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Plastic Waste, Garbage Dumps In Gulmarg Forests Sparks Outrage

Parvaiz Bhat

mages of garbage "dumped openly in a forest area" in Lecologically fragile Gulmarg range which went viral on social media a few days ago, has once again highlighted the unending problem of mishandling of solid waste and overall issues related to management practices in health resorts of Gulmarg, Sonamarg, Pahalgam and other tourist destinations within Kashmir valley.

The photographs circulated on social media depicted a sorry state of affairs with solid

waste -- mostly plastic bags, plastic wrappers and plastic containers -- dumped openly in the forest area. After the circulation of these images created a buzz, environmental activists even alleged that the concerned authorities panicked and carried out a midnight garbage clearance operation by deploying trucks and ICBs to remove the waste.

Social media exchanges of environmental activists seen by Kashmir Observer have lambasted the concerned officials for "their inaction" and have expressed fears



of Kashmir's top tourist attractions can result in their extinction as tourist destinations in a few years. However.

the morning and kept in place in the dump yard." Development Authority (GDA) has strongly refuted the allegations. "Apropos various photographs purportedly related to the waste management at

Gulmarg being circulated in

social media, it is to clarify that

nowhere in Gulmarg mead-

ows or the areas frequented by

tourists, one can find any garbage. The sanitation is meticulously maintained. The garbage in the dump yard is expected as the garbage has to be dumped first in the dump yard and then segregated and then fed to machinery for processing," GDA said in a statement. More on P6

Two Intruders Killed In Poonch

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Security forces killed two militants and foiled a major infiltration bid along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, a defence spokesperson said on Monday. He said while the body of one

militant was recovered from the site, the second ultra fell into the Poonch river after being shot.

It was a joint operation by the army and Jammu Kashmir Police carried out on the intervening night of July 16-17 in the Krishna Ghati Sector of Poonch district, he said, adding arms and ammunition were also recovered from the site.

The spokesperson said the operation was launched after the alert troops noticed suspicious movement from across the LoC towards the Indian side near the Poonch River. Army and I and K Police personnel set up anti-infiltration posture in multiple tiers to prevent any terrorist from entering or escaping, he said.

The exchange of fire began in the early hours and the two terrorists were hit. "One of the terrorists fell on the spot while the other terrorist was observed fall-

ing in the Poonch river," he said. Operation Bahadur More on P6

3 Govt Employees Sacked For 'Anti-National' Activities

Kashmir University PRO, JKP Constable Among Those Terminated From Services

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has sacked three more employees, including the Kashmir University PRO, for being a "threat to the security of the state".

They have been terminated under Article 311(2)(C) of the Constitution which allows the government to terminate an employee without conducting an inquiry. The latest move comes less than a month after the government terminated the services of two doctors, allegedly involved in the 2009 Shopian rape-murder controversy, under the same law.

The three employees have been identified as PRO Kashmir University Faheem Aslam. revenue department officer Murawath Hussain Mir and police constable Arshid Ahmad Thoker, officials said.

The official reports said the services of the three have been terminated due to a number of charges, including for allegedly working with Pakistanbased militant outfits, providing

IN COMPLETE VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL **REQUIREMENT OF AFFORDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY** to all similarly placed persons for a position funded by public exchequer, he was issued with an appointment letter without holding any interview or any competition or police/CID verification. Simply put, he was clandestinely allowed to enter into the public employment through a backdoor.'

logistics to terrorists, propagating terror ideology, raising finances for terrorists and furthering a secessionist agenda.

In three separate orders, the J&K administration said the Lieutenant Governor is satisfied after considering the facts and circumstances of the case and on the basis of the information

available, the activities of the three are such that warrant their dismissal from service.

The Lieutenant Governor is satisfied under sub-clause (c) of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 311 of the Constitution of India that in the interest of the security of the state, it is not expedient to hold enquiry in the case of the three, the orders issued by the Commissioner/ Secretary to the govern-ment, General Administration Department, said.

Accordingly, the Lieutenant Governor hereby dismisses the three from service, with immediate effect, they said.

Aslam is a "diehard secessionist" who not only subscribes to and endorses the secessionist ideology, but has been a key propagandist for militants and terror outfits in the Kashmir Valley, sources quoting investigators said on Monday.

The sources privy to the investigation said findings have revealed that several of Aslam's social media posts demonstrated his hatred for the country and mentioned the security forces as "Indian Occupational Forces".

Quoting investigators, sources said, Aslam, was planted in Kashmir University in August 2008 by a terror-separatists kingpin as a contractual employee and subsequently he was confirmed.

"He was designated as media reporter by the More on P6

Ensure National Flag Flies High On All Bldgs, Offices: LG

COMMITTED TO ASSIST AND AUGMENT THE MUNICIPAL

COMMITTEE GULMARG WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE for

overall waste management of the destination. At times the wild

animals spread the waste material of the dump yard on the

road side during the night, which Is immediately retrieved in

Reviews Preparedness For Independence Day Celebrations

Srinagar: Jammu and Lieutenant Kashmir Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday chaired a meeting with the senior officers of Civil and Police administration to review preparedness and to chalk out a detailed programme for celebration of Independence Day, an official spokesperson said.

Sinha, he said, directed the officers to involve PRI and ULB members, Youth Clubs, Self Help Groups, NCC Scouts and Guides, ex-servicemen, prominent citizens, community leaders, religious heads and educational institutions in the Independence Day events.

"It must be ensured that the National Flag fly high on residential buildings, government offices and iconic places, Amrit Sarovars, tourist spots and border vil-

lages," he said. meeting,



spokesperson said, also discussed tricolor illumination of prominent buildings, organising various events in the schools and colleges.

The meeting was attended by Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; RK Goyal, ACS Home; Dilbag Singh, DGP; RR Swain, Special DG CID; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Administrative Secretaries and senior officials of Police and Civil Administration.

Militants, Forces Locked In Gunfight

Jammu: An encounter broke out between militants and security forces during a search operation in Jammu and Kashmir's border district of Poonch on Monday, Army said.

The encounter started shortly after army troops and the Special Operation Group (SOG) of Jammu and Kashmir Police launched a joint search operation at Sindarah and Maidana in Surankote tehsil to track down hiding terrorists, it said.

