

Moderate To Heavy Rains Forecast Over Next 3 Days

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Meteorological office has predicted widespread moderate to heavy rain in Jammu and Kashmir during the next three days.

The main activity of the widespread moderate to heavy rain coupled with thunderstorm and lightning is expected during July 8-9, the MeT centre Srinagar director Sonam Lotus said in an advisory issued on Friday.

The inclement weather is likely to affect the on-going Amarnath Yatra, he said and adding the day temperature will see a sharp drop also.

The widespread rains are expected under the influence of monsoon winds and western disturbance.

The MeT said that some places in Jammu division are very likely to receive heavy to very heavy rain whereas heavy rain is also likely at some places of Kashmir valley during the period and there would be decrease thereafter.

"There is a possibility of sharp rise in water level in rivers, local Nallahs leading to flash floods, water logging and may cause landslides, shooting of stones or mudslides at vulnerable places in Jammu and Kashmir", Lotus said.

The inclement weather may also disrupt surface transport

mainly on Srinagar-Jammu national highway, Zojila pass on Srinagar-Ladakh highway and other major hilly roads.

Intermittent rains lashed Jammu and Kashmir resulting in a drop in the temperature on Friday and disrupting normal activities.

Srinagar received rainfall of 1.2mm, Qazigund 1.4mm, Pahalgam 7.8mm, Kupwara 2.7mm, Kokernag 10.2mm, Gulmarg 0.6mm, Banihal 3.4mm, Batote 2.4mm, Katra 0.6mm and Bhaderwah 0.8mm during the past 24 hours till 0830 hours today, MeT office said.

Srinagar recorded a low of 16.8°C against 17.8°C on the previous night and it was 0.9°C below normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, the MeT office said.

The maximum temperature was also recorded 2.9°C below normal of 30.2°C in Srinagar.

Qazigund, on Srinagar-Jammu national highway, recorded a low of 15.6°C against 16.0°C and it was 0.5°C below normal for the gateway town of the Kashmir Valley.

Pahalgam, had a low of 10.1°C against 12.8°C and it was above normal by 1.7°C for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir.

Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 15.3°C against 15.6°C against and it was below normal by 0.8°C for the north Kashmir area | [More on P6](#)

LG Sinha Hits Back

Some In J&K Think Only They Possess Right To Build Houses On Govt Land: LG

- Says J&K Govt dedicated to serve poorer sections of society
- Inaugurates National Tribal Festival at Srinagar
- Launches TRI Wool Web Portal and GIS Portal for Transhumance
- Rolls out Law 20 Coaching Scheme for law students staying in Tribal Hostels

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Some people are upset by the Jammu and Kashmir administration's decision to allot land to homeless families as they think only they possess the right over government properties,



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Friday.

His comment came amidst criticism of the recent scheme to provide 150 sq yards of land to homeless people in

the union territory. "Some days back, the J-K administration decided that those without land will be eligible for PMAY and provided land. There is a policy in other states

that they can be given land, but, there was no such policy in J-K. We decided to provide five 'marlas' or 150 sq yards of land to them," he said while addressing the National Tribal

I WANT TO TELL THEM THAT GONE ARE THE DAYS WHEN THEY WERE TREATING

themselves as the owners of government property and funds. Gone are the days when they were taking decisions that suited their political interests. They grabbed State land and constructed huge houses for themselves and left the poor to suffer."

Festival at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) here.

The land is being provided under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (PMAY). So far 2,711 poor people have been given land so that they can build houses | [More on P6](#)

21 More Kashmir Crafts Declared 'Notified Handicrafts'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has notified 21 more crafts from Kashmir as "Notified Handicrafts" thereby acknowledging the scores of artisans' associated with the crafts.

Notification of these crafts was a long pending demand of the artisans associated with these crafts and shall enable the artisans to gain a sense of pride and identity.

It shall also enable the department to register the artisans in the erstwhile left out crafts which shall in turn ensure preservation and protection of these traditional skills from being lost over time.

By registering these artisans their knowledge and expertise shall be documented, ensuring their techniques and craftsmanship are safeguarded for future generations.

Besides, the artisans shall



gain access to various government support programs which will help in increasing the number of genuine artisan community and such a measure will extend the benefits of the government schemes to the hitherto unrecognized artisan segments of the society by which they can avail the Artisan/Weavers Credit scheme, Karkhandar

scheme, Assistance under the Cooperative Act, MUDRA Scheme and educational benefits for their kin's.

The artisans shall be brought at par with other registered artisans to open up avenues for artisans to showcase and market their products to a wider audience by participation in exhibitions, trade fairs, | [More on P6](#)

Crimes Against Women 215 Cases Registered In Srinagar In Last 6 Months

Agencies

Srinagar: The summer capital Srinagar has witnessed a rising rate of crimes against women in the past six months of the current year as compared to the same period last year. The cases of 'cruelty by husband(s)' have nevertheless seen a steep surge as the authorities at helm feel 'the women folk are feeling more secure and protected as more victims come forward and register complaints now'.

Senior Superintendent of Police Rakesh Balwal said that despite the saturation of people from different parts of Valley and beyond in the summer capital, the law enforcement agencies are making every effort to ensure the women enjoy as much freedom and liberty as men do, be it at social or domestic level.

"The women folk are feeling more secure and protected

vis-à-vis registration of complaints now when it comes to any sort of abuse", the police officer said adding although a mixed rate of case registration is being witnessed when the overall records are of last three years are compared there however is a fair surge of cases under 'cruelty by husband(s)'.

Sharing a break-up of cases under different crime heads against women in the year 2020, 2021, 2022 and first six months of ongoing year so far, the police officer said that in year 2020 the Srinagar district saw 7 rape cases, in 2021 it saw 21 in 2022 the number was 14 cases and in current year so far it has seen 5 such cases. Similarly under 'sexual offences against children' in the district saw 8 cases in 2020, twenty in 2021, 26 in 2022 and 12 cases this year so far. Under 'Kidnapping of Women', it saw 42 in 2020, 83 in 2021, 116 in 2022 and 36 in | [More on P6](#)

Amarnath Yatra Temporarily Halted

The Amarnath Yatra was suspended on Friday due to bad weather as rain lashed many parts of Kashmir, officials said. The yatra was suspended along both the Baltal and the Pahalgam routes, they said.

"The yatra has been suspended and no pilgrim is being allowed to move towards the holy cave shrine this morning," the officials said. According to Senior Superintendent of Police (Ramban) Mohita Sharma, the yatra has been halted in the district's Chanderkote area. "The yatra has been suspended due to inclement weather in the Pahalgam belt," Sharma told PTI.

Landslide Hits Yatra Track

A landslide hit the Baltal route of the Amarnath Yatra track on Friday following heavy rains in the area, officials said. No loss of life was reported in the incident.

The landslide was reported near Rail Patri along the track on the Baltal-holy cave axis, they said, adding that as an impact, the pilgrimage trail was blocked. No one was hurt as the yatra was suspended this morning following heavy rains in the area, they said.

Obscene Video Circulation Case

Court Rejects Accused Students Plea to Study in Australia

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Srinagar: A court here on Friday turned down a plea for "further studies" in Australia by a student, one among the accused in the alleged case of circulation of obscene pictures and videos of a Sikh girl here last year.

The application was filed by one A. Singh of Mehjoor Nagar here, one of the seven accused persons in a case -FIR No. 18/2022 under section 66E, 67 IT Act—which pertains to circulation of alleged obscene material regarding the girl.

The case came to be registered by the Cyber Police Station,

Kashmir Zone Srinagar, upon a written complaint from a resident of Mehjoor Nagar Srinagar alleging that on 22 February 2022 around 10:59 PM he received a call on WhatsApp number with the caller mentioning that there is a laptop and pen drive present outside their residence. On 27th February 2022, the family received a letter in which it was mentioned that 'one minute and six second' video is viral and contains obscene pictures and video. On 19th March 2022 they received a call from a known source that obscene pictures and videos

of the girl had gone viral. Upon complaint, the cyber police registered the case and after investigation filed the charge-sheet against seven accused persons including A. Singh.

In his plea, A. Singh had sought personal exemption for future hearings till further order on the ground that he has to go to Australia as he has got admission in RMIT University of the country.

"No doubt that it is the right of every person to get education anywhere but herein the situation is that the accused wants to get admission outside the country and the | [More on P6](#)

3 Killed After Vehicle Rolls Down Into River Chenab

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Srinagar- At least three persons died after a vehicle they were travelling in rolled down into river Chenab near Cafeteria Morh in Ramban district on Friday.

Reports said that a vehicle rolled down into river Chenab near Cafeteria Morh and soon after the accident rescue

operation was started by police, SDRF and volunteer group.

He said that in the incident three people died and they have been identified as Bharat Singh son of Tej Ram, Vikram Singh son of Bharat Singh both residents of Teli Majra and Rohit Katoch, son of Surjit Katoch, of Gali Bas Ramban.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the accident.

2 Ganderbal Residents Killed In Ladakh Mishap

Two persons died after a truck skidded off the road near Nemo area of Ladakh in the wee hours of Friday, officials said here. Reports reaching here said that the truck skidded off the road near Nemo at around 4:00 am today. | [More on P6](#)

Abusive Words Against PM Derogatory, Not Seditious: HC

Agencies

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court has said abusive words used against the Prime Minister was derogatory and irresponsible but it does not constitute sedition, while quashing a case of sedition against a school management.

Justice Hemant Chandangoudar, at the Kalburgi bench of the High Court, quashed the FIR filed by the New Town Police Station, Bidar, against Allauddin, Abdul Khaleq, Mohammed Bilal Inamdar and

Mohammed Mehatab, all management persons of Shaheen School in Bidar.

The court said the ingredients of Section 153(A) (causing disharmony between religious groups) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) are not found in the case.

"The utterance of the abusive words that the Prime Minister should be hit with footwear is not only derogatory, but is irresponsible. The constructive criticism of the government policy is permissible, but the Constitutional functionaries cannot be insulted for having taken a policy | [More on P6](#)

SHORT TAKES

Lightning Kills Man in Kulgam



A 55-year-old man died in a lightning strike in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district on Friday, officials said. Abdul Hamid Khan of Gudder in the south Kashmir district was struck by lightning during a cloud burst episode around 10.40 am, they said. Senior administration officers have reached the spot, they added.

Army Soldier Shoots Self Dead

An Army jawan on Friday allegedly shot himself dead at a camp in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, officials said. The incident took place at the Mehashwar army camp, they said. The soldier has been identified as Dombal Mayur of Maharashtra, they said, adding the body has been sent for postmortem. On Thursday, a BSF jawan had shot himself dead at the Chillayari border post along the International Border (IB) in Samba district.

