863 - Siege of Vicksburg, investment of city complete
- 1864 - Battle of Port Walthall Junction, Virginia (Bermuda Hundred)
- 1864 - Last engagement in series of battles known as Spotsylvania
- 1864 - Skirmish at Cassville, Georgia
- 1885 - German Chancellor Otto von Bismarck takes possession of Cameroon and Togoland
- 1900 - World's longest railroad tunnel (Simplon) linking Italy and Switzerland opens
- 1910 - Passage of Earth through tail of Halley's Comet causes near-panic
- 1919 - Kelud volcano on Java, erupts killing 5,160
- 1919 - Mustafa Kemal Atatürk lands at Samsun on the Black Sea coast, beginning the Turkish War of Independence
- 1926 -- French air force bombs Damascus Syria
- 1929 - Chinese warlord Feng Yuxiang declares war on Chiang Kai-shek's nationalist government
- 1939 - Churchill signs British-Russian anti-Nazi pact
- 1940 - Amsterdam time becomes MET (Middle European Time)
- 1940 - French counter attack at Pronne under Gen De Gaulle
- 1941 - Germany occupiers in Holland forbid bicycle taxis
- 1941 - New Nazi battleship Bismarck leaves Gdynia, Poland
- 1943 - Berlin is declared "Judenrien" (free of Jews)
- 1943 - Churchill pledges Britain's full support to US against Japan

## From KO Archives

## Mysterious Killing of Bangladeshis in Jammu

Observer News Service

JAMMU- The six Bangladesh nationals killed by the security forces at Abdullian post in R S Pora area of Jammu district on the night intervening May 16 and 17 have allegedly been done to death after their arrest a day earlier, reports said today. This is evident from the 'contradictory' versions of the police and the border security force (BSF) about the incident.

According to reports, the BSF had apprehended the six Bangladeshis from Abdullian in the R S Pora sector on Thursday. Quoting a BSF spokesman, the reports said they had been taken into custody after they infiltrated into the Indian side from the Abdullian post.

"Nothing incriminating was recovered from them," the spokesman was reported having said, adding that "they were later handed over to the local police."

However, in its daily bulletin issued by the police headquarters here yesterday, it was claimed that the Infiltrators' were killed by the security forces at Abdullian post R S Pora and that the deceased were Bangladesh nationals. The PHQ bulletin was silent about the arrest of the deceased and their being handed over to the police earlier

(Kashmir Observer, 19 May, 2000)



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Record Tourist Influx

Gulmarg, the famous picturesque ski resort, has become an unexpected winter wonderland in the midst of May. The site has experienced significant snowfall in recent days, transforming the landscape into a snowy paradise. With around 1 foot of snow still accumulated at Apharwat, Gulmarg has become a magnet for thousands of tourists from the mainland, seeking an escape from the scorching summer heat.

However, elsewhere also in the Valley, the last one and a half months have witnessed largely rainy weather pushing the temperature down. This has made tourists flock to Kashmir in large numbers. Around 2.5 lakh tourists visited the Valley in the first two months of this year and since then the numbers have only gone further grown. The recently concluded tulip festival attracted over 3.75 lakh tourists, while Gulmarg saw over 2 lakh tourists during the winter. Last year, J&K witnessed over 26.7 lakh tourist arrivals, the highest in the last three decades. These are impressive figures.

The growing tourism has gone a long way to shore up Kashmir economy and bring back employment lost to the successive security and Covid-19 lockdown. The boom in the sector is also having a positive spillover effect on other sectors. The sector forms 6.8 percent of Kashmir's GDP and employs over two million people.

But at a time when the tourism season is at peak, the skyrocketing airfares to Kashmir are playing a spoilsport. Tourism stakeholders have accused the airlines of applying higher fares to people travelling to Srinagar. This is true, air-tickets between New Delhi and Srinagar now go for between Rs 10,000 and Rs 15,000. So, it is time that the government steps in and ensures that the airfare to Srinagar is kept economical to encourage more people to visit.

That said, the UT administration has done everything to bring more tourists to the region over the last two years. Once the successive Covid lockdowns were over, the administration did everything to facilitate tourism. And ever since, there has been a steady increase in the flow of visitors to the Valley. This has brought back jobs lost during the pandemic. Going forward, the situation looks optimistic on this front. With peace holding, tourism can once again emerge as the mainstay of the local economy. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has already talked about bringing two crore tourists to the union territory this year, which is a fairly large number of people. The waning pandemic and the return of normalcy have created conditions for unhindered tourism in the Valley. The future looks bright if things stay the same.

OTHER OPINION

A job in Bengaluru

It was the culmination of a concerted statewide effort to which many contributed, and therefore several can now lay claim to it. The party must ensure that the compromise struck in Delhi does not come unstuck in Bengaluru — after all, it can ill afford for Karnataka to go the way of Rajasthan where its government is visibly unsettled by the prolonged Ashok Gehlot vs Sachin Pilot attrition. Going ahead, the challenge of balancing the ambitions and aspirations within, in a state where the Congress is still a lively political presence and robust organisationally, will call for wisdom and skill.

Bigger challenges await the new Siddaramaiah government. The veteran will need the formidable political capital he has already earned — as a pan-state leader and as an administrator who is also an ardent proponent of governance that is sensitive to minority concerns and the imperative of backward caste empowerment — to address them. The rout of the unremarkable Basavaraj Bommai government has not just handed the Congress a famous victory, it has also pointed to the uphill road ahead. The “40 per cent sarkar” label that contributed to bringing it down points not just to the BJP's dropping of the ball on corruption, but also to structural and systemic distortions, and a narrowing vision of the public good across governments and parties. The state which boasts of Bangalore as the hub of technological innovation and entrepreneurial energy needs a government that can take the next steps and set the bar higher both for the city and the state. Karnataka has waited much too long already for a “Karnataka model” of governance

As the Siddaramaiah government gets down to its job, it will also need to ensure that while addressing special needs, it looks upon the state's distinct regions and castes equally, and expands spaces for the minority. Both the CM and his deputy belong to south Karnataka and neither is from the so-far politically dominant Lingayat caste — the onus of fairness and even-handedness is on the new government. It must also dispel the anxieties that have assailed sections of Muslims in the state, due to provocations on the Bommai government's watch, from the hijab ban to the rows over “halal” and “love jihad” and economic boycott calls against a community. The onus of applying the healing touch is also on Karnataka's new government. It must use its decisive mandate to give Karnataka the government it deserves — and the change it has voted with its feet for.

Indian Express

Wasim Kakroo

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Mindful Fridays

Are Reels Affecting Our Real Life?

In recent years, social media platforms have witnessed the rise of a new and captivating trend called "Reels" which is a term given to short form videos on instagram. These short, snappy video clips often feature catchy music and rapid transitions, captivating users with their engaging content. However, as the popularity of Reel videos continues to grow, it is essential to understand the potential mental effects they may have on individuals. In today's article, I will explore the impact of Reel videos on mental well-being and offer insights into how we can navigate this digital phenomenon responsibly.

The Allure of Reel Videos: A Captivating Escape

Reels have become an enticing form of entertainment due to their captivating nature. The following concepts shed light on the psychological elements that make Reel videos so alluring.

Reels are designed to capture and retain viewers' attention. The rapid-fire format, coupled with engaging visuals and music, creates a mesmerizing experience. This quick-paced content can be particularly captivating, leading to prolonged consumption and potential addictive behaviors.