"Based on specific intelligence a joint cordon and search operation was launched in General area Sindarah & Maidana near Surankote tehsil, Poonch by troops of IndianArmy and SOG, JmuKmrPolice," Army's Iammu-based White Knight Corps said in a tweet. It said contact was established with the hiding militants, leading to an intense gunfight. The encounter was continuing when reports last came in.

Govt To Scrutinize Service Records Of Its Employees

&K administration on Monday constituted a high-level committee to scrutinize and verify service records of the employees, whose initial appointment orders are not available An order states that the committee shall scrutinize/verify the entries recorded in the service books of such employees whose initial appointment orders are not forthcoming/available with reference to the other near analogous/supporting/ancillary record, which may be available with the departments and/or their subordinate offices to establish the genuineness/veracity of the said service record. More on P6

Court Orders Further Probe Into Babar Qadri's Murder

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A court here on Monday ordered further investigations into the "cold blooded" murder of advocate Babar

Qadri, in his 30s, was shot dead by two people who came as clients to his Hawal Srinagar house and shot him dead in September 2020. Subsequently police formed a special team and in August 2021, they filed charges against five suspects. When security forces eliminated Abbas

Sheikh, chief commander of The Resistance Front (TRF), a shadow front of LeT, and his deputy Sagib Manzoor, in September that year. the Kashmir Police underlined

that Saqib Manzoor was also involved in Qadri's murder. (Investigation Officer) of the case shall conduct further investi-

gation and file supple-

mentary charge sheet as soon as possible," said Sandeep Gandotra, Additional Sessions Judge Special Judge Designated Under NIA Act here, said. However, the court rejected

PM Modi Lauds Revival Of Kashmir's 'Namda' Craft

Agencies

Prime Minister Srinagar: Narendra Modi took to social media to share an article showcasing the revival of the region's The Prime Minister ex-

pressed his delight at the craft's resurgence, emphasizing its growing popularity on the global stage. The revival not only signifies the remarkable skills of Kashmiri artisans but also holds significant implications

for preserving the region's rich cultural legacy. "Delighted that Kashmir's

centuries-old 'Namda' craft is reviving and now reaching global shores after years! This is a testament to our artisans' skills and resilience. This revival is great news for our rich heritage," PM Modi tweeted.

It is pertinent to mention that the 'Namda' craft, is deeply rooted in Kashmir's history, involves the creation of intricately designed felted rugs and carpets. Passed down through generations, this traditional craft has faced challenges over the years, including a decline in demand and limited exposure beyond local markets.

However, recent More on P6

HM Shah Orders Crackdown Against Drug Dealers'

'Confiscate Assets Of Those Involved In Drug Trade, Shame Them Publicly'

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday pitched for harsher punishments such as confiscation of assets of those involved in drug trade and their public shaming, saying such action will act as strong deterrence.

Shah addressed a conference on "Drugs Smuggling and National Security" during which he also watched through video conferencing destruction of more than 1.40 lakh kg drugs worth Rs 2,378 crore in various parts of the country.

He said it is the aim of the Modi government to create such an India where not even a single youth is addicted to drugs and to achieve this it is necessary for both the states

and the Centre work together. Harsher punishment will act



as a stronger deterrent as it will send a stronger message, he said, adding confiscation of assets of those involved in the illicit drug trade should be increased.

He emphasised that public shaming or boycott of such individuals will discourage others from joining the drug trade. "We need to move ruthlessly towards the confiscation of assets."

The home minister said states should collaborate with the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on financial investigations and refer the cases to the ED.

"Until we conduct financial investigations of drug traffickers and break their interest chain, our campaign will not be successful. Our approach should be such that those who consume drugs should be considered as victims, while those who engage in the trade should be marked as culprits," he said.

Shah said those who use drugs are victims and everyone should make efforts to bring them back to the right path rather than leaving them to become addicts permanently.

"The fight against drugs is to ensure that no youth is under the influence of narcotics and the country More on P6

Race To 2024 Polls: Oppn Parties Converge For 2-Day Brainstorming Session

Press Trust Of India

Bengaluru: Top leaders of 26 opposition parties were arriving here on Monday for a two-day brainstorming session with a call for unity and are expected to chalk out their joint programme aimed at defeating the BJP in the

2024 Lok Sabha elections. "United We Stand" is the slogan on posters that dotted the streets of Bengaluru with pictures of opposition leaders, including Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi, TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee, NCP's Sharad Pawar, AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal,

DMK chief M K Stalin and leaders

of Left and some regional outfits. Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge arrived in the Karnataka capital on a special plane and were received at the airport by state chief minister Siddaramaiah and his

deputy D K Shivakumar. West Bengal Chief Minister Banerjee, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Iharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, along with RJD chief Lalu Prasad and Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav also reached later in the afternoon.

A warm welcome was also accorded here to other leaders

like former chief ministers Akhilesh Yadav (SP), Farooq Abdullah (NC) and Mehbooba Mufti (PDP), besides Sitaram Yechury (CPI-M), D Raja (CPI) and Jayant Chaudhary (RLD).

The Congress asserted that Opposition unity would be "a game changer" for the Indian political scenario and took a swipe at the BJP, saying those who used to talk of defeating the opposition parties alone are now making attempts to breathe new life into the NDA which had become a "ghost".

The Opposition meeting coincides with the NDA meeting convened on More on P6

Raina Seeks Rs 5 Cr In **Defamation Suit Against Ex-MLC**

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina on Monday served a defamation notice on former MLC Surinder Choudhary for his remarks against him while quitting the party recently.

Raina sought an unconditional apology from Choudhary within a week for his attempts to damage his reputation among the masses and the party ranks and warned of a defamation suit worth Rs 5 crore against him after the expiry of the deadline.

Choudhary quit the Peoples Democratic Party on March

30 last year and joined the BJP within a week. However, he left the BJP and joined the National Conference on July 7 this year.

Choudhary announced his decision to quit the BJP on his Twitter handle and levelled allegations against Raina.

Raina told PTI, "I have served a legal notice on Choudhary through my lawyer...for levelling baseless allegations against me with the sole aim to defame my reputation within the party and the masses. He should apologize within one week or prepare for legal action."