Mughal Road Closed Due To Landslide

The Mughal road, connecting Kashmir Valley's Shopian district with the twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch, was closed due to landslide on Friday, officials said. The thoroughfare has been blocked near Ratta Chamb in this mountainous district due to landslide amid rains, the officials said. Immediately, they said, men and machinery have been pressed into service to clear the road. DySP Police Surankote Hamid Ali Bandy confirmed it | [More on P6](#)

Old Mortar Shells Found In Samba

Police on Friday recovered six old mortar shells in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, officials said. A bomb disposal squad has been called to defuse the shells, they said. The police also ruled out any possibility of sabotage. The shells were found in the bushes on one side of the Jammu-Pathankot Highway. "These are old shells. There is no sabotage angle to it. These may have been part of the scrap being ferried by scrap dealers. To avoid a police post, they | [More on P6](#)

Kulgam Man's Body Found In Budgam

Body of a man was recovered from Chadoora area of central Kashmir's Budgam district on Friday afternoon. An official said that the body was found by locals near Nowbugh Karewas who later informed the police. He has been identified as Mohammad Ashraf Mir son of Abdul Gani Mir of Kulgam. "Body has been recovered from the spot while further investigation has been started," he said.

J&K Records Spurt in Lung Cancers

Jammu and Kashmir has seen a spurt in lung cancer cases particularly in the Valley with mortality rate of 60 to 70 percent, a top cancer surgeon at Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai said. Dr Pankaj Chaturvedi who is head Neck Cancer Surgeon and deputy director of Centre for Cancer Epidemiology at Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai said it is surprising that lung cancer in Jammu and Kashmir particularly in the Valley is on rise. "We get lots of patients from J&K in Mumbai for treatment. | [More on P6](#)



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Global Diet Study Challenges Advice To Limit High-Fat Dairy Foods

Press Trust Of India

Up to two servings a day of dairy, mainly whole-fat, can be included in a healthy diet as it may protect against high blood pressure and metabolic disorders, according to a study using data from 80 countries.

The research, published on Friday in the European Heart Journal, found that diets emphasising fruit, vegetables, dairy (mainly whole-fat), nuts, legumes and fish were linked with a lower risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD) and premature death in all world regions.

The addition of unprocessed red meat or whole grains had little impact on outcomes, the researchers said.

Low-fat foods have taken centre stage with the public, food industry and policymakers, with nutrition labels focused on reducing fat and saturated fat, they said. "Our findings suggest that the priority should be increasing protective foods such as nuts (often avoided as too energy dense), fish and dairy, rather than restricting dairy (especially whole-fat) to very low amounts," said study author Andrew Mente from McMaster University, Canada.

"Our results show that up



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to two servings a day of dairy, mainly whole-fat, can be included in a healthy diet. This is in keeping with modern nutrition science showing that dairy, particularly whole-fat, may protect against high blood pressure and metabolic syndrome," Mente said.

The study examined the relationships between a new diet

score and health outcomes in a global population. A healthy diet score was created based on six foods that have each been linked with longevity.

Associations of the score with mortality, myocardial infarction, stroke and total CVD (including fatal CVD and non-fatal myocardial infarction, stroke and heart failure)

were tested in the study which included 147,642 people from the general population in 21 countries.

During a median follow-up of 9.3 years, there were 15,707 deaths and 40,764 cardiovascular events, the researchers said.

Compared with the least healthy diet (score of 1 or less), the healthiest diet (score of 5 or

more) was linked with a 30 per cent lower risk of death, 18 per cent lower likelihood of CVD, 14 per cent lower risk of myocardial infarction and 19 per cent lower risk of stroke, they said.

Associations between the healthy diet score and outcomes were confirmed in five independent studies including a total of 96,955 patients with CVD in 70 countries.

"This was by far the most diverse study of nutrition and health outcomes in the world and the only one with sufficient representation from high-, middle- and low-income countries," Mente said.

"The associations were strongest in areas with the poorest quality diet, including South Asia, China and Africa, where calorie intake was low and dominated by refined carbohydrates," he said.

"The study suggests that a large proportion of deaths and CVD in adults around the world may be due to undernutrition, that is, low intakes of energy and protective foods, rather than over-nutrition," said Professor Salim Yusuf, senior author and principal investigator of the study.

Dariusz Mozaffarian from Tufts University, US noted that the new results, in combination with prior reports, call for a re-evaluation of unrelenting guidelines to avoid whole-fat dairy products.

Court Of The 2Nd Additional Munsiff JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1st CLASS AT SRINAGAR
 (PROCLAMATION REQUIRING OBJECTION FROM GENERAL PUBLIC
 CNR: JKSG03 017619-2023
 Date of Filing 09.06.2023)

Mohammad Ismaeel Dar F/o Fayaz Ahmad Dar R/o Old Zero Bridge Rajbagh Srinagar Applicant

Versus Registrar, Births and Deaths, SMC Srinagar Non-Applicant

WHEREAS an application has been made before me that Fayaz Ahmad Dar S/o Mohammad Ismaeel Dar R/o Old Zero Bridge Rajbagh Srinagar has born on 21-10-1968 the applicant has sought a direction from this court for registration of the birth particulars, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, in the concerned register of births and deaths.

Proclamation is hereby made that the any person having any objection(s) to this application may appear before this Court (or before me) to file objections within 07 days of this publication.

Dated, this 9th day of June 2023. Sd/- (AHTZAZ AHMED) 2nd Additional (JM/C), Srinagar

University of Kashmir, Srinagar Notice

The candidate whose particulars are given below has reported to the University that he / she has lost his/her University Certificate/s and has applied for issuance of duplicate certificate/s:

Name: Manjeet Singh
 Paretnage:- Kikar Singh
 Residence:- Chandrigam Tral
 Registration No : 19230-S-82
 Certificate/s lost:- Degree (P.G in Kashmiri)
 Roll No/s:- 2575/85
 Session/Year July-August 1987

Before University will consider issuance of Duplicate Certificate/s in favour of the candidate, any person having any objection shall report to the undersigned within one week from the date of issuance of this notice. The original certificate/s issued to the candidate be treated as cancelled

No: F(Duplicate/ PG.Deg/Cet.) KU/23 dated: 07-07-2023 Assistant Controller of Examinations (PG/UG/Prof sku)

Telephone: 01933-222113 (Establishment Section) E- Mail: coap9@jkpolice.gov.in

HEADQUARTERS JKAP-9th BATTALION ZEWAN, SRINAGAR

No.Estt/Notice/AP-9th/72023/10720-25 Dated: 06.07.2023

Notice No. 2

W/Sgct. Asmat Jabeen, No. 332/AP-9th Bn. PID.NO.ARP-096910 W/o Shabir Ahmad Dar. R/O Umar colony, Lal Bazar, Srinagar. P/S Lal Bazar, Srinagar.

Subject:- Show Cause Notice/Attendance Notice.

1. Whereas, you proceeded on (30) days earned leave on 02.09.2022 and was due to report back for duties on 02.10.2022 but you failed to resume duties well in time and accordingly was marked absent in daily diary w.e.f 02.10.2022.

2. Whereas, you was informed through your concerned police station vide this office signal No. CS/Misc-File/23/AP-9th/1298 dated 18.01.2023, No. Estt/AP-9th/Absent/2023/2970 dated 14.02.2023 & No. Estt/Abs/AP-9th/2023/6950 dated 27.04.2023 to resume your duties but you failed and remained at large without any intimation to the department. SHO concerned has intimated this office regarding execution of quoted signal No. vide his communication dated 04.05.2023

3. Whereas, due to your continued absence from duties, you was placed under suspension vide this office order issued under endst. No. Estt/Suspension/AP-9th/2023/5719-26 dated 01.04.2023 and was informed regarding same vide this office signal No. Estt/Absent/AP-9th/2023/6262 dated 08.04.2023.

4. Whereas, remaining absent from duties deliberately is gross negligence and carelessness on your part and indicates that you are not interested to serve the department more.

5. Whereas, vide this office communication No. Estt/Notice/AP-9th/2023/9340-44 dated 05.06.2023 a show cause notice/attendance notice was served and executed to you with the directions to appear before undersigned for personal hearing to which you failed and submitted reply of show cause notice/attendance notice through post office which is not acceptable and shall be deemed to have been cancelled.

Now, I, Tahir Saleem Khan-JKPS-SSP, Commandant JKAP-9th Battalion, Zewan Srinagar, in exercise of powers conferred to me by virtue of J&K Police Rule 359 sub section 11(2) and rule 128 of J&K CSR again call upon you through the medium of this notice which should be treated last and final call to show cause as to why you should not be discharged from the service on account of your continued absence from legitimate duties.

You are at liberty to appear before undersigned within 07 days from the receipt of this notice for personal hearing. Failing which it shall be presumed that you have nothing to say in your defence and departmental proceedings under rule 339 of J&K Police Manual shall follow.

(Tahir Saleem Khan) JKPS Commandant JKAP-9th Bn. Zewan Sgr

DIPK-4634/23 dated: 07-07-2023

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Office of the District Sheep Husbandry Officer Mini-Secretariat Ganderbal

Tele/fax No.- 0194-2416040(email dshogbl@gmail.com)

Tech Section

NOTICE FOR EXTENSION OF LAST DATE

Subject: Establishment of sheep/goats units under UT Capex Budget Scheme "Infrastructure for Welfare of Tribals" for the year 2023-24

Keeping in view the poor response received to this office advertisement notice issued for the establishment of mini sheep/goat farms (10+1) under the UT Capex scheme "Infrastructure for the welfare of Tribals" for the year 2023-24 vide DSHOG/Tech/2023-24/1531-47 dated 19/06/2023, it is being notified that the last date for applying under the said scheme has been extended up to 20th July, 2023 (Thursday).

District Sheep Husbandry Officer Ganderbal

No: DSHOG/Tech/2023-24/1792-1808 Dated: 07/07/2023

Public Notice

This is for information of general public that I, Ramesh Krishan Koul S/o Badri Nath Koul R/o Seer Kanligund Anantnag A/P House No. 33, Lane No. 4A Laxmi Vihar Tomal Bohri Jammu Supported with my Matric Pass Certificate seeking change in my name "Ramish" to "Ramesh" in my service record.

Anybody having any objection in this regard shall submit his/her objection in writing in the office of Superintendent of Police Anantnag within a week from the date of publication of the press release. After expiry of given time no objection shall be entertained.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that I have lost my 12th pass Migration certificate somewhere. Now I want to apply for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Board Of School Education Sub Office Bandipora within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Fayaq Showket S/o Showket Ahmad Malla R/o Patushay Bandipora

The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 12th session Annual Private (Bi-Annual 2020-21) issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

Name: Fayaq Showket
 S/o: Showket Ahmad Malla
 Roll No: 32607409
 Year & Session 2020-21- Annual Pvt (Bi-Annual)

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

Sd/ Assistant Secretary Board Of School Education Sub Office Bandipora

The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th session Annual Regular 2018 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

Name: Fayaq Showket
 S/o: Showket Ahmad Malla
 Roll No: 2603257
 Year & Session 2018 Annual Regular

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

Sd/ Assistant Secretary Board Of School Education Sub Office Bandipora

The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education New Campus Bemina Srinagar Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-

Roll No: 2603257
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 Name : Fayaq Showket
 Father's Name: Showket Ahmad Malla
 Mother's Name : Nighat Begum
 Date of Birth:- 16-04-2004
 Residenc:- Patushay Bandipora

According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice. (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 18ARKAM-1010307 be treated as "CANCELLED")

No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)/KD/23 Dated 06-07-2023 Assistant Secretary Certificates, KD.