These videos often portray a polished version of reality, showcasing exciting lifestyles, breathtaking destinations, and picture-perfect moments. This curated content can foster feelings of escapism and induce a desire to escape from one's own life. It is important to recognize that what we see on Reel videos is often a highlight reel and not an accurate representation of everyday life.

The Dark Side: Comparisons and Self-Esteem

While Reel videos can offer a source of entertainment, they also have the potential to impact mental well-being negatively. This section delves into the psychological consequences of constant exposure to Reel videos.

Very often, these videos frequently depict individuals showcasing their talents, achievements, or physical appearances. Constant exposure to these "highlight reels" can lead to detrimental social comparisons. When users compare themselves unfavorably to the idealized versions presented on reels, it can contribute to feelings of inadequacy, self-doubt, and decreased self-esteem.

Such videos on social media often emphasize physical attractiveness, creating unrealistic beauty standards that can affect body image perceptions. Continuous exposure to flawless faces, perfect bodies, and curated beauty ideals can foster feelings of dissatisfaction, body dysmorphia, and a negative self-image.

Understanding the impact of reels on mental well-being is crucial for developing strategies to promote a healthier relationship with these digital platforms.

The Dangerous Effects of Reels on Mental Health

Research suggests a strong connection between increased social media usage and higher levels of anxiety and depression. Reel videos, with their fast-paced nature and curated content, can contribute to these negative emotions. The constant exposure to seemingly perfect lives and relentless social comparison may exacerbate pre-existing mental health conditions.

These videos can intensify the Fear of Missing Out, called FOMO in Gen-z lingo, a phenomenon where individuals feel anxious or left out when they perceive others having rewarding experiences they are not a part of. The constant stream of exciting and glamorous Reel videos may fuel FOMO and lead to feelings of dissatisfaction with one's own life.

Consider diversifying your social media feed. Curate your social media feed to include a diverse range of content that aligns with your interests, values, and goals. Follow accounts that promote body positivity, mental health awareness, and authenticity. By diversifying your feed, you can counterbalance the impact of Reel videos and expose yourself to a wider perspective.

It might also be a good idea to engage in offline activities. Balance your screen time with activities that bring you joy and fulfillment, such as hobbies, physical exercise, and face-to-face interactions. By actively participating in activities that bring you joy and fulfillment offline, you can reduce the significance of Reel videos in your life and maintain a healthier mental state.

However, if things get overwhelming, seek Support. If you find that reels or social media, in general, are negatively impacting your mental well-being, consider seeking support from friends, family, or mental health professionals. They can provide guidance, offer perspective, and help you develop coping strategies to navigate the challenges associated with digital media consumption.

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These bite-sized visual snippets are designed to captivate viewers' attention within seconds. Hence, such videos have also been accompanied by a concerning trend of rising impulsivity. The constant exposure to rapid-fire content can lead to shorter attention spans and impulsive decision-making. Viewers may find it difficult to focus on longer-form content or engage in sustained thought.

Navigating Reel and Real Life

Despite the potential negative impact, there are ways to enjoy Reel videos while preserving mental well-being. Following are the various ways for practicing responsible digital consumption.

Be aware of your emotional state and how Reel videos affect you. If you notice negative emotions surfacing, take a break and engage in activities that promote well-being, such as going for a walk, reading a book, or spending time with loved ones. Practice mindfulness while consuming Reel videos, reminding yourself that they often depict an idealized version of reality.

Limit Screen Time. Set boundaries for your social media usage, including Reel videos. Allocate specific time slots for engaging with digital content, and be mindful of not letting it consume a significant portion of your day. Consider using screen time tracking apps or features on your devices to help you stay accountable.



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Hidden Dangers of e-cigarettes

THIS is with reference to the write-up, “WHO thwarts our perception of e-cigarettes” in Kashmir Observer, dated February 28, 2023. Smokers have a wrong perception that e-cigarettes are the right alternate means for them to quit cigarette smoking. On the contrary, test results have shown that they could

cause potential health problems, including cancer, as they contain chemicals and toxins that are addictive. When you stop using them, you go into withdrawal and feel depressed, and incorrigibly tetchy. Researches have proved that use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) have not been shown to be effective in curbing and stopping cigarette smoking. Tobacco related toxins have also been found in the aerosol vapor of ENDS products. Tiny metal particles that are most likely from the casings and heating elements have been found in the aerosols created from this device. There is increasing evidence that inhaled nicotine from ENDS damages lung tissues and lowers

the body's natural resistance to infections and to cancers. It is a matter for concern that youngsters who use e-cigarettes are most likely to develop brain impairment.

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# Unimagining Muslim Women – The Spurious Art of Representation

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There is very little Muslim women, in particular, have gained from the spurious art of being 'represented' in the media. In film and TV it has given us the unironically crafted character arc of being abstractly, and totally inexplicably 'dehijabed' as a means of self-discovery and joy. There are scant few Muslim women on screen that aren't liberated by a mediocre white boy with a just-broken voice and boy-band hair whose super power appears to be depinning head cloth and inhibitions. Representations in literature remain honourably loyal to the age-old 'behind the veil' trope with its strong allusions to an 'Arabian Nights', heavily kohled, air thick with smoke, musk and mysterious flutes kind of vibe. Bless. And of course, in advertising we can't seem to divorce our long-standing friend, and humanising accessory that is the skateboard. Because Muslim women on wheels are more deserving of empathy and praise than when we come detached from our sporting prop.

The sometimes obsessive act of 'reimagining' the Muslim woman by those that aren't her is fraudulent in nature. In early orientalist art, with work going as far back as the early 19th century, the painterly gaze of artists from Europe and North America who depicted the Middle East and North African world as lands of 'beauty and intrigue', hit a frustrating wall when it came to Muslim women. Seeing Muslim women as an extension of the land they sought in conquest, they often depicted the women they were restricted from viewing in their work. Often their curiosity and lustful eyes would lead to fantasy depictions of the harems that so ignited their interest and which were so out of their visual reach.

These earliest portrayals of Muslim women were rooted in nothing other than the Western imagination of a hidden and unfathomable world; they are mirrors to those surveying men, and not windows into the lives and beings of their subjects. In fact, they have nothing to do with Muslim women, and totally ignore their reality. In this way, they speak more of those that are trying to imagine than those they

has become an acceptable, and lazy, shorthand for a seditious art supporting us.

It embodies the most obvious and insulting 'Muslim woman' as submissive, voiceless object' trope to make some supposedly tongue-in-cheek commentary about the art world. This art 'knowingly' claims to be the mirror and not the window, though the results and impact remain frustratingly the same – an entrenching of visual and symbolic tropes which objectify Muslim women and which provide a smug, self-congratulatory satisfaction to the audience who 'get it'.

If visual media plays architect to our cultural values, this constant barrage of imagery which paints the Muslim woman as subdued and subordinated does nothing to challenge the harmful assumptions regarding us, nor the material realities that underpin and reinforce it. It is effectively adding to a dumping ground of negative imagery associated with Muslim women and does nothing to move us forward culturally. In claiming to be disruptive, it reduces our worth to a symbolic opposite of a specific idea of 'modernity'. The Muslim woman is further objectified in the name of her de-objectification and the world of high art sets the visual tone and cultural precedent for representation in all art and media downstream from it. It further cements an infantilising narrative while claiming, in its purportedly visionary and groundbreaking position, to do the opposite.