"Ŷou may choose any political party that suits your ambition, yet the More on P6

3 More Amarnath Pilgrims Die, Toll Reaches 30

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Three more Amarnath pilgrims have died, taking the death toll during this year's pilgrimage in the south Kashmir Himalayas to 30, officials said on Monday.

The three pilgrims who died since Sunday morning belonged to Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Two of the pilgrims died of cardiac arrest, while the cause of the death of the third was being ascertained, the officials added.

While two people died on the Pahalgam route of the yatra, one death occurred on the Baltal route, they said.

These three deaths have

taken the toll during the yatra so far this year to 30.

Among the victims are an Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) officer posted on yatra duty, a sadhu and a sevadar, according to the officials.

Cardiac arrest triggered by low oxygen concentration at high altitude is one of the most common causes of fatalities among Amarnath pilgrims and security forces posted there. So far, over 2.30 lakh pilgrims have visited the cave shrine to glimpse the natural ice lingam formation.

The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the 3,888-metrehigh cave shrine in the south Kashmir More on P6

Monday - Saturday (9am - 6pm) No 5- Dal Lake Boulevard Srinagar, 190001, Kashmir

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Genes For Learning And Memory Originated 650 Million Years Ago: Study

Press Trust Of India

enes required for learning, memory, aggression and other complex originated behaviours around 650 million years ago, according to a study published in the journal Nature Communications.

Researchers known for a long time that monoamines like serotonin, dopamine and adrenaline act as neurotranmitters in the nervous system.

These chemical compounds play a role in complex behavior and functions like learning and memory, as well as processes such as sleep and feeding.

However, the origin

of the genes required for the production, detection, and degradation of monoamines is less certain.

"Using the computational methods, we reconstructed the evolutionary history

of these genes and show that most of the genes involved in monoamine production, modulation, and reception originated in the bilaterian

the evolutionary origin of complex behaviors such as those modulated by monoamines we observe in humans and other animals,"



stem group ," said Roberto Feuda, from the University of Leicester in the UK.

Bilateriaans are a group of animals with bilateral symmetry as an embryo i.e. having a left and a right side that are mirror images of each other.

This finding has proimplications on Feuda, who led the study,

said in a statement. This discovery suggests that the monoaminergic system evolved to the Cryogenian/Ediacaran boundary, about 650-600 million years ago, the researchers said.

The researchers suggest that this new way to

modulate neuronal circuits might have played a role in the Cambrian Explosion-known as the Big Bang—which gave rise to the largest diversification of life for most major animal groups alive today by providing flexibility of the neural circuits to facilitate the interaction with the environment.

Cambrian explosion, the unparalleled emergence of organisms between 541 and 530 million years ago was characterised by the appearance of many of the major class of organisms (between 20 and 35) that make up modern animal life.

"This discovery will open new important research avenues that will clarify the origin of complex behaviors and if the same neurons modulate reward, addiction, aggression, feeding, and sleep,' Feuda added.

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Sr. DSTE/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against Tender Notice no. 433-Sig-T-14-23-24 Closing Date/Time 07.08.2023 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and tim only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer eceived shall be ignored. ontractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender

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Tender Notice No: 433-Sig-T-14-23-24 Closing Date/Time: 07.08.2023 15:00 Dated: 17.07.2023

(Days)

Validity of Offer

NOTICE

In my appointment order of SKUAST-K as Helper my name has been wrongly mentioned as Hassan Dar S/o: Akbar Dar instead of Gh Hussain Dar S/o: Mohd Akber Dar. Now the necessary correction is to be made. In this regard if any



body have any objection may convey to concerned authorities within a period of seven days, after that no objection shall be entertained.

Gh Hussain Dar S/o: Mohd Akber Dar R/o:Mirgund Pattan Tehsil Singhpora

In The Court Of City Judge Srinagar

Present: Ms Fozia Paul

Umer Jan Bhat Applicant

Registrar Births & Deaths Non - applicant

In The Matter of applicantion for registration of date of death/ birth of applicant's Father Namely Mohd amin bhat and issuing the certificate thereof under sector 13/17 of the registration of Birth And Death Act

Notice To General Public

Whereas the above titled petition has been filed by the applicant in the court for seeking direction to the non applicant for registration of date of death/birth of his/her father namely Mohammad Amin Bhat

Whereas, through the medium of this proclamiation the public at large is informed that in case, any one has any objection in issuance of direction with respect to the registration of date of bdeath/birth of applicant's father who has been born/died on 18/11/2020 at home Mandibal Nowshera Sringgar to the non-applicant he/she /they shall file the same before this court in person or through counsel on or before 20/07/2023. If the date fixed is declared as holiday, the matter will be taken upon the next working day.

Given under my hand and sela today on 11/07/2023 Chief Judge. JMIC Srinagar

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER

POSHAN PROJECT RAJWAR

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

Applications on prescribed proforma (Annexure-I) are hereby invited from the eligible female candidates of the Panch wards shown against the below mentioned Panchayat Halqas, for the engagement of Sanginis (AWWs) and Shahikas (AWHs) for the Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Rajwar on "Honorarium basis". The applications along with required documents shall be deposited in the Office of undersigned i.e the Child Development Project Officer Poshan Rajwar by or before 27th of July, 21

S.NO	NAME OF THE			VACANCY OF SANGINIS Shahikas (AWHS)	(ANGANWADI WORKERS)	Name of Post		
	DISTRICT	ECT		NO. OF PANCH WARD/ MC.WARD	NAME OF AWC	Sanginis(AWW)	Shahikas (AWH)	
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08]		Satkoji	02	Shiekh Mohla Satkoji "B"	01	01	

Criteria for Selection of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) Shahikas (AWHs) Shall remain as envisaged in the Govt. Order NO 103 JK(SWD) OF 2023 Dated 28.04.2023 i.e.

- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be considered for the post. The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K.
- * The candidate should be a resident of the Electoral Ward where AWC is located. Minimum Education qualification for Sanginis (AWWs) hould be 10+2 pass and for Shahikas Matriculate maximum graduation.
- Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 for Awws and Matric for AWHs, and selection shall be granted purely on academic merit basis & there shall not be any interview.
- In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retired AWW/AWH the said candidate shall qualify for additional two percent

points.