از عدالت سبج میونسپل مجسٹریٹ سرینگر
 با اجلاس مہرین مشتاق

Harmohinder Singh
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 تاریخ وفات: 27-10-2021

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Two Held Under POCSO For Kidnapping, Raping Minor Girls

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Police on Friday claimed to have arrested two youth under stringent sections of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) act for kidnapping and sexually assaulting minor girls in Srinagar.

Police said the accused were arrested following a complaint by the parents of the victims (name withheld), alleging therein that the accused after kidnapping the victims, sexually assaulted them.

A police official said the investigation was taken up as soon as the complaint was received and both the accused were arrested, who are presently lodged at Lal Bazar police station.

A formal case FIR No. 41 of 2023 under sections 363, 376 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) and (3) (Penetrative Sexual Assault) and (4) (Punishment for Penetrative Sexual Assault) under Protection of Children from Sexual Offense (POCSO) act Lal Bazar police station.

Police have identified the accused as Hilal Ahmad Rather (24) son of Ghulam Mohammad Rather of Hygam Sopore and Shabir Ahmad Mir (30) of Ghulam Mohammad Mir of Kreeri area in Baramulla.

The arrest comes less than twenty four hours after a middle aged man was arrested under similar POCSO act for raping a 15-years old minor girl in Srinagar.

Police said the accused; a 46-years old man was arrested for allegedly raping a minor girl, who is also said to be his relative. The accused has been identified as Mohammad Iqbal Sheikh son of Ghulam Qadir Sheikh of Kanthpora, Sogam area in north Kashmir's Kupwara district.

Earlier a 22-years old youth was arrested for allegedly raping his 12-years old minor relative at old Barzulla area in the uptown Srinagar on Wednesday.

Police identified the accused as Zaid Feroz son of Feroz Ahmad of Old Barzulla.

Mega Job Fair To Begin From July 15 In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Department of Labor and Employment is organizing a mega job fair in Kashmir Haat, Srinagar. The event will take place on July 15, 2023.

There are 130 companies taking part in the fair with more than 30 being national level companies.

The hiring is for more than 3000 vacancies.

The jobs are offered in the following sectors- health, marketing, hospitality, pharmaceutical, skill development, banking, manufacturing, BPO, educational technology, IT sector, and education. The eligibility varies for different posts.

DC Srinagar Felicitates IIT-JEE, NEET And JKBOSE Toppers

Observer News Service

Srinagar: To encourage and honor the hard work of meritorious students to boost their morale, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today felicitated students from RISE Institute who have achieved a remarkable feat by securing an outstanding score JEE, NEET

by the students would inspire other students also to work hard to excel in their studies and future academic careers.

The Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, an IIT Delhi alumnus himself, shared interesting snippets and experiences about his time as student at IIT Delhi. He underlined about the advancement in technology and Artificial Intelligence and how it



and JKBOSE exams.

The Deputy Commissioner who was the Chief Guest on the occasion felicitated over 50 students who had qualified for IITs, NITs, GMCs and secured positions in Board examinations.

The DC also congratulated all the students for showing brilliant performance and said that the JEE exam is considered one of the toughest Engineering Entrance Exams in India and is the gateway to the prestigious Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs).

The DC said this exceptional performance is a testament of hard work, dedication, and academic ability of these students and is a proud moment not just for them but also for RISE and the community as a whole. He hoped that the success achieved

is merging with medical sciences, engineering and other subjects.

He also appreciated the quality of work that is being done by the team of IITians at RISE in Kashmir. He expressed how RISE has made tremendous contributions to the education sector in Kashmir and hoped in future it would scale to bigger heights. He promised to be back and next time expected to felicitate a larger number of students.

The DC also interacted with the students in a classroom and not only encouraged students to study hard but also provided specific advice on how to do well in such tough exams.

Co-founder of RISE, Salman Shahid, staff members of a large number of students, their parents and other concerned were present in the felicitation ceremony.



Mercury drops across Kashmir including Srinagar on Friday amidst intermittent rainfall. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Div Com Conducts Late Night City Tour, Visits Various SSCL Project Sites

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri Thursday night took spot appraisal of pace of progress on works conducted under Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL) in Srinagar City during a late night tour, conducted here.

The Div Com was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Aijaz Asad; Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL), Athar Amir Khan and other officers of SSCL and various line departments besides the concerned contractors.

During the visit, the Div Com undertook tour of various project sites of Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL) including Redevelopment of Lal Chowk, Upgradation of Ghanta Ghar, Improvement and Upgradation of Batamalo Moominabad Road, Improvement and Upgradation of Batamalo Qamarwari Road, Upgradation of Gole Market Srinagar into High Street and Jehlum Riverfront Develop-



ment Right and Left Bank. The Div Com took stock of each project and gave directions with

regard to completion of all projects at an accelerated pace. He directed completion of Lal Chowk Project including Ghanta Ghar by July end 2023.

With regard to other projects, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir directed that projects shall be fast paced by ensuring at least two shift systems.

The CEO SSCL briefed the Div Com about the proposals in respect of each project aimed at upgradation of infrastructure, beautification of the city and ease of living of the common citizens particularly with regard to their daily lives, including mobility of each and every segment of society.

The Div Com Kashmir directed that the free movement of vehicles and pedestrians shall be ensured at each junction in view of high footfall and heavy traffic.

He also directed that the storm water drainage in the projects under implementation by Smart City shall be given due priority as the city is prone to water logging and urban flooding.

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e-NIT No:24of 2023-24Dated: 01-07-2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDC), the Tender Floating Authority, as specified in clause 1 of BDS, invites e-bids from reputed Contractors having Valid Class-A Electrical Contractor License or equivalent license issued by Chief Electrical Inspectorate of J&K PDD/Relevant issuing authority/registered Firms/Bidders enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways/GEM as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules forming part of this document. The detail of work is as under:

S.No.	Description of work:	Adv. Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Cost of Tender Document	AA No. & Date	Work completion Period
1	Installation of Electric poles at ward No 6 Kukroosa A Panchayat Halqa Kukroosa A Block Ramhall	2.91	Rs 5850.00/=	Rs 202.00	43-DDCC of 2023 Dated: 15-06-2023	90 days

Time Schedule

A	Date & Time of Publishing of Standard Bidding Document	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in
B	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	01-07-2023 02:00 PM
C	Clarification start date & time	01-07-2023 02:00 PM
D	Clarification end date & time	03-07-2023 04:00 PM
E	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	24-07-2023 04:00 PM
F	Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date & Time.	25-07-2023 12:30 PM
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified bidders).	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Bidders through email.
H	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Bids	Office of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara (KPDC).

The interested bidders are requested to submit their offer along with terms, conditions, technical specifications and annexures forming part of this tender document. The bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after site visit, careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table.

The bidders need to upload the proof/cost of e-Bid document and Earnest Money Deposit as stated in the above table through Treasury Challan and CDR/FDR respectively pledged to Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara. The scanned copy of the Treasury Challan and CDR/FDR must be enclosed along with the e-Bids but the original instrument should be submitted by the L1 bidder in the office of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara. In addition, Performance security shall be Submitted by successful Bidder L1 only pledged to the office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara. The 2% EMD of successful bidders shall be released after receipt performance security.

In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the appointed time and place.

The Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara will be final and binding.

The bidders should upload Contact detail document (e.g., Address, Mobile No, e-mail ID etc.) and other document as per the SBD.

The contractor has to get the key material, to be provided by him inspected by the PMA and or representative of the sub division and price quoted by the bidder will be inclusive of inspection expenses. No extra claim / charges will be paid. Test certificates are to be enclosed with the work done bill.

Payments will be processed as per the availability of funds against the work done bills.

The work has to be executed as per the approved GTP and Drawing available at <https://kpdcl.kpdd.net/under/Standards and Specification>.

The contractor has to produce pre-execution, during execution & post-execution photographs (with GPS Coordinates i.e. longitude & Latitude) along-with SLD of the site.

As per the Govt. Circular No: 03-JK(PDD) of 2022, dated: 23-08-2022, all new electrical installations are to be cleared by the inspection Agency of JK PDD and contractor has to process and follow-up for same.

The contractor has to produce the test certificates of all the material for all kind of works.

The contractor must follow all SoPs during execution of work. Any deviation in this regard the fine can be imposed and he shall be solely responsible for any on-towards or any accident at site. Besides he shall be responsible for taking all safety majors. In addition to it, he should have group insurance of his workers working at site.

The contractor has to get the work executed under the supervision of qualified Engineer/supervisor as per the SBD conditions.

The Bidder needs to upload all the following documents to avoid cancellation in technical Evaluation Process:

a. Cost of e-Bid Document, amount specified in the table (Only Treasury Challan shall be accepted).

b. PAN Card along with latest ITR.

c. Valid Registration Card with validity up to date.

d. GST Registration.

e. SBD.

f. Earnest Money Deposit.

g. Affidavit as per SBD.

h. Annual Financial turnover.

(Note: - The Bidders shall mention the e-NIT No. and name of the Firm on Treasury Challan and EMD in order to avoid using the same multiple times for different works.)

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s/d
Executive Engineer
Electric Division Handwara

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PAMPORE: 01933-294132
PATTAN: 01954-293507
QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

HIGHWAY STATUS
Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
Mughal Road - (Open)
Srinagar-Leh- (Open)

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19 Zil-Hajj
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PRAYERS
FAJR 3:41
ZUHR 12:35
ASR 5:35
Magrib 7:49
ISHA 9:29

This Day In History

- 1709 - Battle of Poltava; Russians defeat Swedes, end of Swedish empire as a major power
- 1716 - Great Northern War: Battle of Dynekilen, a Danish-Norwegian force under Peter Tordenskjold trapped and defeated a similar Swedish force.
- 1792 - France declares war on Prussia
- 1796 - US State Department issues 1st US passport
- 1862 - Theodore R Timby is granted a US patent for discharging guns in a revolving turret, using electricity.
- 1943 - 4th day of battle at Kursk: Gen Model uses last tank reserve
- 1943 - British air raid sinks U-232
- 1943 - US invasion fleet passes Bizerta Tunisia
- 1944 - British troops march into Caen, Normandy
- 1950 - Gen Douglas MacArthur named commander-in-chief, UN forces in Korea
- 1963 - US bans all monetary transactions with Cuba
- 1966 - US airline strike (until Aug 19th)
- 1968 - Israeli-Egyptian artillery duel along Suez Canal
- 1969 - US troop withdrawal begins in Vietnam
- 1972 - US sells grain to USSR for \$750 million
- 1975 - US President Gerald Ford announced he'll seek Republican presidential nomination
- 1975 - Quake damages over 2,000 temples in Pagan Burma, 20-foot-high seated Buddha of Thandawgya decapitated
- 1978 - Pioneer-Venus 2 Multi-probe launched to Venus
- 1979 - Voyager 2 takes 1st ever photo of Jupiter's satellite Adrastea (J14)
- 1986 - NASA establishes Safety, Reliability Maintain & Quality Assurance
- 1989 - Carlos Saul Menem becomes President of Argentina
- 1989 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Sempalaitinsk USSR
- 1994 - Space shuttle STS-65 (Columbia 17), launches
- 1997 - NATO invites Poland, Hungary & Czech Republic to join
- 2003 - Sudan Airways Flight 39, with 116 people on board, crashes in Sudan; the only survivor is a two-year-old boy who subsequently dies as a result of his injuries.
- 2011 - Space Shuttle Atlantis is launched in the final mission of the U.S. Space Shuttle program.
- 2012 - Roadside car bomb kills 14 civilians in Afghanistan's Kandahar Province
- 2013 - 42 people have been killed and hundreds injured after the Egyptian army raids a sit in protest in Cairo