Worryingly, we as Muslim women have come to accept it as part of our narrative. Tellingly, these images are overwhelmingly photographed and directed by men, and those that do not identify as Muslim. Their proximity to Muslim women – either as Muslim men, or hailing from a Muslim background, means they can to all intents and purposes, position themselves as allies, and their visually regressive work a clever act of solidarity. Often it is seen as a kind of benevolence, as though a mere reference to our continued dehumanisation is enough.

Its special trick is to bring the 'subtext' of how Muslim women are regressively portrayed, to the very surface. It claims by directly



leged backgrounds, in which the symbols of the 'oppressed' or 'disadvantaged' are used in crude and shocking ways to make vague and nebulous points. By employing a shallow symbolism, this trend seems to further that oppression, while claiming impunity for being 'socially conscious' or 'aware'. It is also a symptom of a more niche trend that exists amongst artists of a Muslim background. Many of whom gain popularity and currency from their secular identity and viewpoints in their homeland, while simultaneously depending on their Muslim identity to gain 'diversity' points and get their foot in the door in the West. This raises some pertinent and much needed questions about what passes as 'acceptable' identities, expressions and subjects in the global art world and why.

What do we feel comfortable viewing in sanitised frames, in our clinical galleries, and what does this say about our need for affirmation, and our generosity in extending understanding and solidarity?

These postmodern era representations of Muslim women are problematic for a number of reasons beyond just the sheer gall of using Muslim women as objects of juxtaposition. Just like advertising, broadcast and literature, this constant 'rediscovering' of the Muslim woman as human – having agency, complexity, whim and will, beauty and humour – done safely from behind the lens assumes a default audience position of seeing her as less so. It already sets the tone by which it wants to arrogantly act as a resistance to; the conceptual frame it puts Muslim women in is one of a submissive, static and one dimensional stereotype. In constantly 'rediscovering' Muslim women, it pushes us further away from the signified 'human'. It does nothing to advance a conversation which seems to be stuck on the surprise element of the Muslim woman as agent. This constant revisiting of the Muslim as anything other than an insentient, pliable being reinforces the assumption that she is so. It assumes very little of Muslim women to begin with, and works lazily from this vantage point alone.

It continues a centuries-old

conversation with the viewer – this time, rather than crafting and pandering to the ignorance of the audience, it gives it a knowing wink and nudge. This trend is not some altruistic ges-

sensation of Muslim women. It is congratulating an audience on the bare minimum of being able to potentially envision Muslim women outside of a narrow and constricted stereotype – not actu-



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attempt to conceptualise. Since this early practice of 'imagining' the Muslim woman, we have had a barrage of equally criminal 'reimagining' of Muslim women built upon and in response to this falsehood, and ultimately, someone else's ego and vanity.

The Muslim woman as a prop for others' sense of cultural and intellectual superiority is the common thread that unites this circus of caricatures that are dotted through western visual culture and history. All in the name of representing the unrepresentable.

Amongst the most frustrating of these genres, and the one which exemplifies this ballooning trend as charlatan in nature, is the 'high-art' world of photography which claims to use a post-modern, self-referential irony to subvert this dehumanising trend. The supposedly dissenting image of the darkly veiled, often niqabed, Muslim woman juxtaposed with some wildly annoying, superficial reference to 'modernity' as a statement about Muslim women not fitting a 'stereotype' is so tired and recycled, that it

visually referencing our subjugation – in simply foregrounding and 'ironically' engaging in this reductive symbolism of false representation of Muslim women – it is doing all the muscle work of exposing and deconstructing these stereotypes. Due to its modern, 'edgy', often urban or faux-parochial-twee aesthetic it is accepted as a 'minority' perspective – in as far as minority perspectives are understood – and is therefore automatically given the rubber stamp of 'authenticity' and speaking on our behalf.

It commands respect both due to this supposedly subversive look and nature, and in how unabashed and obvious it is – the inverted logic that the idea of putting a niqabi woman on a bike/holding a boombox/covered in a corporate logo is so obviously insulting, it has to be supportive? It's so shockingly rude, and saying the quiet bits out loud that it must be trying to make a point. Right?

This is part of a broader trend in the art world, made up overwhelmingly of those from privi-

man – in this case the paternal and aging art world – and himself. What is painfully telling is that most Muslim women do not in earnest engage with this suffocatingly limited paradigm. We do not base our understanding of ourselves or our faith on such ridiculously poor assumptions.

The idea of 'representing' Muslim women is erroneous because there is no homogeneity to represent.

The hijab itself as separate to us as women and as an expression of our beautiful faith remains something that will be alien to an external agent – be that men or non-Muslims – and which will resist the net of social, cultural and anthropological definitions or expressions. One of the many and Divinely set functions of hijab is to act as an equalizer – there is beauty in its democratising nature that is hard to discern in a world of mass consumerism and the hyper individualism that it breeds and feeds off. The hijab is not anchored in a value system which privileges a superficial beauty or the charms of fashion, and its notion of exclusivity or being 'seen'. Like Islam, the hijab demands more of us, intellectually and morally. And that is no bad thing.

For an edict that we are blessed to have been sent directly from Allah, it becomes impossible to discuss, analyse or dissect on any other terms than from Islam itself. The tools, language and experience of 'representing' hijab – be it visually or through other forms of media and literature – do not exist because it is Divinely ordained and therefore unfathomable to those that don't share that faith or experience. The problem isn't with the hijab, the issue lies with the very flawed nature of representation in a world that doesn't understand the beauty and sincerity of faith. The issue is the act of representation itself. Perhaps we would be better off dissecting,

ture working to humanise Muslim women and launder their public image – and that's even before we address the binary code it endorses. Rather, this art-work is self-indulgent, attributing humanity to the consumer of this media. It tells the audience they are generous for understanding, being in on the joke.

Once again, in continuing a tradition dating back to the birth of orientalism, it gives the audience, the surveyor, those that are doing the 'perceiving' the upper hand – it attributes superiority to them because they may be able to conceive this as a false repre-

ally attributing anything of substance to Muslim women outside of it. It is the art world equivalent of your, otherwise respectful, elderly History teacher telling you not to worry, he knows Muslim women can be 'modern' or reassure you that he knows not all of you wear that silly thing on your head – it assumes very little of the hijab itself, reducing it to a barrier for male consumption, and using it as a symbolic 'other' to modernity. Once again Muslim women are not part of, nor do we want to have anything to do with, the rambling and incoherent conversations between one

analysing and foregrounding this obsessive act of representing, of being able to fit neatly into a conceptual box, and what this says about our own self-flattery and ego, our own attempt to colonise knowledge and understanding in a world created by His Majesty.

In a world of Only Fans, ubiquitous cosmetic enhancement and a titanous beauty industry, the act of covering, and modesty as an endeavour, remains radical in the most unparalleled of ways. When we are encouraged to share, reveal our inner and outer world, the quiet act of keeping something to yourself will always defy understanding. Islam in itself is iconoclastic, it came and rebuked traditions and continues to defy and rebuke traditions today. As half the world continues to argue that the hijab is a tool of patriarchy furthered only by men, while the other half argue condescendingly that it is modern as though this is a qualifying feature, the truth remains that the hijab, and most women who have the privilege of wearing it, is centring Allah and not men, society, nor the concept of modernity. As women are encouraged to dress, redress, shape and reshape themselves in line with a standard that revolves around the male vantage, and changing fashions, the hijab and niqab will always remain a thing of curiosity and astonishment. This idea is simple not one that the art, corporate, literary or media world has the range to cover.