- Candidates with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered. Self-attested copies of documents to be attached with the application form:
- Panch Ward Certificate /present /continuous, ward residence certificate issued by BDO.
- Domicile Certificate issued by Tehsildar concerned. Date of Birth Certificate.
- Academic Qualification Certificates with Marks card of 10+2 for AWWs and 10 th for AWHs If candidate belong to family of retired AWW/AW Helper, Copy of document proof. * * Non employment Certificate from a Gazetted Officer.
- * Unmarried Certificate from respective Tehsildars. * Self-Addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs 5/-.

Note: Prescribed Application Proforma can be had from the undersigned office "Free of Cost".

Child Dev. Project Officer Poshan Raiwai

No:-CDPO/POSHAN/Adv/2023/

DIPK-5226/23 Dated:- 17 -07-2023 (ANNEXURE-I)

Year of passing Marks Obtained Max. Marks

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APPLICATION FORM FOR ENGAGEMENT OF SANGINI (ANGANWADI WORKER)

10+2

Examination passed

Graduation

Age as on 01-01-2023..

Academic Qualification

14. Do candidate belong to family of retired AWW/AWH (Yes/No). 15. Documents attached.

11.

12.

Panch Ward Certificate /present /continuous, ward residence certificate issued by BDO duly countersigned by ACR/SDM.

Board/School

Domicile Certificate issued by Tehsildar concerned. **

** Date of Birth Certificate.

* Academic Qualification Certificates with Marks card of 10+2. If candidate belong to family of retired AWW/AWH, then copy of the e-ration card.

** * Non employment Certificate from a Gazetted Officer. * Unmarried Certificate from respective Tehsildars

* Self-Addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs 5/-.

UNDERTAKING

Signature of Candidate

...D/o. W/o.. ...R/o. do hereby certify that the contents of the application given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge. In case any of the above contents is found incorrect, the selection committee shall have the right to reject my application and similarly revoke my engagement order

Sig. Of Candidate

From the office of **Advocate Junaid Bhat**

Chmaber No.229 Saddar Court Srinagar.

In the case of: 1.Adil Rafiq Zaroo

2.Afaq Rafiq Zaroo Both sons of Mohammad Rafiq Zaroo 3. Mohammad Rafig Zaroo S/o Mohammad Sidig Zaroo

4.Asifa Adil W/o Adil Rafig Zaroo

Single Rate for

5. Haleema Bano W/o Mohammad Rafig Zaroo All residents of Gazali Abad HMT, Srinagar.

6. Shaheena Nabi Bhat D/o Ghulam Nabi Bhat

R/o Shahi Hamdan Colony Ali Jan Road Srinagar.

Caveators

Public at large

In the matter of: Caveat Petition under section 148-A of CPC The caveators have apprehension that anyone from public at large may file any suit/appeal/application/ any proceedings with respect to their land situated in Mouza Parimpora Tehsil central Shalteng Srinagar against the Caveators before the Hon'ble Court of Principal District Judge at Srinagar as such the Caveators have lodged/filed a Caveat petition before the Hon`ble Court of Principal District Judge At Srinagar.

Junaid Bhat Advocate J&K High Court

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my Driving License bearing DL No: JK1220090009560. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Inamul-Haq Khanday S/o Ab Rashid Khanday R/o Pinioora Shopian

> ازعدالت سب جج میونپل مجسٹریٹ سرینگر بااجلاس مهرين مشتاق

الیں۔ایم۔سیسرینگر(سیول

الم Jan Mohd سائل اسائلہ Sheikh

درخواست بغرج اندراج تاريخ پيدائش اوفات نام: Gul Mohd Sheikh

عامله مندحه عنوان الصدر ميں سائل سائلہ نے عدالت مذامیں ایک درخواست بشمول حلفی بغرض اندارج تاریخ /وفات /Gul Mohd Sheikh S/o Ghulam Mohd Sheikh R/o Charamgari Mohalla Shah Radal Sgr ذر بعداشتہار مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی عذریااعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے مذرات اشعاعت اشتہار کے اندر دس یوم عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے _ بعد گزرنے معیاد کوئی عذریا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آیندہ عدالت ہذامیں 202-07-20 کومقررہے۔

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Shaheen Iqbal

ورخواست بغرج اندراج تاريخ پيدائش اوفات ام: Abdul Ahad Bhat

تاريخُ وفات / : 1978-23-36 معامله مندجه عنوان الصدرمين سائل سائله نے عدالت مذامين ايک درخواست بشمول حلفی بخرض اندارج تاریخ اوفات Abdul Ahad Bhat S/o Late Mohd Ramzan Bhat اندارج تاریخ R/o Shahed Gunj Sgr مورخه 13-07-2023 پیش کی ہے۔لہذاعوام الناس کو بذر ليداشتهار مطلع كياجاتا ہے كنسبت درخواست كوئى عذريا اعتراض ہونے كى صورت ميں اپنے عذرات اشعاعت اشتہار کے اندردس یوم عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔ بعد گزرنے معیاد کوئی عذر ّیا اعتراض قابلِ قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آیندہ عدالت ہذامیں 2023-07-27 کو مقرر ہے۔

Subject:- Grant of Registration of the proposed Travel unit under the name & style "M/s Mountain Kashmir Trek Tour and Travel "Situated at Kangan Satrina.

Public Notice

Whereas, I Mukhtar Ahmad Chohan S/o Mohammad Ismail Chohan R/o ${\it Gagangir\,Kangan\,Sonamarg\,Kashmir\,intends\,to\,apply\,in\,the\,department}$ of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel Unit under the name and style "M/s Mountain Kashmir Trek Tour and Travel" Situated at Kan-

gan Satrina under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12. Whereas, I will submit State Subject/Domicile Certificate, Qualification Certificate, Pan Card, Experience Certificate (Minimum 05 Years), Character Certificate (Police Department), Bank Statement (Minimum Balance 10000), Site Plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed duly attested by Sub-Register, Printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting Card), Photograph of the Unit (Indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size Photographs to the Department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to Registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency.

Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority. the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organisation, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism Registration (e-mail Id:ddtreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspapers of the Valley. No objections beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my discharg certificate issued by Govt High School Ichama Beerwah . Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the above mentioned office within a period of Three days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Jamsheeda Bano D/o Gh Ahmad Bhat R/o Gumboora Beerwah

From the office of Advocate **Bilal Bhat & Associates**

BEFORE THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF U.T. OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT SRINAGAR.

(Caveat Application No.. /2023) In the case of: -Dr. Riyaz Ahmad Mir S/O Ghulam Mohiuddin Mir

R/O Adipora Sopore

Public at Large.

..Non-Caveator

... Caveator

In the matter of: - Caveat Petition under Section 148-A of Civil Procedure Code 1908 May it please your Lordship, The applicant submits as under:

UT of J&K, thus have every right to invoke the jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court for the protection of his rights. 2. That the applicant/caveator has a reasonable apprehension

1. That the applicant/caveator is a permanent resident of

that the non-applicant/non caveator may file a suit, writ or any proceeding against the Order No.

F(Salary-Pvt.Colleges)/KU/23/601 Dated 14.07.2023. (Copy of the same is annexed as Annexure A). The non-caveator may plead false facts in order to get the ex parte order.

3. That in event of any such suit or proceeding being filed by the non-caveator, the caveator may be provided an opportunity of being heard before any order is issued against them.

From the office of Advocate Younis Ahmad lic no 506/15

Mukhtar Hussain Mattoo S/o Jalal ud din Mattoo R/o Lane No.2Galibabad Shalteng Sgr (Caveator)

PUBLIC AT LARGE

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

In the case of

The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Appeal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seed in obtaining some relief/order at their back /in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

Sd/advocate



KASHMIR OBSERVER Srinagar | Tuesday | 18-07-2023

Despite Protests, KPDCL Says Smart Metering Process Will Continue

Observer News Service

Srinagar: As the protests against installation of smart meters continue in various parts of Srinagar, the Kashmir Power Development Corporation (KPDCL) Ltd Monday said there is no alternative to smart metering and that the process will continue come what may.

On Monday, many parts of Srinagar including Batamaloo, Habakadal and a few more areas of the city witnessed protests against the installation of smart meters. However, KPDCL reiterated that the process will continue and that the protests were going to yield nothing.

Managing Director KP-DCL Baseer ul Haq Chowdhary said that there is no fun of taking to streets against installation of the "People smart meters. must understand that the move is aimed to provide uninterrupted and quality power to them. The process

won't stop and every area will be covered in a phased manner," he said.

He said that there is no alternative to smart meters. "These meters will help individuals become smarter. They will get accurate and direct readings on their mobile phones and other smart devices," the MD KPDCL said.

About the rates per unit of electricity, the MD said that in J&K rates are far less than what they see in other states of the country. "In fact, we have the lowest rate per unit of electricity in J&K," he said.

On frequent power cuts in some areas, the MD KP-DCL said that some interruptions in the power supply may be taking place due to repair work or upgradation of the system. "Curtailment is necessary as the system is frequently being upgraded and prepared for winters. If no upgrading is done, we will not be able to function," he said.

SDA Demolishes 'Encroachments' In Batamalloo Bus Stand

1733 Number Of Migrant

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Authorities on Monday carried out a demolition drive against the "illegal occupants and encroachers" in the Batamaloo area of Srinagar.

An official of the Srinagar Development Authority (SDA) said the drive was carried out against the "illegal occupants/encroachers" inside the gen-

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to re-

view the functioning of

Revenue Department and

take Tehsil wise apprais-

al about Revenue related

public services delivery

system in the District, a

meeting was held today

under the Chairmanship

of Deputy Commissioner

(DC), Srinagar, Moham-

mad Aijaz Asad here at

Meeting Hall of the DC

Deputy Commissioner,

Srinagar, Syed Shabir

Besides, Additional

Additional

Office Complex.

Ahmad.

eral bus stand Batamaloo.

The action has been initiated against the sheds/ shops which have recently come up on the government land in the general bus stand illegally, he said.

Apart from that, a patch of land was also retrieved from the encroachers at Rekh Chowk Batamaloo, the official said adding that the original position has been restored.

Grievances Disposed Of In Srinagar

Deputy Commissioner,

Syed Ahmad Kataria, the

meeting was attended

by Assistant Commis-

sioner (Revenue). As-

Nazool, SDM East, SDM

West all Tehsildars, All

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of Regional Directorate

Survey and Land Record

and other functionaries

At the outset, the Dep-

of Revenue Department.

uty Commissioner took a

detailed review and prog-

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District on various Rev-

enue matters including

progress on digitization of

Commissioner

All Public Services To Be Given Within PSGA Period Strictly: DC

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Amid scroaching heat, farmers pack raw potato stock in large bags on the outskirts of Srinagar on Monday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

59 Teaching, Non-Teaching Posts Vacant In NIT Srinagar: Reveals RTI

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Fifty Nine positions of teaching and non-teaching staff are lying vacant in National Institute of Technology(NIT) Srinagar, one of premier educational institution of north India, information in this regard has been shared by the Central Public Information Officer of the institute in response to an RTI application by a Jammu based RTI activist Raman Sharma.

In an official letter dated 19/06/2023 signed by Registrar & Central Public Information Officer of the institution, the Reply informs that NIT Srinagar has 4-Tier Flexible faculty cadre structure and the total sanctioned strength of permanent faculty staff is 198 and posted strength is 162. It further states that there are 36 vacant

The reply served by the institute also discloses that there are 13 temporary faculty members also, including 03 posted in Electrical Engineering department, 03 in I.T department, 2 in Metallurgical & Materials Engineering, 02 in Humanities and Social sciences and Management, 01 each in Computer Science & Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering and department of Physics.

The information provided by the CPIO to RTI activist Raman Sharma also reveals that 23 posts of permanent non-teaching staff are also lying vacant there in NIT, Srinagar.

While giving detail about the intake capacity and as on date enrolled strength of the students there in the institute, the documents provided by the CPIO disclose that intake capac-

ity for undergraduate courses is 952 (including 53 for DASA, Direct Admission for Students Abroad) and for Post graduate courses it is 439(including 23 for DASA). As on date total enrolled strength of students in Undergraduate courses is 3175 and those pursuing PG Courses is 428.