From KO Archives

J&K Second Most Corrupt State: Survey

NEW DELHI - Kerala has emerged as the country's least corrupt state while the dubious distinction of being the worst in this regard went to Bihar followed by Jammu and Kashmir according to global corruption watchdog Transparency international first state wise analysis. The India Corruption Study 2005 conducted by Transparency International India (TII) land Centre for Media Studies (CMS) said Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra - in that order - were the least corrupt states. The study had a sample of 14405 respondents in 15 cities and 306 villages across 20 States and covered 11services including police, Judiciary, schools and public distribution system. While Kerala topped in all the departments. Bihar was the last, it said. The national capital Delhi was ranked 11th in the least corrupt state preceded by Chhattisgarh (6) Punjab (7), West Bengal (8), Orissa (9) and Uttar Pradesh (10). Tamil Nadu was placed 12th followed by Haryana, Jharkhand, Assam, Rajasthan, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh. Jammu and Kashmir was placed very low at 19th position only to be followed in Bihar. (Kashmir Observer, 08 July, 2005)

Conscious Tourism

Amir Suhail Wani

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For a place like Kashmir, whose rupturing beauty and calming clime is proverbial, tourism is synonymous with the region itself. Kashmir is a tourist attraction hub, pulling people, by the spell of its beauty from far and wide. This enterprise has an accelerating impact, not only on the economy of the area but and its overall development - projecting its prominence on the global map.

Tourism sector in itself forms one of the largest employment generating sectors in J&K and thousands over thousands of families are directly/indirectly related to the sector and depend on it for their livelihood and sustenance. The valley of Kashmir attracts tourists not only by virtue of its mesmerising beauty in diverse forms but it also pulls a spectrum of people owing to its adventure sports venues, pilgrimage sites, historical sites and rich flora and fauna.

It will only take the reader of these lines a ride to Boulevard or the spectre of highway these days to appreciate the density and flow of tourists and the diversity found therein. But tourism, like any other human activity, doesn't exist in isolation and can't sustain in vacuum. It exists in the midst of human activities and involves as many facets and dimensions of human life as is involved by any other activity of human significance. This point is reiterated only to press upon the fact that those who visit any place of tourist attraction indulge in anti-environment and anti-nature activities and think they have no responsibility towards the places they visit.

Tourism is a sensitive affair and the indifference of tourists to tourism ethics defiles the tourist destination and engenders the ecological balance, the animal habitat and the livelihood of locals as well.

There are a handful of people who are sensitive to the habitat and environment around them and take care to protect and preserve the same. This situation calls for an initiative and accountability measures to be enacted from the government end and the agencies involved with the tourism sector. These measures are primarily supposed to be twofold in their nature



- cautionary and penalising.

Cautionary measures include putting sign boards forbidding visitors from any environment degrading activity and warning them of the repercussions thereof. The penalising measures include fining people indulged in polluting water bodies at tourist spots, taking legal action for carrying/using/dumping environmentally unfriendly stuff at tourist destinations or indulging in activities which can have negative environmental or ethical import for the place.

In Kashmir these days, there is an added rush of people thronging to Shri Amarnath Ji Cave for pilgrimage purposes. The environmental fallouts of this activity have been highlighted earlier as well and there have been repeated calls to undertake this pilgrimage in conformity with the environmental considerations of the ecosystem involved and raise the environmental consciousness of pilgrims, while they derive the best experience from their pilgrimage.

A place like Kashmir which still upholds its cultural mores and ethical tenets, tourists need to be more cautious about the kind of activities that they can undertake and the activities that may hurt the cultural sensitivities of people.

Adhering to cultural values doesn't infringe upon the personal liberties and the freedom conferred upon tourists, but what is expected is that tourists be respectful to the sensitivities of people. Herein, the concept of tourist guide comes into play and it needs to be restated that the domain of guide is not just to inform tourists of the history and geography of the place or to update them on the best travel and boarding packages available but to curate them also about the culture, tradition and values of the place and to beware them of the spectrum of socially approved/disapproved activities.

It needs to be stated explicitly, lest it be misunderstood that people are to discipline themselves and reg-

ulate their behaviour in addition to the changes that are supposed to flow from government/agencies. No legislation or for that matter penalisation guarantees judicious behaviour on part of people if the behaviour doesn't sprout from within. No matter how stringent the rules, people will flout them, lest they aren't disciplined to the core.

Thus, it is when visitors discipline themselves and realise the responsibilities that the very act of tourism places on them, they will be saving not only the environment from degradation but also shield the localities and native population from the hazardous social impacts thereof.

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Slow Progress

Luv Puri

On June 29, the United Nations General Assembly ended the intergovernmental negotiations on United Nations Security Council reforms for the current — 77th — session and adopted a draft oral decision to continue the intergovernmental negotiations on UNSC reforms at the 78th session of the UNGA that will commence in September this year. As per Article 24 of the UN Charter, the UNSC's mandate is peace and security, making it the most important organ of the multilateral system.

A broad list of issues relevant to the intergovernmental negotiations concerns UNSC reforms, which include the proposed size of the expanded Council, the question of veto, categories of membership, regional representation, and working methods. Every year, since February 2009, as part of the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation and increase in the membership of the UNSC, diplomats from various countries, particularly from aspirant member states, ritually make statements, but nothing changes.

In practical terms, the completion of the negotiations this year offers little new details. However, around the same time, there were suo motu statements from some members of the P5 in various capitals that demonstrate a greater urgency for UNSC reforms among them as compared to the aspirant countries. Speaking at an event, the foreign secretary of the United Kingdom, James Cleverly, said, "I have five transnational priorities. First, reform of the United Nations Security Council. We want to see permanent African representation and membership extended to India, Brazil, Germany and Japan. I know this is a bold reform. But it will usher the Security Council into the 2020s. And the UNSC has grown before — albeit not since 1965. My second priority is reform of the international financial institutions. This matters

for climate finance and, of course, for poverty reduction." Around the same time, speaking on the sidelines of the Summit for a New Global Financial Pact in Paris, the French president, Emmanuel Macron, termed it important to factor in the changes that have taken place in the current international system and make the multilateral system reflective of the present times. Officially, France supports the candidacy of Germany, Brazil, India and Japan as permanent members of the UNSC as well as the stronger presence of African countries among the permanent members. Of late, the president of the United States of America, Joe Biden, has specifically mentioned that "the US supports increasing the number of both permanent and non-permanent representatives of the council. This includes permanent seats for those nations we've long supported."

The UK and France, the two UNSC members from Europe, comprise 1.5% of the world population. At present, less than 25% of the world's population has representation in the UNSC. If one excludes China, the other four UNSC members — the US, UK, Russia and France — comprise 7% of the world's population.

In the opposite camp, Russia's foreign minister, Sergey Lavrov, has also called for the expansion of the UNSC. A UN insider, with a long innings as Russia's Permanent Representative to the UN headquarters, Lavrov said, "Of the 15 members (permanent and non-permanent), the so-called 'golden billion' occupies six seats; this is unfair, unjust. Therefore, we will seek to expand the membership of the Security Council as soon as possible by including the countries of Asia, Africa, and Latin America." Unsurprisingly, China has made statements in favour of UNSC reforms with caveats. It has underlined that "at present, there is still a lack of consensus and major differences are still there among all parties on the overall direction and basic principles of the Council reform. Hasty preparation of documents for negotiation and launching

text-based negotiations will only aggravate division and confrontation among member states and undermine the momentum of reform." By this formulation, Sino-Indian or India-Pakistan contestations impact India's UNSC aspirations.

In the first stage, the UNGA must approve the reform by a two-thirds majority. After its approval, the amended Charter must be ratified by at least two-thirds of the member states, including the five permanent members. The P5 membership of the UNSC has changed twice. In 1971, the People's Republic of China replaced the Republic of China (ROC or Taiwan) in the UNSC, a move facilitated by the US-PRC détente. The second was the addition of the Russian Federation after the collapse of the Soviet Union. This came largely as a consequence of the Alma-Ata decision in 1991 wherein countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States, earlier part of the Soviet Union, and Ukraine supported the substitution of Russia as the UNSC member. There are even differences concerning the procedures of the intergovernmental negotiations: some are calling for an overwhelming consensus, if not unanimity.

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The recent statements in support of reforms of the UNSC by a majority of the P5 are predicated on critical geopolitical trends. First, in the context of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the present structure of the UNSC has left little room for creative diplomacy. The current membership is unable to break the gridlock on the critical matters of peace and security. Second, the Indo-Pacific region has emerged as one of the most important geographical areas of economic activity and, thus, the combined economic leverages of various blocs within the UNSC are now insufficient to impact outcomes. The region cannot be seen through the binary lens of developing and developed countries. Third, the US-Europe strategy on China doesn't enjoy the same consensus as the one on Russia because of the complex economic entanglements with China on both sides of the Atlantic. European countries like France don't want to be led by the US in framing their economic and political relationships with China. This has an implication, particularly with China playing a proactive role in peace-making globally as was witnessed during Beijing's facilitatory role in the détente between Iran and Saudi Arabia. Fourth, geopolitics and limited sources of climate financing are impeding progress on global action on climate change. The resultant failure is impacting the Global North as well as the Global South.

In a nutshell, structural realities ensured that the intergovernmental negotiations process is treated as a ritualistic annual exercise. That a part of the prevailing structure is now the biggest votary of the UNSC or multilateral reforms is significant, though still not deterministic. One cannot lose sight of this fact.

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The Bungus Valley

Mesmerising Paradise Hindered by Accessibility Issues

Firdous Nazir

Nestled in the enchanting district of Kupwara in the Kashmir Valley, the Bungus Valley stands as a breathtaking testament to the beauty of nature. However, despite its awe-inspiring charm, this hidden gem is marred by accessibility issues that hinder the potential for tourism and exploration. As a passionate traveller, I recently experienced the unfortunate obstacles that prevented me and fellow adventurers from fully indulging in the wonders of this valley. In this article, I aim to shed light on the challenges faced and call upon the higher authorities, such as the Lt. Governor and the Director of Kashmir Tourism, to address these issues and make the Bungus Valley an accessible haven for all.