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# India to launch Gaganyaan mission by end of 2023 or 2024: Jitendra Singh

**Jammu:** India plans to launch an unmanned mission and send a female robot in the first and second missions, respectively, preceding the Gaganyaan human space-flight programme by the end of 2023 or in 2024, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Thursday.

He unveiled the country's ambitious space project's timeline during a media interaction.

"The first mission will be totally unmanned and after that we will send a female robot in the second one," he added.

Singh provided insights into the Gaganyaan project's progress.

"The main Gaganyaan will be launched at the end of 2023 or in 2024. It will be delayed a bit", Singh told reporters after a function here.

Singh said that before the actual Gaganyaan mission, "we will send a non-human mission". "It is important to go and come back safely. It will land in water. It will ensure the security of the person", he said.

He said that for the first time, an Indian-origin man will be going on an Indian mission. "Otherwise Rakesh Sharma had gone on a mission but it was a Russian mission. It is an indigenous mission with indigenous



astronaut, indigenous technical knowhow and indigenous funding. We should thank the PM for making funding available to this project. It was delayed due to COVID-19", he said.

Singh said the department had thought Gaganyaan would be launched within 75 years of India's independence "but it was delayed for two years due to Covid". "Some of the astronauts were being given training at a Russian institute. They had to come back. The two-stage training is now complete," he added.

As the nation's space agency gears up for these significant

milestones, the world eagerly awaits India's progress in space exploration and the historic moment when Gaganyaan will carry Indian astronauts to the final frontier, he said.

He also laid down a plan for Lithium extraction in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district.

"It is a matter of excitement for us. Let's see how it evolves in future. Lithium will be very important to our focus on clean energy in future as a cost effective source. A meeting is going on in which apart from top scientists, the CSIR director is taking part. She is an expert in the lithium

sector herself", he said.

The Union minister said that "first we will see the value of it after exploration and then further steps will be taken". "It will go into a phased manner. It depends upon the future results. However, we have started this process", he said.

He said India has started working in the green hydrogen sector. "The Prime Minister had talked about a green hydrogen mission from ramparts of the red fort. In the next 25 years, we might be exporting green hydrogen from here," Singh said.

To a question on Pakistan, the BJP leader said, "What Pakistan is doing is nothing new. It has been going on since 1947. Pakistan could not digest that Jammu and Kashmir is part of India. Those who are in power have the compulsion to rake up Kashmir (issue)".

He said that under the leadership of PM Modi, "India has risen to such a top place in the world, the so-called developed nations are seeing us with respect".

"Our economy has surpassed Britain's. In terms of startup ecosystem, we are Number 3. It is also a fact that the G20 is being held here under the leadership of Modi ji which shows that our status has risen", he added.

# Kiren Rijiju Removed As Union Law Minister; Replaced By Arjun Ram Meghwal

New Delhi: In a sudden development, Kiren Rijiju was removed as Union law minister on Thursday after less than a two-year stint that was marked by frequent run-ins with the judiciary. He was replaced by Arjun Ram Meghwal.

Rijiju has been given the relatively low-profile earth sciences ministry, which was earlier held by Jitendra Singh.

As the Union law minister, Rijiju took on the judiciary on several issues, including the collegium system of appointing Supreme Court and high court judges and described it as being "alien" to the Constitution.

While the decision to abruptly shift Rijiju out of the high-profile law ministry has come as a surprise, sources believe it may have been motivated by the government's wish to reset its ties with the higher judiciary as a sense of confrontation and one-upmanship appeared to mark their relationship.

The comments of the leader from Arunachal Pradesh, dubbing some retired judges as part of "anti-India" forces had also drawn a lot of flak.

He had claimed that a few

retired judges and some activists who are part of the "anti-India gang" were trying to make the Indian judiciary play the role of the opposition party.

Rijiju's removal from the ministry just a year before the national election underscores the government's desire to avoid confrontation with the higher judiciary, sources suggested.

The appointment of Meghwal, a Dalit face of the BJP from Rajasthan, also comes ahead of the assembly elections in the state slated for later this year.

A brief communique of Rashtrapati Bhavan said President Droupadi Murmu, as advised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has reallocated portfolios among ministers in the Union Council of Ministers.

"Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State be assigned the independent charge as Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice in addition to his existing portfolios, in place of Shri Kiren Rijiju," it said.

After the announcement of his removal, Rijiju took to Twitter and said, "It has been a privilege and an honour to serve as Union Minister of Law

and Justice under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji.

He also thanked Chief Justice of India Chandrachud, all judges of the Supreme Court, Chief Justices and judges of high courts, lower judiciary and law officers for the "huge support" in ensuring the ease of justice and providing legal services for citizens.

"I look forward to fulfilling the vision of PM Narendra Modi ji in the Earth Sciences Ministry with the same zeal and vigour I have imbibed as a humble 'karyakarta' of (the) BJP," Rijiju, a three-term Lok Sabha member from Arunachal Pradesh, said.

Hours after the announcement of Rijiju's removal, another statement said SP Singh Baghel, who was Minister of State in the Law Ministry, has been moved to the health ministry as minister of state.

Rijiju was named as law minister on July 7, 2021.

The Sports Minister and the Minister of State for Minority Affairs at that time, Rijiju got the coveted portfolio after the exit of senior BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad.

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### G20: NSG, Marine

venue of the G20 meeting in the Valley.

According to official sources, Marine Commandos were getting familiar with the Lake, five years after being deployed to secure the G20 meeting venue. They are carrying sophisticated weapons to eliminate any possible threat to the conduct of high-profile event.

"The Commandos will be patrolling inside Dal Lake on a regular basis till the G-20 event is over," they said.

Meanwhile, security arrangements elsewhere have been further strengthened for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the G20 meeting.

According to reports, checkpoints have been established at all the entry points leading to Srinagar. Joint teams of CRPF and police carry out uninterrupted searches of all vehicles entering the city.

CRPF men were also seen using IED detectors and sniffer dogs along the banks of Dal Lake to ensure road stretch was free from explosives.

"I went to Doodhpathri with my family for a picnic on Sunday. However, on our return in the evening, every vehicle was being thoroughly checked by police and CRPF teams," Syed Majid, a resident of Hawal, told Kashmir Observer.

He said that he witnessed unprecedented security arrangements with a gun-toting policeman or a CRPF personal standing in a state of alertness after a few feet and keeping a close eye on whosoever passes by.

Meanwhile, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Kashmir Vijay Kumar said that G-20 is peoples' event and not the administration's or police function.

"We have made elaborate security arrangements. A three-tier security cover will remain to ensure incident free events. Guests will come on May 22 and leave on May 25," he said.

The ADGP Kashmir said that police will put in place anti-drone equipment with the help of NSG and the army. "Police are fully capable to deal with any threat in water bodies but since Marine commandos were available, they have been deployed in Dal Lake and other bodies," he said, adding that police, CRPF and SSB teams will also be deployed in strength to foil any possible threats by militants.

To a query whether there would be any restrictions, ADGP Kumar said that no curbs would be placed anywhere.

"Some rumour mongers are spreading rumours about curbs. Strict action will be taken against such elements," he said.

The Kashmir police chief said that all the security teams have been properly briefed to ensure general people don't face any inconvenience during the G-20 event.

India assumed the Presidency of the powerful

grouping G20 from Indonesia on December 1 and is hosting about 200 meetings in 32 different sectors in multiple locations across the country. The third G20 tourism working group meeting will be held in Srinagar between May 22-24.