Category wise detail of Students reveals that 269 students under EWS quota are pursuing undergraduate courses and 7 are admitted for PG courses, 1606 students under open merit category out of which 1406 are pursuing UG courses and 200 undergoing PG programs. In the reply it has also been informed that there are 501(SC), 256 (ST), 56(PWD), 742(OBC-NCL), 3(DASA) 163(Self Sponsored) students enrolled in the NIT Srinagar and pursuing different courses.(KNS).

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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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This Day In History

- 1922 German-Russian treaty signed in Italy, Soviet Union recognized ·
- 1925 Adolf Hitler publishes Mein Kampf (original title was the catchy "Four and a Half Years (of Struggle) Against Lies, Stupidity and Cowardice")
- 1929 NY Yankees become 1st team to wear uniform
- 1932 Belgium, Luxembourg & Netherlands sign Ouchy Convention, a customs treaty
- 1932 US & Canada sign a treaty to develop St Lawrence Seaway
- 1936 Spanish Civil War: General Francisco Franco issues manifesto and leds uprising with army in Morocco.
- 1938 Great Britain recognizes Italian annexation of Abyssinia AgreementTreaty of Interest
- 1939 Stalin requests British, French & Russian antinazi pact
- 1942 Japanese occupying army on Java installs film censorship 1943 - Swiss scientist Dr. Albert Hofmann discovers the psychedelic effects of LSD
- 1944 British air raid on German convoy SW of Heligoland
- 1944 British troops occupy Bourguebus hill range.
- 1945 German troops in Groningen surrender 1945 - Red Army begins Battle of Berlin
- 1945 US troops enter Nuremberg, Germany
- 1945 US troops land on He Shima, Okinawa 1946 1st **US launch**
- 1955 -1st electric power generated from atomic energy sold commercially
 - 1963 Failed military coup in Syria
 - 1963 The United Nations Special Committee on Apartheid releases its second interim report pressing for international sanctions against South Africa, particularly the supply of arms, ammunition and petroleum

Government of Jammu & Kashmir **Government College of Physical Education** Gadoora Ganderbal

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Jamabandi/ Girdawari

Reconstruction of dam-

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of Migrant offline/online

grievances, updation of

cases on Revenue Court

Cases Monitoring System

(RCCMS), Online services

delivery system, digitiza-

tion of legacy mutations.

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bandies and scanning of

revenue records as per

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Ph No.: 0194-2951795

Short Term Tender Notice

On behalf of Lieutenant Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir Sealed tenders affixed with revenue stamp worth Rs 5/- are invited from the Approved contractors/suppliers registered with UT of J&K Government for removal of obstacle cement stairs at Sports Stadium GCOPE Ganderbal and utilization of deburred material in low laying areas in the premises of the Government College of Physical Education Gadoora Ganderbal. The tenders should be accompanied with CDR of Rs. 20000/- pledged to Principal, Government College of Physical Education Gadoora Ganderbal which should reach this office within 07 days from the issuance of this notice in the newspapers. The firms/contractors shall visit the site during office hours from the date of issuance of the tender notice through print and electronic media up to last date to examine the nature of work. The tenders will be opened on the subsequent or any other working day in presence of the College Development Committee. The development committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof:

Terms & Conditions:

ii.

- GST Registration Certificate and PAN Number should be accompanied.
- The rates so quoted shall include dismantling, loading, unloading, carriage
- The rates as quoted for should be in inclusive of the charges as mentioned in the notice and F.O.R Government College of Physical Education Gadoora Ganderbal. The payment shall be released subject to satisfactory report submitted by the
- college development committee.

Sd/-Dr. Hartej Singh (Principal)

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore Short term e-Tender

NIT No: PHE/MDNS/NIT/E-20 of 2023-24

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, sealed e-tenders in two covers are invited from experienced, reputed and registered firms/genuine manufacturer/authorized distributors/ dealers/ workshop holders / SSI Unit holders for the following work:

S. No.			Estimated Cost (Rs in Lacs)	money	comple-	gramme		AAA No. and Date
	Electrical works to be executed at the filtration plant Tarzoo under M and R	Rs 100.00		02% of the es- timated	05 Days		07/2023	Budgetary provision under M
	Repair works at various water supply schemes pertaining to PHE (Mech) Sub Division Handwara under M and R	Rs 50.00		cost of work	do		16 of 07/2023	and R

The tenders consisting of qualifying/eligibility criteria, technical specifications, general and commercial terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website https://jktenders.gov.in from 15-07-2023

15-07-2023(10:00 am) to 21-07-2023 (6:55 pm).

Prequalification bids shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore on 22-07-2023 at 02:00 pm after which the financial bids of qualifying bidders shall be opened. In case offices happen to be closed due to holiday, or any other reason, on the schedule date of opening, the bids will be opened on the next working day. The complete bidding shall be online.

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

No. PHE/MDNS/DB/2501-09 DIPK-5247/23 Dated: 17-07-2023

Sd/-**Executive Engineer** Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore



CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

Green Campus, Ganderbal (J&K) 191201 Website www.cukashmir.ac.in

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR ADMISSION TEST -2023 (EXTENSION NOTICE) The last date for submission of online application forms for admission to the following programmes of this

University advertised vide Notice No.: CUKmr/EEW/Admissions/2023/CUKAT/5063 Dated: 09-06-2023 is hereby extended up to July 25, 2023. However, other terms and conditions shall remain the same as reproduced Post-Graduate Diploma Programmes **B.VOC Programmes**

Retail and Logistic Management

Post Graduate Diploma in Guidance &

Post Graduate Diploma in Peace and Conflict Studies

Post Graduate Diploma in Alternate Banking

Post Graduate Diploma in Urdu Journalism(Part-time) GENERAL GUIDELINES: - 1. Admission to the above programmes shall be made on the basis of CUKAT-2023 to be conducted by the Central University of Kashmir. 2. Eligible candidates shall have to apply ONLINE through the website www.cukashmir.ac.in or through the direct link https://cukashmiradm.samarth.edu.in/.