The Treacherous Road
The journey towards the Bungus Valley begins with a narrow road leading from Reshwari, a resting spot along the way. The road's width poses a significant challenge for two vehicles to pass simultaneously. According to residents and travellers, the road is not wide enough to accommodate the increasing number of vehicles that visit the valley. This leads to traffic congestion and delays, especially during peak tourist seasons.

Moreover, the sharp turns along the route are so steep that even our cab had to reverse to regain momentum. Local reports indicate that accidents have occurred due to the difficulty of navigating these treacherous turns. There have been instances where vehicles have toppled over or collided with each other, posing a significant risk to travellers and locals alike.

While the Road and Bridge (R&B) authorities are commendably working to improve the infrastructure, it is crucial to address the steepness of the turns to ensure safer and smoother travel. By employing engineering solutions, such as reducing the angle of the turns and widening the road, the authorities can enhance the accessibility of this captivating destination. This would not only improve safety but also promote tourism and encourage more visitors to explore the stunning Bungus Valley.

The Struggle for Accommodation
Upon reaching the Bungus Valley, I was met with a sense of awe and wonder—a dream come true. Eager to explore the valley and embark on a trekking adventure, I sought accommodation for the night. However, the process was far from straightforward. The manager of the lodging facilities directed me to a J&K policeman, who meticulously verified my iden-



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ty, scrutinising my university ID and Aadhar card. While it is essential for security measures to be in place, such extensive checks can be an inconvenience for visitors. Streamlining the verification process without compromising security, would enhance the overall experience for travellers. Implementing a standardised and efficient system that incorporates modern technology and pre-verification procedures would reduce the time and effort required for authentication. This would not only benefit tourists but also relieve the burden on security personnel.

The Untimely Interruption
The border lies approximately 45 kilometres away from the valley,

making this interference seem disproportionate and unjust. The sudden expulsion of tourists and their treatment as intruders or potential threats is a disheartening experience that leaves a negative impression on visitors.

Instances of such untimely interruptions and conflicting authorities can discourage tourists from visiting the Bungus Valley. It is essential for all concerned agencies, including the police and the army, to coordinate their efforts and establish clear protocols to avoid such unnecessary disruptions. By fostering better communication and understanding between the security forces and the tourism department, the Bungus

Valley can be made more welcoming to visitors.

Appeal to Higher Authorities
Considering the challenges, it is imperative that we raise our voices and address these issues to the higher authorities responsible for the welfare of the region. The Lt. Governor and the director of tourism hold the power to effect change and transform the Bungus Valley into a thriving tourism hub, accessible to both locals and visitors alike.

By investing in infrastructure improvements, such as widening the road and implementing safer turns, they can facilitate smoother travel and encourage tourism. Conducting thorough assessments of the exist-

ing road conditions and seeking expert advice from civil engineers would help in identifying and implementing appropriate solutions. Additionally, collaboration between the various security agencies can streamline the verification process, ensuring visitors' safety without subjecting them to undue inconvenience.

The Bungus Valley, with its breathtaking landscapes and serene wilderness, has the potential to become a coveted tourist destination. However, the current accessibility issues, including the treacherous road conditions and the disruptive encounters with security personnel, impede its progress. By highlighting these challenges and appealing to the higher authorities responsible for the region's development, we

hope to bring about positive change. Let us work together to transform the Bungus Valley into a welcoming haven for adventurers, where dreams can be realised, and nature's wonders can be fully appreciated. With the right infrastructure improvements and streamlined processes, the Bungus Valley can shine as a beacon of tourism in the Kashmir Valley, attracting visitors from far and wide. It is time to address these issues and unlock the full potential of this mesmerising paradise.

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Correcting Misconceptions About Loneliness

Todd B Kashdan

In 2021, the Japanese government appointed a Loneliness Minister to counter hikikomori ("acute social withdrawal"), which followed the British Prime Minister's appointment of a Minister for Loneliness in 2018 to confront this "sad reality of modern life."

Hyperbolic descriptions litter government reports with loneliness characterized as an "epidemic" that is a "new silent killer." Well, get ready for the plot twist:

- There is strong scientific evidence that loneliness is on the rise.
- There is strong scientific evidence that loneliness is declining over time.
- There is strong scientific evidence that loneliness has remained the same since the mid 1900s.

So you can derive any story you want!

Why should you trust me? Because there are big, audacious studies that ask adults similar questions about the quality of their social worlds. Researchers explored data from 13,041 college students between 1970 and 2009. They found that loneliness declined across four decades, and the same research team found similar results from surveys of high-school students.

A few years later, between 2014 and 2018, researchers replicated these findings with thousands of people per year completing the General Social Survey. Adults in their 90s, 80s, 70s, 60s, 50s, and 40s showed a decline in loneliness. Only adults in their 30s and 20s showed



an increase in loneliness.

But I could tell a different story with a recent analysis of 124,855 adults over a similar time span: 1976 to 2019. In this big study, loneliness increased over time in college students.

Then again, I could share the results from over 4,000 adults in The National Social Life, Health and Aging Project from 2005 to 2016 and comparable data in the Health and Retirement Study from 2006 to 2016. Do you want to know how

much loneliness changed over this 10-year period? Adults completed a loneliness scale where they could have scored anywhere between 1 and 7; in 2005-2006, the average loneliness score was 4.0, and in 2015-2016, the average lone-

liness score was 4.1.

The Loneliness Epidemic Is a Myth

Relying on science with exceptional samples, methods, and statistical analyses, published in the best scientific journals, there is no consensus on what is happening in society. I could write an article for the Harvard Business Review titled, "Don't Believe the Loneliness Hype!", another article in the New York Times on "The Meteoric Rise in Loneliness!", and yet another article in The Atlantic called "Loneliness Is the Feeling that Stays the Same." We do not need exaggerations to address the real problem.

Focus on Helping Humanity, Regardless of Trends

Regardless of whether loneliness is rising, declining, or staying the same, people are hurting. They always have been. Loneliness is the pain of noticing a discrepancy between desired social relationships and current experiences.

Let's help people enhance their social life, whether it is increasing social skills, managing social anxiety, or altering their expectations, perceptions, and attributions. It is hard to increase the probability of rewarding social interactions when plagued by disproportionately low self-worth, self-compassion, and self-efficacy, and high self-consciousness, self-blame, and mistrust. It is hard to develop strong connections when unwilling to gradually disclose personal information about yourself and respond with curiosity and compassion when others do the same.

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Scientists use quasars as cosmic clocks to show early universe was five times slower



Agences

In an exciting breakthrough, scientists have observed the early universe operating in an extreme state of slow motion, shedding light on one of the mysteries of Einstein's expanding universe. This discovery was made possible by using quasars, the supermassive black holes at the centers of early galaxies, as "clocks" to measure time during the universe's infancy.

Lead author of the study, Professor Graint Lewis from the School of Physics and Sydney Institute for Astronomy at the University of Sydney, explains, "Looking back to a time when the universe was just over a billion years old, we see time appearing to flow five times slower. If you were there, in this infant universe, one second would seem like one second, but from our position, more than 12 billion years into the future, that early time appears to drag."

This groundbreaking research has been published in Nature Astronomy and provides significant evidence supporting Einstein's general theory of relativity, which predicts that the distant and ancient universe should appear to run slower than the present day. However, observing such distant time periods has posed a challenge until now.

By utilizing observed data from nearly 200 quasars, hyperactive supermassive black holes located at the centers of early galaxies, Professor Lewis

and collaborator Dr. Brendon Brewer from the University of Auckland successfully analyzed the phenomenon of time dilation. Quasars allowed the scientists to extend the time horizon back to just a tenth of the universe's age, confirming the notion that the universe appears to accelerate as it ages.

Explaining the significance of their findings, Professor Lewis states, "Where supernovae act like a single flash of light, making them easier to study, quasars are more complex, like an ongoing firework display. What we have done is unravel this firework display, showing that quasars, too, can be used as standard markers of time for the early universe."

The team meticulously examined data from 190 quasars observed over two decades, employing various wavelengths ranging from green light to red light and the infrared. Through Bayesian analysis, they were able to standardize the "ticking" of each quasar and deduce the impact of the universe's expansion on their observations.

These remarkable results further bolster Einstein's depiction of an expanding universe, countering previous studies that failed to identify the time dilation of distant quasars. Professor Lewis concludes, "With these new data and analysis, however, we've been able to find the elusive tick of the quasars, and they behave just as Einstein's relativity predicts."

Gujarat High Court Refuses To Stay Rahul Gandhi's Conviction In Defamation Case

Ahmedabad— Gujarat High Court on Friday dismissed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's plea seeking a stay on his conviction in a criminal defamation case over his "Modi surname" remark.

While dismissing the plea, Justice Hemant Prachhakk noted that Gandhi is already facing 10 cases across India, adding the order of the lower court was "just, proper and legal" in convicting the Congress leader.

The HC noted that there is no reasonable ground to stay the conviction.

A stay to the conviction would have paved the way for Gandhi's reinstatement as a Member of Parliament.

A metropolitan magistrate's court in Surat on March 23 sentenced Gandhi to two years in jail after convicting him under Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections 499 and 500 (criminal defamation) in a 2019 case filed by BJP Gujarat MLA Purnesh Modi.

The MLA had filed a criminal defamation case against Gandhi over his "how come all thieves have Modi as the common surname?" remark made during an election rally at Kolar in Karnataka on April 13, 2019.

Congress To Move SC After HC's Refusal To Stay Rahul's Conviction

The Congress on Friday said it will move the Supreme Court against the Gujarat High Court order refusing to stay Rahul Gandhi's conviction in a defamation case.

In Kozhikode, AICC general secretary, Organisation, KC Venugopal said the party would move an appeal before the Supreme Court challenging the Gujarat High Court order.

"There is one more option before us... the Supreme Court. Let's see. The Congress party will seek that option too," Venugopal said while addressing a party programme.

The Gujarat High Court on Friday dismissed Gandhi's plea seeking a



stay on his conviction in a criminal defamation case over his "Modi surname" remark.

"We will study the Gujarat HC verdict on Sh. @RahulGandhi ji's conviction and explore all available legal options. Rahul ji is a fierce voice that takes the Modi government head on. No force can silence him, the truth will triumph and justice will ultimately prevail. Every patriotic Indian is in support of Rahul ji in this fight," he said on Twitter.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the reasoning of the judge is being studied and the matter will be taken up further.

"We have noted the verdict of the single-judge bench of the Gujarat High Court on the disqualification of Rahul Gandhi. The reasoning of the Hon'ble judge is being studied, as it should be, and Dr. Abhishek Singhvi

will be briefing the media in detail at 3 pm. The judgement only redoubles our resolve to pursue the matter further," Ramesh said on Twitter.

Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala termed it a "Travesty of justice".

"Instead of punishing 'Bank Fraudsters' like Nirav Modi, Ami Modi, Neeshal Modi, Mehul Choksi and ilk, the 'messenger' exposing the deceit and swindling of public money is being punished," Surjewala said in a tweet.