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

It comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the US and the European Union (EU). (With agency inputs)

### People Cautioned

alert towards these attempts and not respond to any of such suspicious calls," a police officer said.

He emphasised the importance of remaining fully alert and advised individuals to report any grievances or queries related to the matter to the cyber police station, nearby police stations, or police posts.

Moreover, if a person has any grievance or query related to the matter, the cyber police station or any nearby police station or police post can be contacted, the statement added.

### G20 Meet A

to script a bright future," the LG said.

Addressing the members of civil society groups, Sinha also talked about J&K's journey on the path of accelerated development and the remarkable progress registered in various sectors since 2019.

"Never before had infrastructure development taken place at the kind of speed witnessed in the past 4 years. We are marching forward with the common vision of peace, progress and prosperity. Let us all re-dedicate ourselves to make this event a memorable one with the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," he added.

The LG also said that the Tourism sector is recovering fast after being affected adversely due to covid pandemic.

"We are making several interventions to give new momentum to the tourism and hospitality sector," Sinha said, adding "Connectivity is the most important aspect not only for tourism but also for overall development. More than 1.50 lakh crore rupees worth highways & tunnel projects are being executed and the improved road & rail connectivity have brought J&K closer to the world,"

The LG also commended the contribution & cooperation of all stakeholders, civil society groups, and eminent citizens in the preparations of the upcoming G20 event starting from 22nd May in Srinagar.

Mayor SMC Junaid Azim Mattu, Chairperson, J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, DDC Chairperson Baramulla & Chairperson J&K Haj Committee Ms Safina Baig Besides civil society members, representatives of various organizations and religious heads shared their valuable suggestions for making the G20 event at Srinagar a grand success.

They also assured their support and cooperation in the smooth conduct of upcoming Mela Kheer Bhawani, Haj pilgrimage and Shri Amarnathji yatra.

### Gulmarg Witnesses

of a three-day Tourism Working Group meeting of the G-20 countries scheduled to take place in the valley from May 22.

In March, 1,19,350 visitors, 1,04,121 domestic, 14,032 local, and 1,197 foreigners visited Gulmarg. The numbers swelled up in April to 1,36,096, out of which 1,20,009 were domestic, 14,617 local, and 1,470 foreigners.

The April numbers are up from 95,989 in January.

The main attraction for the visitors is the Gulmarg Gondola Asia's largest and highest, and the world's second-largest and second highest cable car project.

The cable car alone has witnessed almost four lakh visitors since the beginning of this year.

The official figures suggest 3,99,998 visitors have taken the Gondola ride from January 1, 2023 to May 17.

We had a huge rush of tourists last year and received unprecedented numbers. The Gulmarg Gondola touched Rs 100 crore sales last year. This is good for the tourism industry, and the overall image of J-K, chief executive officer (CEO), Gulmarg Development Authority, Ghulam Jeelani Zargar, told PTL.

He said this year also, there is a huge rush of visitors.

Due to the G-20 event, a huge number of domestic tourists are arriving in Gulmarg. In fact, we will also be receiving foreign tourists because of the G-20 because a message will go across the world that Kashmir is very beautiful, and is not less in any way than any top or prestigious international destination, he said.

Gulmarg, famed for its breathtaking snow-capped mountains and glassy lakes, is a far cry from the dusty bustle of the plains, and finds a place on the holiday checklist of most Indians.

Gulmarg is a wonderful place. The road to the tourist resort is the best. We faced some problems at some other places, but not here. We want facilities to be at par everywhere, Prakash, a tourist from Maharashtra, said.

Another tourist, Jignesh Shah, said the resort was a great place and they faced no problems. Feel very happy, I am enjoying it. Gulmarg

is a great place, you can be here for 3-4 days. There is no problem, everyone should come here. Security personnel and local guides are helpful and you will face no problems, he said.

We feel very good here. The place and the weather is very good. This is a mini-Switzerland and people should keep it clean. We are proud of J-K, M S Chahal, a tourist from Karnataka, said.

Kashmir is the best place and the atmosphere at the resort is absolutely wonderful.

We are on a family trip and have been here for the last 3-4 days. The atmosphere is absolutely wonderful. We are enjoying ourselves. There is a tourist rush here. I think Kashmir is the best place for summer. Tourists should come here with their families. The people here are very good, the scenery is amazing. You will enjoy it here, Sunil Yadav, from Delhi, said.

While the main event will take place in Srinagar, the G-20 delegates are likely to visit the north Kashmir resort.

### Officials Withdraw

They added that if employees like GRS, Panchayat Secretary and others are involved in it but it isn't possible that they might have done it with the active help of junior engineers and officials of the rural engineering wing.

An official of the department said that they have already taken cognisance of the incident and a committee has been constituted to enquire into the matter.

He said that BDO Larnoo who was first person to bring the fraud to fore had already recovered around Rs 6 lakhs from the accused employees.

"As of now, salaries of three employees including Panchayat Inspector, Panchayat Secretary and GRS shall be withheld till conclusion of the enquiry and enquiry committee has been directed to submit report within seven days," he said.

ACD Anantnag Riyaz Ahmad Shah told a local news agency KNO that this incident has happened a few months ago after a GRS had misused the digital signature of Panchayat Secretary and others and a file for disengagement of GRS has been submitted to higher ups.

"The salaries of three employees have been withheld as they have failed to make the 100 percent recovery and their involvement in the mismanagement of funds is also being checked. But their involvement hasn't been proved yet," he said.

He said the final enquiry report is expected to come in next two weeks and the departmental action will be initiated against the employees who are found to be involved in the embezzlement of funds.

### HC Seeks 'Proposed

The committee has to define the scope of works including the objectives and timelines.

The committee has been asked to seek the inputs from the public and all stakeholders to ensure the blueprint reflects the needs and aspirations of all stakeholders. "Once the blueprint is complete, the committee should review and finalize the blueprint ensuring that it is aligned with the goals and objectives of TDA Sonamarg", reads the Government order.

Pertinently the court on previous hearing had directed that all construction activities in Sonamarg area shall be strictly as per the Master Plan of 2005-2025 till the new Master Plan is finalized and published in public domain.

### Centre Issue

and Kashmir to other states—(KNO)

### Killers Of Mirwaiz

tragic part of the history of Kashmir.

"A visionary leader who espoused dialogue, tolerance and people's will as his ideology, Mirwaiz Mohammad Farooq's brutal assassination is unpardonable," it said.

It said those involved in the Hawal massacre, which happened during the funeral of Mirwaiz Farooq, in which more than 70 people were killed, should also be brought to book.

### 3 'Anti-Nationals'

against these persons and were involved in anti-national activities and despite their involvement in many FIR's they did not mend their anti national activities", the spokesperson added.

### Militant Hideout

said a suspected IED was recovered.

It was destroyed in the presence of the village sarpanch and other prominent persons of the area, he said.

### 2 Killed As

south Kashmir district, they said.

Two labourers from Madhya Pradesh died on the spot while the injured were taken to a hospital. A case has been registered, officials said.

### Youth Dies Of

injuries today morning," the official said.

Meanwhile, a senior police official said that Danish had received grievous injuries due to accidental electric shock on May 07 and today morning he succumbed to his injuries during treatment.