3. OFFLINE applications shall not be accepted. 4. Candidates who are appearing in the final examination of the

qualifying degree are also eligible to apply. However, such candidates must have passed the examination by or before the declaration of CUKAT-2023 results. All the candidates are required to produce the original marks sheets/degree certificates at the time of counselling, failing which their candidature shall not be considered for admissions. **5.** The selection of candidates shall be strictly based on the merit scored in the Entrance Examination/ and GD/PI, wherever applicable. 6. Reservation for SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PWD candidates shall be as per Govt. of India (GOI) norms only. Please note SC category means Schedule Caste only and not the Social Caste. Further, RBA doesn't fall in the OBC category. The selected candidates are

required to submit an OBC category certificate in the format prescribed by the Govt. of India (GOI).

The candidates selected for Post Graduate Diploma in Cyber Security and Cyber Forensics shall have to study 2nd semester at the Rashtriya Rakhsha University (RRU), Gujarat that will make them eligible for a twin degree of both these Universities

ADMISSION PROCEDURE: 1. Application Form, online payment of application fees, Syllabus, Eligibility and other details shall be available on the University Website

https://web.cukashmir.in/#/administration;id=4A25FFFB-0396-4695-93D9-534D08A70C31 2. Application fee:

General/OBC/EWS applicants SC/ST Applicants

Rs. 700/- for 03 subjects/Papers and Rs.100 for additional subject/s Rs. 350/- for 03 subjects/Papers and Rs. 100 for additional subject/s

No. CUKmr/EEW/Admissions/2023/CUKAT/5137

Controller of Examinations

From KO Archives

Australia Frees Kashmiri Detainee After 7 Years

YDNEY - A Kashmiri youth, freed yesterday after spending a record of almost seven years in an Australian immigration detention, thanked the Prime Minister, John Howard, and the Immigration Minister, Amanda Van stone, for "showing me compassion". Peter Qasim; was 24 when he arrived on Thursday Island

via Papua New Guinea, in September 1998.

He is still in the Adelaide psychiatric hospital to which he was admitted five weeks

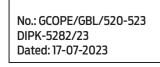
ago, but will leave early this week after being granted a visa to live in the community, with full health benefits and employment rights. A Christian couple from Adelaide's southern suburbs, Faye and David, who have visited him in Baxter detention centre near Port Augusta many times, were at his side yesterday, excited to be taking him home.

He calls them Mum and Dad, and thanked them andthe Liberal backbenchers who made his plight public, and other "loving, caring supporters" including the Sydney entrepreneur

"I have been living for almost seven years in a very hard situation," said Qasim, looking relaxed as he read slowly from a prepared statement. "I don't know what my future is now, but I am happy to have the chance to live a normal life. I never wanted to be a burden on Australia." Although his application for asylum was rejected, Qasim can live as an Australian citizen pending deportation. In reality, he has tried unsuccessfully to be deported for the past two years, and it is unlikely this will happen. Although he asserts he is a Kashmiri national, an orphan who fled the country after becoming involved with the separatist Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, no government will accept him and he is effectively stateless.

He has also applied for a permanent visa under a section of the Immigration Act that allows the minister to grant visas on humanitarian grounds

(Kashmir Observer, 18 July, 2005)



KASHMIR OBSERVER®

Tuesday | 18-07-2023

Perilous Path Of Free Speech

fter the burning of holy Quran by an Iraqi immigrant to Sweden, the Swedish authorities authorized a request to burn holy books of Torah and Bible outside the Israeli embassy in Stockholm. The permission for this clearly heinous act was justified as an exercise of the freedom of speech. But in a noble gesture the protester, a Muslim, didn't burn the holy books, saying he only wanted to draw attention to the burning of holy Quran. He said the real reason for the protest was to highlight the difference between freedom of speech and offending other ethnic groups.

The protester has raised an urgent question: that is, whether burning of holy Quran is freedom of speech? But this is not how a predominant majority of people in the world across all faiths look at the issue. Burning of holy Quran has led to protests and condemnations across the Muslim world and drew denunciations from the non-Muslim countries as well. The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) approved a resolution on religious hatred and bigotry which was also supported by India, home to the world's largest Muslim minority. The motion was opposed by the United States and the European Union, which said it conflicts with their positions on human rights and freedom of expression.

The burning of holy Quran ostensibly provoked some people in Sweden to seek permission to burn holy Torah and holy Bible in retaliation. But as it turned out, they only wanted to make a point that doing so is not free speech but blatantly offensive.

That said, the issue still remains that the permission to such burnings is given in the name of freedom of expression. While this right apparently seems a salutary idea, it is not absolute. Despite western claims to being the staunch votaries of free expression, they make stringent exceptions for certain types of speech. For example, racist remarks, slurs are righty condemned, and there are legal provisions in place to protect against hate speech and discrimination based on race or language. Questioning holocaust is also strictly barred. However, religious communities, like Muslims, often find themselves without similar protections, leading to a glaring disparity in the treatment of different communities.

It is essential to acknowledge that communities are diverse and comprise individuals with various beliefs and practices. While some countries may have a significant number of atheists or individuals who are less religiously inclined, this should not be used as a basis to generalize or undermine the significance of religious communities. Muslims Hindus, Christians and Jews have a rich and deeply rooted faith that holds great meaning to them. Dismissing their concerns or subjecting them to hate speech is not only disrespectful but also fosters an environment of intolerance. It is our collective responsibility to denounce these acts, support affected communities, and work towards a society where differences are celebrated, and every individual is treated with dignity and fairness.

OTHER OPINON

Dying young

ndia's youth are often touted to be the foundation of the nation's demographic dividend. However, a vibrant economy needs a large, healthy working-age population to sustain itself — and this is where India seems to be faring poorly. A 2021 survey report had found that more than two-thirds of individuals suffering from non-communicable diseases, like hypertension, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, neurological disorders and so on, fall within the economically productive age groups between 26 and 59 years. Now, a more recent study has found that half of Indians who develop any one among seven of these chronic ailments do so by the age of 53. High blood pressure, diabetes and arthritis occupy the top three spots on the list of NCDs affecting Indians. While it is true that adopting a healthier lifestyle and giving up the use of tobacco and alcohol can reduce the chances of acquiring these afflictions, poor public health financing, it must be acknowledged, aggravates the challenge. That around 400 million Indians lack adequate financial protection for medical expenses, as per the Niti Aayog, is ample evidence of that. It is not surprising that low and middle-income economies suffer the most in this aspect; caring for NCDs leaves households susceptible to catastrophic health expenditure wherein families have to spend in excess of 10% of their regular household expenditure on getting medical treatment.