He said Rahul Gandhi has chosen the path of truth, of righteousness, of fearlessness and of seeking accountability from those in citadels of power.

"We will tread upon the path of truth and righteousness, come what may... Satyamev Jayate!" the Congress leader said.

Cong's Karan Singh supports introduction of dress codes at temples

Jammu: Veteran Congress leader Karan Singh on Friday came forward to support the introduction of dress codes in various temples across the country, asserting that individuals visiting these sacred places should dress appropriately and modestly.

The Bawe Wali Mata temple management in Jammu and Kashmir recently introduced a dress code, urging visitors to dress "decently" by covering their heads and refraining from wearing attire such as shorts, mini skirts, ripped jeans, and capri pants within the premises.

The notice regarding the dress code was prominently displayed near the entrance of the Kali temple, located in the Bahu Fort area of Jammu.

The development aligns with similar measures implemented by several other temples, including those in Nagpur, the Radharani temple in Barsana, and the Hanuman Dham in Shamli.

Singh, in a video interview to PTI, emphasised on the importance of respectful dressing at places of worship.

"It is essential for anyone visiting a temple to dress appropriately. Just as individuals cover their heads while visiting gurdwaras, it becomes important for people to cover their heads when entering temples," he reasoned.

As the chairperson of one of the largest Dharmarth Trusts, overseeing numerous ancient and historically significant temples in Jammu and Kashmir, Singh encouraged individuals to voluntarily make an effort to dress decently while visiting these holy places.

"People should strive to make these efforts. It will become a habit for them. Obscene clothing should be avoided when entering a temple," he stated, emphasising the significance of 'respectful' attire.

He, however, said the temple trust does not intend to enforce a strict dress code, which might discourage individuals from visiting these sacred sites.

"We do not wish to impose such rules that deter people from experiencing the temple's sanctity. It should be a voluntary choice," he affirmed.

The Dharmarth Temple manages more than 30 ancient and prominent temples and shrines in Jammu and Kashmir, including the Shankaracharya Temple, Jwala Ji temple, Mata Kheerbhawani temple in the valley, as well as the celebrated Raganath temple, Purmandal-Uttarvani temples, Maha Kali temple, and Ranveshwar Temple in Jammu.

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Moderate To Heavy

while picnic hot spot of Kokernag in south Kashmir recorded a low of 17.7°C against 15.6°C and it was 1.0°C below normal.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 10.2°C against 10.8°C and it was 1.6°C below normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, the MeT office said.

Jammu recorded a low of 24.3°C against 24.5°C on the previous night and it was 1.4°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Ladakh's Leh and Kargil, he said, recorded a low of 7.8°C and 13.4°C respectively.

Amarnath Yatra

Heavy showers, which started early on Friday, forced the temporary suspension of the pilgrimage, the officials added.

The pilgrims have been stopped at the Baltal and the Nunwan base camps.

According to officials in Jammu, while a batch of 4,600 pilgrims on its way to the Pahalgam base camp have been stopped in Chanderkote, another group of 2,410 devotees travelling to the Baltal camp has been allowed to proceed.

The yatra will resume once the weather improves, the officials said.

On Thursday, 17,202 pilgrims paid obeisance at the holy cave shrine, taking the cumulative total of devotees who have had 'darshan' of the natural ice lingam formation in the south Kashmir Himalayas to 84,768 so far.

The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the 3,888-metre-high cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas commenced from the twin tracks of Pahalgam in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district on July 1. The yatra is scheduled to conclude on August 31.

Some In J&K Think

for themselves, he said.

"But, it has caused pain to some people. Those who have built their houses, and their relatives' houses on government land, feel only they have the right to the government property and poor people should be stopped from using the government property.

"I want to tell them that gone are the days when they were treating themselves as the owners of government property and funds. Gone are the days when they were taking decisions that suit their political interests. They grabbed State land and constructed huge houses for themselves and left the poor to suffer. The same people are now misleading the common people," the LG said in an obvious reference to National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti and other regional politicians who had opposed the administration's decision.

While Omar had questioned who were the homeless in J&K, PDP chief Mehbooba had stated that the move was aimed to convert J&K into a slum by bringing outsiders to settle here. "Discriminatory system ended on August 5, 2019. The day will be remembered as a historic day," LG said.

"They should know that such an arrangement has ended. The system of discrimination ended on August 5, 2019, and it is the administration and the PM's resolve that poor people of the country and J-K, Dalits and Adivasis, should

have the first right on government resources. They have to understand this," the LG said.

The LG said that Prime Minister's Awas Yojna was implemented across the country except J&K. "Now that the scheme is being implemented in J&K too, some people feel the pain".

Political parties in the Kashmir valley have raised concerns over the policy and asked the administration to come clean on the categorisation of the landless people.

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday accused the Jammu and Kashmir lieutenant governor's administration of importing slums and poverty into the erstwhile state under the pretext of providing housing to homeless people, calling it an attempt to change the demography of the union territory.

"The LG made an announcement about giving land to 1.99 lakh landless people in JK. Doubts and concerns have come to the fore as to who these landless people in Jammu and Kashmir are. According to the figures of the central government placed before Parliament, there are only 19,000 homeless families in Jammu and Kashmir," she told reporters.

Earlier Lieutenant Governor inaugurated the National Tribal Festival at SKICC.

In his address, the LG welcomed the members of tribal communities from different states and UTs to Jammu Kashmir.

"National Tribal Festival celebrates the rich tribal cultural heritage and traditions. It aims to provide an opportunity to tribal artisans, entrepreneurs to promote their unique handicrafts, textiles, artworks and traditional products," the LG said.

The LG reiterated the resolve of the UT Administration to fulfill the dreams of the poor, tribals and those who were deprived of their rights for decades.

"J&K Government is dedicated to serve the poor section of society. It is providing land to landless citizens who were ignored in the past. They are eligible under PMAY (G) and will soon have their own house. However, some influential people and their associates, who had grabbed state land, think that the poor section should not utilize the government resources," the LG said.

They must understand that such discriminatory system was abolished on 5th August 2019. Now we are marching ahead with one resolve and one aim that the poorest of the poor, dalits, OBCs and tribal communities have the first right on Government resources, he added.

As per Tribal Affairs Department, 40,000 PMAY houses to be allocated to eligible tribal community families. Government record suggests, out of these, around 8000 are landless. They cannot be deprived merely because some people do not want to see benefits reaching to underprivileged and tribals being empowered, the LG further said.

The LG lauded the significant contribution of the tribal community in strengthening the spirit of cultural integration, and conservation and protection of natural resources.

"Tribal community has laid the strong foundation for the country to prosper. For centuries, the community acted as a bridge connecting our cultural ethos and conserving our biodiversity. Their determined

contribution to the development process is a source of inspiration for all of us," the LG said.

The LG also shared the efforts and initiatives of the government to empower the tribal youth and women and to give impetus to the socio-economic development of the tribal community.

We understand dreams of tribal youth and encourage them every way possible so that they do not fall behind anyone in the age of accelerated change. Efforts are being made to ensure that every benefit is available to them, he said.

Today the doors of opportunity are opening up for tribal communities. It is the prime objective of the government to provide equal opportunities to youth and women of tribal communities, to ensure that economic and social justice reaches them and we make them partners in the system, the LG added.

He urged the people to buy the products made by the tribal community members. We will also direct the government departments to procure products made by Tribal artisans, he said.

The LG appreciated the artists of the tribal communities from different states for showcasing the rich tribal culture and heritage through dance and music performances.

On the occasion, the LG launched various initiatives of the Tribal Affairs Department including TRI Wool Web Portal and GIS Portal for Transhumance. He also rolled out Law 20 Coaching Scheme for Law students staying in Tribal Hostels.

The LG inspected the stalls installed by tribal artisans, and entrepreneurs and also handed over the smart tools to the beneficiaries.

Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary to the Government, Tribal Affairs Department gave a detailed briefing on the initiatives taken by the administration for the welfare of tribal community in J&K UT. He expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the support.

The Tribal Affairs Department in collaboration with the Jodhpur-based Central Wool Development Board is launching several schemes for the families involved in sheep farming.

Under Law 20 Scheme, Law students staying in Tribal Hostels will be provided free of cost coaching for Prestigious Exams by the renowned coaching institute of the country.

The GIS Portal will help in tracking the migratory tribal population.

Dr Naval Jit Kapoor, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Secretaries of various states; senior officers from Union Ministry, UT Administration and Police; members, artisans, entrepreneurs and students of tribal community were present on the occasion.

21 More Kashmir

and cultural events hosted by the department where they can promote and sell their crafts.

Notification of these crafts comes at the time when the Department of Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir is pitching hard for Geographical Indication (GI) of all the indigenous crafts of Kashmir.

The crafts which have been notified

include, Sozni Embroidery, Staple Embroidery, Khatamband, Paper Pulp, Kharadi, Glazed Pottery, Katas, Copperware Engraving, Copperware Sakhta, Pottery, Calligraphy, Painting, Handicrafts Furniture, Handmade Aromatics, Handmade Soap, Filigree, Mosaic Craft, Wagguv, Shikara, Willow Bat, Innovative Crafts. Besides the 21 crafts of Kashmir, 10 crafts of Jammu have also been declared as "Notified Crafts".

Director Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir expressed his satisfaction for inclusion of these crafts as Notified Crafts under the provision of the Jammu and Kashmir Handicrafts Quality Control Act 1978 which would address the demand of a wide sector of artisans who are associated with these crafts.

"We are taking several initiatives in reaching out to the artisans in Kashmir. Proactive marketing, curbs on fake handicraft products, special incentives to artisans and operationalizing of GI-system for Handicrafts are some of the major ongoing initiatives that are underway", he said.

215 Cases Registered

the current year so far.

Regarding cases under 'Molestation', the officer said the district saw 187 in 2020, 204 in 2021, 227 in 2022 and 105 in the current year so far. The eve-teasing cases stood at 6 in 2020, 9 in 2021, 8 in 2022 and 3 in current year so far.

Regarding 'Cruelty by Husband', the officer said the district saw 47 cases in 2020, 41 in 2021, 70 in 2022 and 54 in the ongoing year so far.

The cases under 'Immoral Activities', drew a blank in 2020, saw 1 in 2021, no case in 2022 and one in current year so far.

The cases under 'Dowry Death' saw zero cases in 2020, 1 each in 2021 and 2022 and no such case has been reported in the district so far this year.

"We have a zero-tolerance on crime against women and I would reiterate it here that whoever is found involved in any such crime will be dealt with strictly as per law", the officer said. GNS

Court Rejects

chargesheet against him ...is pending disposal before this court and he is facing trial in the offences which are against the society and women folk," the court of Sub Judge/ Special Mobile Magistrate Srinagar (Railway Magistrate Kashmir), Ahsan Malik, said.

The Court observed that A. Singh is not a student of the RMIT University of Australia but he wants to get admission in the varsity after allegedly committing the offence as "transpired from the records available".

"In the prayer part of the instant application, the accused/applicant herein did not pray for permission from this court for leaving India but he seeks only his exemption from personal appearance for future hearings in this case for the purpose of going to Australia," the court said and ruled that the exemption for unlimited period cannot be granted.