"Local administration, police and army provided all the required assistance to the family during the hospitalisation of the injured youth. Further, all necessary support is being provided to the family," he said—(KNO)

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# Tourists Throng Snow-Filled Meadowland Of Bhaderwah

## Local Businesses To Get Much-Needed Boost

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Tourists in large numbers have begun to make a beeline for the snow-filled meadowlands of Jammu and Kashmir's Bhaderwah Valley, rekindling hope among business people here that it would boost the local economy which is still dealing with the aftereffects of the Covid pandemic.

Unseasonal snowfall over the past few days has spread a wonderful cover of white carpet on the green meadows, adding to their mundane beauty and bringing to life the high-altitude Guldanda meadow (9,555 feet) and Chattergalla pass (10,400 feet), which are brimming with visi-

tors from across the country.

Located on the Bhadarwah-Pathankot National Highway about 35 km northeast of Bhaderwah town, the twin meadows have emerged as darling of tourists in the recent times and given stakeholders such as small-time vendors, cab operators, hoteliers and guesthouse owners a reason to smile.

With a large swathe of the country reeling under gruelling heat, tourists from the plains are beaming with joy as they experience the beauty and chill of the white snow away from the peak summer temperatures back home.

"We came to pay obeisance at the Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and thereafter our plan was to go to Kashmir. But the tour operator suggested us to visit Bhaderwah as the Jammu-Srinagar Highway was closed. We decided to give it a try. And believe me the tour of this beautiful valley is worth every penny!" said Santosh Jangam, a tourist from Mumbai.



Another tourist from Mumbai, also named Santosh (45), said it was like a dream "playing with snow in mid-May when our place is under an intense heat wave".

"The vast meadows give an impression of being covered with white carpet surrounded with snow-peaked mountains. It's mesmerising and magical. We are fortunate and lucky to be here at Guldanda," he said.

"We were in search of a Virgin destination for our honeymoon that ended at Bhaderwah Valley," said Sunny Kumar, who has come from Patna.

"It's like a dream come true that when our native place is experiencing intense heatwave, we are in woollens playing with snow. This place is vaster and far more easily accessible than the Rohtang pass as it took us just 40 minutes from our

hotel at Bhaderwah town to reach Guldanda. If better facilities are provided here it can become a world class destination," he said.

Mohd Yusuf Wani (37), a tea vendor at Guldanda, said the tourist inflow has given small businesses like his own a new lease of life as government jobs "have dried up and there are very fewer business opportunities".

"The sudden inflow of tourists has saved us from bankruptcy and since last month we are doing good business at Guldanda," he said.

Fifty-three-year-old Shabir Ahmed, a resident of Basti village, who runs a small business of local cuisines said his family has joined him to meet the high demand.

"I have been serving local cuisine like makke di roti (corn-floor bread), salted Kashmiri tea (Sheer Chai) and white butter. The tourists are loving it. My entice family including my son and wife have joined me to meet the high demands due to the rush of visi-

itors at our Desi Cahi tea stall which we run from a makeshift tented accommodation at Thanthera," said Shabir Ahmed (53) of village Basti.

The last couple of months have been good for the tourism sector in Bhaderwah. The region witnessed booming tourism seasons, especially after the Doda district administration held a series of events like a snow carnival at Jaie, followed by a snow festival and J&K's maiden snow marathon at Guldanda meadow.

"The last few months were one of the best for the tourism industry as the Bhaderwah Valley witnessed a record number of tourist arrivals during this season," said Vishesh Paul Mahajan, the Doda Deputy Commissioner.

"Tourist arrivals have spiked after the recent snowfall," the DC said.

"We have an average of around 9,00 tourist arrivals here daily. Most of the hotels are fully occupied or booked," he said.

## Arrangements For Annual Kheer Bhawani Mela Finalized



Observer News Service

**GANDERBAL:** The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah on Thursday convened a meeting of officers to finalize arrangements for annual Kheer Bhawani Mela which is being celebrated on May 28.

At the outset, discussions were held on lodging, bedding, repairing works, sanitation, barricading, establishment of joint control room, health facilities, parking of vehicles, fool-proof security and availability of essential commodities besides decoration of the temple.

The ADC directed the departments concerned for making necessary arrangements for uninterrupted power and drinking water supplies, transport, security, fire tenders, ration, bedding, medical camps, additional accommodations, medical facilities and other requisite arrangements.

The Municipality officials were directed to start intensive sanitation drives as well as approaching road stretches to the temple prior to Mela besides

installing dustbins at appropriate places in the market.

The ADC discussed department-wise facilities provided for the devotees. He stressed on the concerned authorities to be proactive and make every possible effort for smooth conduct of the Mela.

He also directed the concerned to ensure intensive market checking at Tullamulla and inspection of langers is ensured.

While reviewing the arrangements for accommodation of devotees, it was informed that sufficient space has already been made available within the premises besides Government schools for additional accommodation are also identified for which the ADC directed for making all arrangements including bedding, water, electricity, cleanliness, etc well in advance.

He directed the officers concerned and representatives of Dharmarth Trust to ensure that the devotees coming to pay obeisance are provided with requisite facilities and fool-proof mechanism should be put in place to ensure smooth conduct of the Mela.

## 128 Posts Of Lecturers Vacant In Kupwara Schools, Reveals RTI

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** An RTI application has revealed a record number of lecturers are vacant in Kupwara district.

The RTI was filed by a Law student Tajamul Islam seeking details about the vacancies of lecturers from Director School of Education Kashmir (DSEK) said a total of 128 posts of lecturers are vacant in 18 Higher Secondaries and 12 High Schools in the district.

Official sources said that there are a total of 54 Higher Secondary Schools, 102 High Schools, 700 Middle Schools,

and 894 Primary Schools functional in the remote district of Kupwara.

The RTI said that only 18 Higher Secondary Schools out of 54 replied to the RTI. It also revealed that only 12 out of 102 High Schools shared the vacancy figures.

Official sources revealed that the pending vacancies have left a vacuum in educational institutions. "It definitely impacts the smooth functioning of the schools given that teacher-pupil ratio is important. Also, it is very vital to have subject-specific lecturers available in the re-

quired numbers," the official sources said.

These posts, officials said, are being subsidized by subject-specific RETs and General line teachers. "This has led to a shortage of teachers in elementary schools. People over the years, mainly students, have expressed their resentment given the dearth of lecturers," they said.

In 2018, the School Education Department (SED) Jammu and Kashmir put a freeze on the recruitment process. In 2019, several employees were recruited based on an old advertisement—(KNO)

## 1 Lakh Farmers From 1,000 Panchayats Attend Orientation Programme In J&K

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** At least 1.10 lakh farmers from 1,000 panchayats of Jammu and Kashmir took part in the orientation programme which has been organised in four rounds to create awareness about various agricultural schemes of the government, officials said.

The 'Kisan Sampark Abhiyan' has been rolled out under the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP) with 29 proposed projects with an outlay of Rs 5,012 crore to be implemented in the next five years.

The latest round, conducted from May 15 to May 17, saw a remarkable turnout. The programme has covered 1,097 panchayats thus far.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also joined the campaign, visiting Dooru panchayat in Anantnag district and Hardpanzoo panchayat in Budgam district.

"Over 1.10 lakh farmers have participated in the orientation programme in 1,000 panchay-

ats held over four rounds in Jammu and Kashmir. The latest round, conducted from May 15 to May 17, saw a remarkable turnout. The programme has covered 1,097 panchayats thus far," said Atal Dulloo, additional chief secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department.

He said that the ongoing "abhiyan", organized by the agriculture production department, aims to reach every farmer in every panchayat of the UT within four months.

"The ambitious exercise, part of the HADP, has received approval from the Union Territory government. The programme operates simultaneously across all districts, with designated days for orientations.

"Trained officers and officials act as resource persons, using short films and videos to explain various initiatives. Farmers are provided brochures in multiple languages and have the opportunity to participate in Q&A sessions to address their concerns," he said.

Simultaneously, a baseline

survey and skill gap study of farmers are being conducted, capturing data using IT tools.

Farmers have also been introduced to Daksh Kisan, a learning management system offering 121 skill-building courses, officials said.

The system is tailored to the agro-climatic zones of J&K, allowing farmers to register for free and acquire new skills, they said.

The courses include modules on business management and financial/credit linkages, transforming farmers into skilled entrepreneurs. Successful completion of the skill-building course grants certificates, they added.

Furthermore, the Kisan Sathi IT dashboard has been utilised to inform farmers about the application process for various schemes, they said.

Through the portal, farmers can register and apply for schemes. Over 1,100 applications have already been received through the portal and are currently being processed, they said.

## Kashmir, Parts Of Jammu Receive Rains; MeT Predicts More

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Kashmir Valley and parts of Jammu region received rainfall even as the weather department here predicted more rains and thunderstorms at scattered places during the next 24 hours.

A meteorological department official here said that there was also a possibility of hailstorm and gusty winds at a few places towards late afternoon and evening during the time.

From May 19-23, he said, the weather is expected to be partly cloudy with light rain at a few places towards late afternoon and evening.

"There is no forecast of any major rainfall during next one week," he said.

Regarding the rainfall in last 24 hours till 0830 hours, the official said that Srinagar received 1.2mm, Qazigund 2.8mm, Pahalgam 1.3mm, Kokernag 1.0mm, Gulmarg 6.2mm, Banihal 3.0mm, Katra 0.7mm, Bhaderwah 1.4mm, and Batote 0.7mm.

## DC Bandipora Inspects 100-Bedded Girls Hostel

Directs For Speedy Completion Of Pending Tasks

Observer News Service

**BANDIPORA:** The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad undertook an inspection visit to the newly-constructed 100-bedded Girls Hostel at Ka-loosa on Thursday.

During the visit, the DDC assessed the progress of the ongoing construction works and directed the concerned authorities to expedite the completion of pending tasks.

The DDC said that inspection was conducted as part of commitment to ensuring the provision of safe and comfortable accommodation facilities for female students in the Bandipora district. He said the Girls Hostel, a significant project initiated by the District Administration, aims

to address the accommodation challenges faced by female students pursuing education.

Accompanied by a team of officials from the Public Works Department (PWD) and other concerned departments, the DDC inspected the infrastructure including the building structure, electrical fittings, plumbing, and other essential amenities. He also interacted with the supervising engineers and construction workers to ascertain the status of the project.

During the inspection, it was noted that substantial progress has been made in the construction of the Hostel and a significant portion of the work has already been completed. However, certain pending tasks and finishing works were identified, which require immediate attention and timely completion.

## Pampore Residents Appeal DC, RWW Not To Allow Any Residential Colony On Wetland Area

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Residents of Pampore have appealed Deputy Commissioner Pulwama and Regional Wildlife Warden (RWW) Kashmir not to allow setting up of any residential colony near NH 44 on the wetland area as the same has been banned by National Green Tribunal (NGT) & would impact the environment.

"There are four wetlands in Pampore namely Fashkoot,

Chatlam, Krentchoo-Chandhara, Maen Bugh. Sources say that out of 178 acres more than 20 acres have been encroached already. Now some vested interested people are planning to set up a residential colony in the Wetland area. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has already banned any construction or dumping of waste and this is also violation of Wetland Conservation and Management Rules 2017," said Tahir Ahmad a local resident of Pampore

## JAMMU & KASHMIR SPORTS COUNCIL

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### NOTIFICATION

- Whereas, 07 applications on prescribed format were received by the J&K Sports Council in response to the notifications dated 03.04.2023 for grant of sports category weightage to claim benefit for admission in Bachelor of Engineering and Technology Courses 2023 under sports quota; and
- Whereas, the applications were scrutinized on 17.05.2023 by the committee constituted for the purpose under Govt. Order No:- 808-SAD of 2008, dated:- 17-06-2008 read with Govt. Order No:- 590-GAD of 2018 dated:- 11-04-2018 in terms of criteria in vogue; and terms and conditions laid down in the notifications issued for the purpose; and
- Whereas, the 05 candidates as per the list Annexed herewith as Annexure A' of this notification have been found eligible by the committee and points awarded to their sports achievements as mentioned against each; and
- Whereas, 02 candidates as per list Annexed herewith as Annexure "A" of this notification have also been found eligible subject to verification of their certificates from concerned Bodies / Confirmation of Screening from DSO(J); and
- Whereas, the committee has also recommended to conduct Physical Verification Test/Viva of the eligible candidates at Srinagar/Jammu to ascertain the proficiency of the game/sports opted by the candidate; and

In view of the above, objections/grievances if any with regard to eligibility of the candidates or otherwise including points allotted/observations to their sports achievements made by the committee are, therefore, invited which should reach to this office at New Administrative Block, Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar on or before 26.05.2023 during office hours in hard and soft copy. Soft copy can be emailed on jkstatesportsCouncil@gmail.com. Objections / grievances received after the prescribed date shall not be entertained. The decision of the committee shall be final in such matters.

The eligible candidates shall report to Sports Officer (K), J&K Sports Council, Polo Ground, Playing Field, Srinagar and Sports Officer (J), J&K Sports Council, New Indoor Sports Complex, M.A. Stadium, Jammu alongwith proper identification proof on 27.05.2023 from 1100 A M to 03:00 P.M. for physical verification test/viva. In case the candidate(s) fail to appear for physical verification test/viva on the scheduled date, his/her sports category weightage shall not be recommended to BOPEE. Telephonic intimation to the eligible candidates shall be communicated on their cell numbers.

No:-SC/491-B.E.Tech./952-60  
Dated:- 17-05-2023

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DT: 18/5/2023

Administrative Officer  
J&K Sports Council

### ABDM

## District Hospital Pulwama Starts QR Code For Faster OPD Registration

Observer News Service

**PULWAMA:** In yet another government initiative, QR code for OPD patients under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) was kick started at District Hospital (DH) Pulwama.

Appreciating the step taken to facilitate patients, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Basharat Qayoom said the ease of access to healthcare system is key to quality care, and technology plays a vital role in it.

He said this initiative will go a long way in facilitating Patient registration, long waits and queues would be gone and will save the precious time of patients.

Speaking about the initiative, the Medical Superintendent said that this is a great initiative for the patient care as

the patients no longer have to stand in long queues to get the OPD tickets.

He said that under this facility the patient has to just scan the QR code through an app on their mobile phone and after getting the successful registration, all the details of the patient will get reflected.

He added that the patient then has to simply go to the registration counter and reply to just a few queries of his/her ailments and the patient will be immediately directed to the concerned doctor and OPD as per token generated from the QR code.

Furthermore, all the details of the patients will be saved and maintained including the ailments of patients and the same can be reflected during the next visit of the patient.

### G20 MEETING

## GDC Ajas Organises Programme On Pahari Folk Songs

Observer News Service

**BANDIPORA:** The Government Degree College (GDC) Ajas Bandipora on Thursday presented a stunning performance of Pahari Folk Song under India's G20 Presidency held in the Conference Hall of the college.