2 Ganderbal Residents

He said that in the incident the owner of the truck Zahoor Ahmad Wani (50) of Ganderbal

died on the spot, while its driver got critically injured.

He said that the injured was taken to a hospital, however, he also succumbed during treatment.

The deceased has been identified as Shahnawaz Ahmad Sofi of Ganderbal.

Abusive Words

decision, for which, certain section of the people may have objection," Justice Chandangoudar said in his judgement.

Though it was alleged that the play enacted by the children criticised the various enactments of the government and "if such enactments are enforced, the Muslims may have to leave the country," the HC noted that "the play was enacted within the school premises. There are no words uttered by the children inciting people to resort to violence or to create public disorder."

The HC said the play came to public knowledge when one of the accused uploaded the play on his social media account.

"Hence, at no stretch of imagination it can be said that the petitioners herein enacted the play with an intention to incite people to resort to violence against the government or with the intention of creating public disorder," it observed.

Mughal Road Closed

and said that efforts are underway to reopen the road.

Old Mortar Shells

may have thrown out these rusted old shells here," a police officer told PTI.

An investigation is underway to ascertain the details, he said.

J&K Records Spurt

The alarming rise in lung cancer in J&K population is surprising," he said.

He said the rising cases of lung cancer with mortality rate of 60 to 70 percent in J&K means those who are diagnosed with the disease are dying within a year or two. "Patients come to us in advanced stages because of smoking. Young people in the Valley consume smoke at an alarming rate and their lifestyles are not healthy also."

He said prior to taking up the work on constructing anti-cancer infrastructure in J&K all should work on preventive measures and convince youth not to smoke. "While we build a cancer hospital in J&K, let us work on prevention and give a clear and loud message to youth to avoid smoking," he said.

He added the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between J&K Government and Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai was aimed to offer technical assistance in establishing cancer hospitals in Jammu as well as in Kashmir.

"We are now going to work with doctors at SKIMS. You will see after a period of 2 or 3 years that local patients will not go outside J&K for treatment," he added.

He held that healthcare facilities have to be made available at the doorsteps of the people both in district levels as well as far-off places of J&K. (KNS)



TRIBAL ARTISTS PERFORMING at the National Tribal Festival which was inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at SKICC on Friday
KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

Retired Cop Attacked With Axe In Budgam, Seriously Injured

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A retired Sub inspector of Jammu and Kashmir Police received all-but 11 stitches after hit with an axe by a person in Chadoora area of Central Kashmir Budgam district.

Sources said that a retired Sub inspector identified as Assadullah Bhat son of Gulam Muhammad Bhat, resident of Madbal Chadoora was hit by an axe by one Momin Mushtaq Dar, son of Mushtaq Ahmad Dar, a resident of Chadoora village.

Bhat was immediately shifted to SDH Chadoora where he received 11 stitches on his hand and his condition is said to be 'stable', they said adding, that the prima facie of the incident was to snatch money from the injured person.



A police officer confirmed the incident and said the incident had happened on Yesterday (Thursday) and a case has already been registered in police station Chadoora, while the accused has been arrested and investigation of the case is going on-(KDC)

Justice Rabstan Calls On Ladakh LG

Observer News Service

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

On the occasion, Justice Tashi Rabstan discussed with the Lieutenant Governor various issues regarding the judiciary. Justice Tashi also informed the Lieutenant Governor about the ongoing infrastructure projects of the judiciary in both the Districts of Leh and Kargil. The Lieutenant Governor assured Justice Tashi Rabstan of full cooperation.

Meanwhile, Justice Tashi Rabstan accompanied by Yash Paul Sharma, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Leh visited MelongThang, here and inspected the ongoing works at the new District Court Complex, ADR Centre and High Court Guest House.

Thousands Throng Hazratbal On Martyrdom of Hazrat Usman (RA)

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Thousands of devotees on Friday congregated at the Dargah Hazratbal shrine here to commemorate the martyrdom anniversary of the third Caliph of Islam, Hazrat Usman Ghani (RA).

The occasion witnessed a harmonious blend of prayerful offerings and a solemn display of the holy relic of Prophet Muhammad (SAW), as the believers expressed their unwavering faith and deep respect for Hazrat Usman Ghani (RA).

Men, women, and children from different walks of life gathered within the premises of the revered shrine. The devotees had arrived from various parts of the region, driven by their heartfelt desire to pay homage to the Rashidun Caliph.

Led by the head priest, the crowd engaged in prayers, seeking blessings and guidance from the Almighty. The atmosphere was solemn yet serene, with the rhythmic recitation of sacred verses resonating through the surroundings.

933 Houses Completed Under PMAY-U In Rajouri

Observer News Service

RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner of Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today chaired a meeting to review the progress achieved under the Prime Minister's Awas Yojana (Urban) scheme in the district. The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Mohammad Khurshid and Executive Officers from the Municipal Committees and Council.

The meeting was informed that against the target of constructing 2155 houses under the scheme, construction of 933 houses

has been completed in all respects. The DDC asked the concerned authorities to adopt a mission-oriented approach for successful implementation of the housing scheme. The officials were directed to put in dedicated efforts to meet the set targets.

The meeting also underscored the significance of using quality material in the construction of houses. The DDC made it clear that no laxity would be tolerated in this regard. The progress under PMAY-U is a step towards realizing the goal of providing affordable housing to all.

DAK Calls For Public Awareness On Generic Drugs

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Friday called for public awareness on generic drugs.

"We need to create awareness among people about the fact that generic drugs are equal to their branded counterparts in terms of strength, quality, efficacy and safety. And, they cost 80 to 90 percent less than the branded medicines as manufactures do not have to spend on the development and promotion of the drug," said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

Dr Hassan said negative perception has been created that because generic

drugs are cheaper, they will be less effective.

As a result people buy only costly branded medicines leading to heavy healthcare costs among the public.

"We need to raise awareness among people that would change their perception towards generic drugs," he said adding "more education for both doctors and patients would increase the prescriptions and use of generic drugs."

The DAK President said research has shown that out-of-pocket costs were lowered significantly among patients who were prescribed generic medicines compared with patients who had been given branded drugs.

Awareness Drives, Rallies Held Across Jammu On Last Day Of GST Week Celebrations

Observer News Service

JAMMU: On the final day of GST week celebrations massive awareness drives and rallies were organized across Jammu Division.

Additional Commissioner, State Taxes (Administration & Enforcement) Jammu Narmita Dogra, flagged off mobile teams to various districts of Jammu division for creating tax awareness among the trade and business fraternity.

Speaking on the occasion, Narmita Dogra appreciated the unique initiative taken by Commissioner, State Taxes Department,

Dr. Rashmi Singh for organizing the GST week and spreading the message of the importance of tax compliance norms in the development of the nation. She said that the "KAR-TAVYA" tax awareness initiative launched this year by the Department is a continuous process and would be continued even after the culmination of the event.

The Enforcement team of Deputy Commissioner Enforcement (Central), Jammu also took to the road and gave a token of appreciation to the transporters who were carrying e-way bills and proper documents.

For Dispensation Of Justice, Cooperation Among All Wings Of Judiciary Must: CJ

Observer News Service

KUPWARA: Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, on his two days visit to district Kupwara inspected functioning of District Court, interacted with bar and judicial officers, besides he also inspected under construction district court complex here.

Chief Justice was received by Principal District & Sessions Judge Kupwara Shazia Tabasum; Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan and SSP Kupwara, Yougal Manhas.

On the occasion, Chief Justice was accorded guard of honour by the contingent of Jammu and Kashmir Police. Chief Justice inspected proceedings of the court and also inspected fast track court Kupwara where an under trial accused was presented through virtual mode before the court of



Additional District Judge (NIA Court), Khem Raj Sharma and Chief Justice watched these proceedings of the open court keenly.

Chief Justice later inspected Legal Aid defense Counsel (LADC) and Vidhik Seva Kendra (District legal Services Authority) here where he checked the progress and performance of PLVs (Para Legal Volunteers).

On the occasion, the Chief Justice directed staff of the court and PLVs to display their identity cards so that Public doesn't face any problems in locating them.

Justice Kotiswar Singh further directed staff of the court to update and upload data as data entry operations are very important for efficient delivery of judicial services.

The Chief Justice also visited the under-construction court complex Kupwara which is being executed at a project cost of 12.57 crores under PMDP (Prime Minister's Development Program). Chief Justice asked the executing agency to complete the under progress court complex before 31 March 2024 (timeline) and establish facilities for

specially abled persons and install back facilities by using solar panels.

Justice Kotiswar Singh also visited the bar room where members of bar association Kupwara led by President Bar association Kupwara Adv. Shafiq Ahmad Qureshi received the Chief Justice.

On the occasion President Bar association Kupwara thanked Chief Justice for visiting Kupwara and demanded rolling out of health insurance policy for advocates.

While addressing the Bar association Kupwara Chief Justice assured all possible support. Chief Justice on the occasion said that for dispensation of Justice, cooperation and coordination among all the wings of Judiciary is must. Justice Kotiswar Singh complimented Judges, staff of bar association of district court Kupwara for their exemplary performance in district.

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E-NIT No. - 53/Xen/Rew/Bia/2023-2024 Dated: 06/07/2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. With J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following work:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	EMD AMOUNT	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Position of AAA/TS
1	Raising of boundary wall and C/o partition wall at PHC Ladoora .Panchayat Ladoora .Block Nadihal under ADP (PRI) 2023-2024	8.11	600	16220	30days	CEE DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
2	Construction of Drain at different spots ward No.2 ,War Mohalla and from ziyarat Ab. Rehman sahib to Jamia Masjid Nadihal B .Block Nadihal under ADP (PRI) 2023-2024	12.55	600	25100	30days	BEE CEE DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
3	Upgradation /Improvement of inner links at different spots Venkara Block Nadihal Pyl Venkara under ADP (PRI) 2023-2024	6.36	300	12720	30days	CEE DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
4	Construction of Culvert near L/O Gh. Nabi yattoo and others. Panchayat Binner B, Block Nadihal, under ADP(PRI) 2023-2024	5.36	300	10720	30days	CEE DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
5	Construction of seprate toilet facility for Govt Girls Primary school Chakloo .Block Naidhal under ADP (PRI)2023-2024	3.65	200	7300	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
6	Construction of Culvert near H/o Farooq Ahmad Mir and Muzaffer Mir others .Panchyat Binner B, Block Nadihal, under ADP(PRI) 2023-2024	5.18	300	10360	30days	CEE DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
7	Construction of fencing around new high school and old high school Vohlutra .Panchyat Vohlutra under APDP (2023-2024). Block Nadihal	4.92	200	9840	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
8	-Construction of Fencing of graveyard at gujarpatil venkara .Panchyat Venkara Under APDP (2023-2024) .Block Nadiha	7.39	300	14780	30days	CEE DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
9	Construction of fencing of PHC chakloo, Ziyarat Shah Wali chakloo Pyl Chakloo, Block Nadihal under ADP (PRI) 2023-2024	11.42	600	22840	30days	BEE CEE DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
10	Construction of path at different spots doabgah Alsafa colony at Doabgah A under Pyl Doabgah -A, Block Nadihal under ADP (PRI) 2023-2024	7.99	300	15980	30days	CEE DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
11	Construction of road from Mohd Yousuf Mallia to Lift irrigation Vijbal at Doabgah -B and bund at different spots Pyl Doabgah B .Block Nadihal	6.02	300	12040	30days	CEE DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
12	Construction of drain at Solipora Nadihal C .Panchyat Nadihal -C, Block Nadihal, under ADP(PRI) 2023-2024	4.02	200	8040	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
13	Construction /upgradation of inner links at Chakloo .Panchyat Chakloo, Block Nadihal, under ADP(PRI) 2023-2024	7.93	300	15860	30days	CEE DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
14	Construction of R/ wall near h/o Mohd ramzan War and mashook ahmad sofi at Nadihal A Pyl Nadihal -A .Block Nadihal under ADP (DDC) 2023-2024	1.95	200	3900	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
15	Providing of fencing around Govt Sub centre at Vohlutra .Panchya Vohlutra Under APDP (2023-2024) .Block Nadihal	4.69	200	9380	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
16	Development of playground at Nadihal -C Pyl Nadihal -C .Block Nadihal under ADP (DDC) 2023-2024	2.99	200	5980	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded

- The Bidding documents consisting of Construction of fencing of PHC chakloo, Ziyarat Shah Wali chakloo Pyl: Chakloo, Block Nadihal under ADP (PRI) 2023-2024 of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the scheduled date given below.
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| 1 | Date of Issue of Tender Notice | 06-07-2023 |
| 2 | Period of downloading of bidding documents | From 06-07-2023 to 20-07-2023 up to 6:00 PM |
| 3 | Bid submission Start date | 06-07-2023 |
| 4 | Bid Submission End Date | 20-07-2023 up to 6:00 PM |
| 5 | Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online) | Technical Bids will be opened on 21-07-2023 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared online. |

- The G.O No.238-F OF 2021 DATED:07.09.2021 issued by the Govt(Finance Deptt) that the participation in the tendering process of work upto an amount of Rs 3.00 lacs is restricted to the resident of concerned panchayat. In the event of inadequate response to a tender ,participation from adjoining panchayat shall be permitted & participant to upload Panchayat certificate necessary.
- If the Bidder quotes his Bid exceeding the tendering Cost, his bid will be automatically rejected.
- In case of dilemma/confusion, the rate and the unit against any item shown in Bop , the SOR rate along with its unit will be applicable.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of treasury challan/receipt under HEAD 0515 mentioning therein Name of work and NIT No. In favour of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla (Tender inviting Authority).
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla.
- All The Bidders has to deposit Earnest Money (2% of Advertised cost) in shape of CDR/ FDR at the time of tendering as per the Circular of Finance Department.
- The 1ST Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3 % of allotted cost of Contract as performance security in shape of CDR/ FDR/ BG within 02 Days after opening of financial bid and shall be released after successful completion of DLP as per norms. The EMD of 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 3% performance security.

4.a Unbalanced Bid:
The successful bidder shall have to deposit an additional performance security in the shape of CDR/ FDR/ BG before award of contract in case the bid of the successful bidder is found to be unbalanced and the following scale shall apply thereto:-

S.No	Percentage of unbalanced bid viz -a- viz Adv. Cost	Additional performance security to be deposited on
1	Upto and including 15% below	Nil
2	>15% upto and including 20% below	5%
3	>20% upto and including 25% below	10%
4	>25% upto and including 30% below	15%
5	>30% below	20%

- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.
- The earnest money/performance security shall be forfeited, if-
 - any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
 - Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
 - Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

No: 417-424
Dated: 06-07-2023

DIPK-4654-23
DT: 07/07/2023
Executive Engineer.
REW Baramulla

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION, KULGAM

email : Kenphekgm@gmail.com

CORRIGENDUM

Subject:- Additional security deposit for Unbalanced bid and Extension of last date for submission of tenders for E NIT No 19 of 2023-24

Reference:- This office E NIT No 19 of 2023-24 issued under No PHEK/1800-06 Dated 01/07/2023

The condition No 25 of above mentioned E NIT may kindly be read as " The successful bidder L1 shall have to deposit an additional security in the shape of CDR/FDR before award of contract in case the L1 is found to be unbalanced and the scale already uploaded shall apply to him. Besides bid submission end date and bid opening date for all items of said NIT is hereby extended up to 10/07/2023, 03:00 Pm and 11/07/2023, 12:00pm respectively.

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Special PHE Jal Shakti Division Kulgam

No: -PHEK/ 1867-73
Dated:- 06/07/2023

DIPK-4672-23
DT: 07/07/2023

JKSC Bars Unrecognised Associations From Nationals



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC) on Friday issued a circular asking Divisional Sports Officers and Screening Committees not to conduct screening of teams fielded by unrecognised sports associations for their participation at National Level competitions.

As per the circular, the guidelines will remain in force till these associations are formally registered under Societies Act 1860 and recognised by JKSC in accordance with the laid down guidelines.

The circular reads that it is obligatory upon the Sports Associations recognised by the J&K Sports Council to get the selected teams/contingent screened through the Screening Committee of JKSC before participation in the National level competitions.

"However, it has been observed that number of unrecognised sports associations are also approaching for screening of

teams to get nod for participation in National Level Competition and avail benefits of the National level representations as per the privileges available from the Government.

"It added that it has been observed that these unrecognised Sports Associations are running from a particular area and holding posts in the Associations amongst the restricted persons or Government employees without proper authority/permission.

"Moreover, it has been also learnt that these un-recognized Sports Associations are not registered under Societies Act-1860 and having no district units, thus running illegally in J&K without following the guidelines of the Sports Council for grant of recognition. There are also reports that these Sports Associations are not maintaining proper records and fixtures of the domestic competitions leaving apprehension of issuing Sports Certificates to non-genuine candidates."

Srinagar Premier League: Novelty Wins 5-1

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 2023 Srinagar Premier Football League continued on Friday with two matches taking place at Synthetic Turf TRC.

In the first match, an early morning contest, Novelty FC took on AG's Office XI. The match started on a dismal note for the AG's XI, as they conceded an own goal in the first minute. Novelty

then scored the second in 12th minute, before adding the third in 19th to make the score 3-0 at half time. Novelty scored two more goals in the second half before AG's XI pegged one back to make the final scoreline 5-1.

The second game was a 3:00 PM kick off with JK Police XI taking on STFC Natipora. The match ended 0-0, with both teams failing to break the opposition defences.

Stokes Drags England Back Into Ashes Test



Agencies

LEEDS: Captain Ben Stokes continued to perform heroics as he single-handedly guided England to a more respectable 237 all out in their first innings on day two of the third Ashes test on Friday, before Australia moved on to 29-1 in reply at tea.

With England struggling on 142-7 at lunch, Mark Wood came in after the restart and got a quick-fire 24 off eight balls to take the hosts a little closer to Australia's total, with Stokes looking on in disbelief down the other end. The fast bowler was then caught after one slog too many to give Australia skipper Pat Cummins his first five-wicket haul in England, before Stokes took on the big-hitting mantle, passing 50 with a huge hit.

While England's scoring rate in the morning session was uncharacteristically slow, Stokes

ensured the runs continued to flow, despite struggling with the knee injury that plagued his pre-Ashes build-up. Back-to-back sixes took Stokes past 6,000 test runs before he finally fell for 80 to bring an end to England's first innings, trailing Australia by only 26 runs, thanks to their captain.

Earlier, on his home ground, Joe Root edged through to the slips off the second ball of the day without adding to his overnight score of 19, before another Yorkshireman, Jonny Bairstow (12), was out moments later. Stokes, whose incredible century at Lord's in the second test was in vain as England fell 2-0 behind in the series stemmed the flow of wickets alongside the recalled Moeen Ali, before the returning spinner wildly hooked the ball straight to Steve Smith.

Chris Woakes (10) tried to up the ante with some big shots, but got a top edge

through to wicket keeper Alex Carey on the last ball before lunch to leave the hosts seven down and staring down the barrel of another defeat before Stokes's afternoon onslaught. Back in to bat, Stuart Broad again took opener David Warner's wicket in identical fashion to his dismissal in the first innings, the Australian falling to the veteran England bowler for the 17th time in his test career for one.

Usman Khawaja and Marcus Labuschagne steadied the ship, seeing Australia through to tea without being overly troubled. Trailing in a match England have to win to prevent Australia retaining the Ashes with two matches to spare, the hosts need some wickets in the evening session to give themselves a chance of resurrecting the series.

Australia were 104/4 after 39 overs when reports last came in.



Tamim Reverses Retirement Decision After Meeting PM

Agencies

DHAKA: Bangladesh's one-day captain Tamim Iqbal reversed his decision to retire from international cricket a day after his emotional announcement, saying on Friday he was instructed to continue playing by the country's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The 34-year-old was in tears on Thursday while announcing his decision to end his 16-year international career only three months before the team's 50-overs World Cup campaign in India.

"The honourable Prime Minister invited me to her residence this afternoon," Tamim told reporters outside Hasina's home on Friday. "We had a long discussion after which she instructed me to return to

cricket. "I'm withdrawing my retirement.

"I can say no to anyone but it's impossible to say no to the most important person in the country." Tamim was accompanied by his wife as well as former captain Mashrafe Mortaza and Bangladesh Cricket Board chief president Nazmul Hassan.

"They were big factors (in the reversal)," Tamim added. Tamim skipped the one-off test against Afghanistan last month with a stiff back and scored 13 in Wednesday's one-day international against Afghanistan in Chattogram.

"The Prime Minister has also given me a break of a month and a half," Tamim added. "I will complete my treatment and return to playing cricket."

SL Crush WI By 8 Wckts To Warm Up For Final

Press Trust of India

HARARE: Having already sealed their berth for the ODI World Cup in India, Sri Lanka geared up for their Qualifier summit clash against the Netherlands with a resounding eight-wicket victory over the West Indies.

Opening batters Pathum Nissanka (104) and Dimuth Karunaratne (83) did the bulk of the damage to chase down 243 after Keacy Carty (87) had dragged Windies to a respectable target.

The victory meant that Sri Lanka remained unbeaten in

the qualifying event and now face one final hurdle in Netherlands to be crowned Qualifier champions.

Nissanka's 113-ball knock formed a large part of a 190-run opening stand with Dimuth Karunaratne (83) that took the game away from the West Indies.

Brief Scores: West Indies 243 all out in 48.1 overs (Keacy Carty 87, Johnson Charles 39; Maheesh Theekshana 4/34, Dushan Hemantha 2/49).

Sri Lanka 244/2 in 44.2 overs (Pathum Nissanka 104, Dimuth Karunaratne 83; Kevin Sinclair 1/52, Akeal Hosen 1/54).

Quick eats for busy people

Bun Maska
& Chai

Chicken Crispy

Burger

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