The event was attended by a large gathering of students, staff.

The program began with a welcome speech by Ashaq Hus-sain Parray, Convener Seminar

and Debates. He thanked everyone for their attendance and introduced the theme of the cultural program, which was to promote the rich cultural heritage of the Pahari Language. He then introduced the students who had been selected to perform the Pahari Folk Song.

The performance featured a group of talented students of 2nd Semester. They were dressed in traditional Pahari attire, which added to the charm and authenticity of the performance.





G20: DYSS Conducts Activities Across Valley

**Observer News Service**

**SRINAGAR:** As part of the G-20 celebrations, the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) organised multiple activities across Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday.

In Pulwama, a Kho Kho tournament for U-19 athletes was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Basharat Qayoom at Women's Degree College Pulwama in presence of college principal Dr. Yasmeena Farooq and DYSS officers.

Similarly, as part of the G-20 awareness programme, a mega Cycle Race was organised by DYSS Office Srinagar, Zone Amirakadal. The contingent was flagged off from Flour Mill Balhama and culminated at BHSS Khonmoh wherein more than 150 participants took part.

DYSS Zone Chandoosa organised a Road Race in boys' category in which more than 100 students took part. The road race was flagged-off by worthy SHO Chandoosa. The run was started from Galibal Mode and to culminated at BMS Chandoosa. Students from 25 schools (govt. and private) took active part in the event.

DYSS Officer Baramulla inaugurated Provincial Level Inter District Hand Ball Boys U-19 Competition here at Indoor Sports Stadium Baramulla.

ZPEOs of different sports zones of the District and Manager Sports Council Baramulla were also present at the inaugural ceremony of the event.

In Kupwara, DYSS successfully organised an Inter-Zonal District Level and Inter School Zonal Level competitions in various disciplines.

Inter School Zonal Level Competitions are also underway at the zonal headquarters. Thursday's program featured Road Race, Badminton, Tenikoit, Rope Skipping, and Yoga, which were conducted at various venues throughout the district.

YSS Anantnag also organized a bulk of events at different Zonal Levels. In these events, Zone Qazigund organised a rally with the theme of Anti-Drug Rally. This Rally was flagged off by Principal GHSS Qazigund Peer Sajad Hussain in the presence of Zonal Physical Education Officer Qazigund from GHSS Qazigund.

Shootingball National C'ship Selection Trials On May 20

**Observer News Service**

**SRINAGAR:** J&K Shootingball Association is conducting selection trials for the upcoming 42nd Senior (Boys & Girls) National Shootingball Championship 2022-23 on Saturday, May 20. The Selection trials will be held at Gindun Ground, Raj Bagh, Srinagar at 11 am.

"Eligible players from affiliated districts & interested players are asked to come along with two passport size photograph, Aadhaar Card Xerox, age proof & Physical Fitness Certificate for the trials," the association said in a statement. "For more information please contact 7006294963, 7006919285," it added.

IPL 2023: RR, PBKS Face Desperate Situation



**Press Trust of India**

**IPL POINTS TABLE**

Team	M	W	L	NRR	Pts	Last 5
1  GT	13	9	4	+0.835	18	
2  CSK	13	7	5	+0.381	15	
3  LSG	13	7	5	+0.304	15	
4  MI	13	7	6	-0.128	14	
5  RCB	12	6	6	+0.186	12	
6  RR	13	6	7	+0.140	12	
7  KKR	13	6	7	-0.256	12	
8  PBKS	13	6	7	-0.308	12	
9  DC	13	5	8	-0.572	10	
10  SRH	12	4	8	-0.575	8	

**DHARAMSALA:** Punjab Kings would need to review their bowling plans while Rajasthan Royals will have to live up to their high potential when both inconsistent teams make a last ditch effort to keep their slim playoff hopes alive in the IPL here on Friday.

Considering their superior net run rate, Royals are better placed than Punjab Kings ahead of their final league game but both will have to rely on other results after an up and down season. The season has told a familiar story for perennial under-performers Punjab Kings, who once again could not seize the crucial moments in the business end of the tournament. The pace department has been guilty of leaking too many runs in both the powerplay and death overs. With the likes of Kagiso Rabada, Sam Curran and Arshdeep Singh conceding close to 10 runs per over, the team is bound to feel the pressure.

While Rabada has not been at his best, not using Arshdeep both in powerplay and death overs here on Wednesday night was expectedly questioned. The pacer has made his name nailing yorkers in the death overs and of late has troubled the opening batters with his swing. After being consistent in the first half of the tournament, the lanky left-arm pacer has gone off the boil and will look to lift his game in the must win contest.

Shikhar Dhawan used left-arm spinner Harpreet Brar in the 20th over against Delhi Capitals and it backfired massively, effectively making the difference in the game. On the batting front, Dhawan too has not been able to get going in the last two games and would want to lead from the front. Rajasthan Royals, who looked the team to beat in the first half of IPL with four wins from their first five games, only have themselves for their troubles. Despite exemplary performances from the likes of Yashasvi Jaiswal and Yuzvendra Chahal, the star studded outfit has flattered to deceive.

Jos Buttler too has played some sensational knocks but has not been consistent enough. Having being dismissed without scoring in the previous two games, the England batter will be itching to perform in the do-or-die game. Skipper Sanju Samson backs himself to take on the bowlers in any situation and he will continue to play the high risk game. Considering the depth of their squad, Rajasthan were among the pre-tournament favourites who went too hot and cold for their own liking.



JKSC Organises Sports Events In Kashmir

**Observer News Service**

**SRINAGAR:** The J&K Sports Council (JKSC) organised several sports events across Kashmir Valley on Thursday.

A number of activities were held under My Youth My Pride module at Polo Ground Srinagar. The activities included Pencak Silat, Judo, Taekwondo, Kabaddi, and Rugby. Sports Officer Kashmir, Nuzhat Farooq presided over the function as the chief guest.

The event kicked off with a nail-biting Kabaddi match between J&K Police and ACME Sports Academy which the former won by a score of 23:19. In the Handball match played between J&K Police and Al-Murad Baramulla, J&K Police triumphed 31:25.

Khelo India Girls Team and got better of Hoopstar Club by a narrow margin of 15:13 points in the Basketball clash. In another encounter in the same discipline which went down to the wire, the Khelo India Center Boys emerged as the winner over their opponents MET Warriors by a score of 53:-8.

Meanwhile, District Anantnag Rugby Championship 2023 was held at Delhi Public School, Anantnag in which more than 200 participants of different age groups from different areas of district Anantnag participated.

Cricket Match For Visually Impaired Held In Srinagar



**Observer News Service**

**SRINAGAR:** J&K Blind Welfare Trust (BWT) has thanked Secretary J&K Sports Council for providing a platform for visually impaired youth to play a cricket match in Bakshi Stadium Srinagar. Chairman of BWT Showkat Ahmad Lone said that this would not have been possible without the support of J&K Sports Council.

A cricket match between two visually impaired teams South Blind Star and Blind 11 was played on Monday at Bakshi Stadium Srinagar. Around 25 blind players had come to Srinagar from different districts like Shopian, Kulgam, Anantnag, Baramulla, Budgam and Ganderbal.

Patron of BWT and social activist Dr Raja Muzaffar was also present at Bakshi Stadium during the occasion. He also appreciated the Sports Council for handholding visually impaired youth.

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