There are other disruptive consequences of this malady. The early onset of NCDs will shrink the number of productive years that India's working-age population can devote to economically profitable endeavours. This lost economic output is estimated to cost the nation at least 3.5 trillion dollars by 2030. Unfortunately, the government does not seem to be too concerned by the looming public health crisis. The Union budget for 2023-24 allocated Rs 89,155 crore to the ministry of health and family welfare — its 2.1% share of the gross domestic product pales in comparison to the roughly 8.5% that South Africa spent in 2020, let alone the finances devoted to health budgets formulated by governments in the developed world. The economic interests of the nation, if not the health of its citizens, necessitate a wider outlay of funding and a planned approach towards tackling the problem of NCDs, failing which, India's working-age population would increasingly be at risk of being hobbled prematurely.

Telegraph India

Cloudbursts and Damaged River Embankments

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

n the last decade, instances of cloudbursts have increased in the Kashmir valley and parts of Jammu especially in Chenab and Pir Panjal regions. Frequent cloudburst during summer rains is very dangerous and is causing flash floods.

One of the many reasons for the increased risks of such cloudbursts and flash floods is river bed mining which has weakened embankments of these streams which has in turn increased chances of flooding and waterlogging in surrounding apple farms.

Only a few days back, there was a massive flash flood in Romshi and Shali Ganga streams. Many local residents got trapped along with animals.

Both Romshi and Shali Ganga streams emerge from Pir Panjal mountain range. Romshi passes many areas after leaving from a Pir Panjaal glacier called Kach Goul locally. It passes through many areas of Pulwama like Rahmoo, Newa, , Pahoo and enters Jhelum near Dogam Kakapora area. Shali Ganga which is a tributary of Doodh Ganga originates from Tatakoti glacier in Pir Panjaal mountain range. It passes via Ashtar valley, Doodh Pathri, Raithan, Hushroo, Panzan and joins Doodh Ganga near Wathoora Budgam. The Doodh Ganga further joins Jhelum river around Wullar lake. In the past when flood spill channels were not constructed (Prior to 1917), Doodh Ganga would enter Jhelum after crossing Barzulla, Aloochi Bagh , Batmaloo and Chazbal area.

In the Panzan area of Budgam, the retaining walls of Shali Gana were washed away and there were a lot of landslides as well. The frequency of cloudburst has increased because of global warming. This is going to worsen in the years to come as the temperatures continue to rise every year.

As rising temperature in the Himalayan region and its impact on atmosphere which leads to cloudbursts is still being studied and researched, experts say that the warming Indian ocean is certainly carrying more moisture-laden winds towards the mountains of Himalayas which is causing cloudbursts in the Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand.

This is a complex process and scientific evidence on this subject is still evolving and there are different views of weather experts/earth scientists on this issue.

What is a Cloudburst?

Cloudburst is a sudden and very heavy rainfall which is often local in nature and very brief in duration.

Cloudbursts usually occur in association with thunderstorms. In these storms, there are violent rushes of air which at times prevent the condensing raindrops from falling to the ground. A large amount of water may thus accumulate at high levels and if the upward currents are weakened, all of this water falls at one time. This is also called Aaab Thrath in Kashmiri dialect, while lightning is called Naar Thrath (Fire Burst) in our local dialect.

As explained above, cloudbursts are common in mountainous areas. This is probably because the warm air currents of a thunderstorm tend to follow the upward slope of a mountain. The effects of heavy rain are especially striking on mountain slopes because the falling water is concentrated in valleys and gorges.

Cloudbursts are very difficult to predict as they are very localized events. It means that the instruments to record cloud formation and precipitation have also to be distributed across a wide area for receiving the localized information. Even though the cloudbursts warning cannot be given in advance, the weather stations and experts do send alerts for a heavy rainfall

Mountain cloudbursts cause sudden and destructive floods and these we are witnessing off and on in Kashmir valley, Poonch, Rajouri, Ramban,Doda and Kishtwar areas of Jammu.

The sudden rise of water level in Romshi, Shali Ganga and Doodh Ganga on Sunday morning to afternoon was due to cloud bursting in Pir Panjal mountains. Weak embankments

Flooding of rivers. nallahs and streams of Kashmir is an annual phenomenon and in the past 4 to 5 years there isn't a single year when the state did not experience waterlogging and



flooding in various areas. Maybe the intensity of these floods is small as compared to September 2014 floods but we cannot say that there were no floods at all.

Kashmir valley especially has witnessed many floods in the last 200 years which caused unprecedented damage and loss of lives. For instance, Kashmir valley witnessed major floods in 1841, 1893, 1903, 1929, 1948, 1959, 1957, 1992 and 2014. Infact, Govt created many embankments around Jhelum and other small streams like Romshi, Doodh Ganga, Shali Ganga, Vaishav but due to illegal Riverbed Mining and constant movement of trucks, cranes and JCBs around these nallahs, streams and rivers, the embankments have been weakened and this is also leading to floods and water logging in the areas.

An embankment (levee) is an artificial bank built along banks of a river or stream to protect adjacent land from inundation by a flood. It is usually earthen and parallel to the course of a river. The embankments or 'bunds' vary in nature and function under a variety of situations. Many embankments are made of compacted soil especially in Indian plains but in Himalayan

Inquiry Officer to conduct an enquiry in the matter of balance work (Civil, Hydro Mechanical, Electrical) of Tawi Barrage project. The Inquiry Officer was supposed to conduct detailed enquiry into the cost and time overrun of the project and he was supposed to submit a detailed report within a period of one month according to the General Administration Department's order No: 838-JK (GAD) of 2022 Dated 15.07.2022, but even after a year the inquiry report hasn't been made public and nobody was taken to task.

The Govt of India released Rs 140 Crores for Jhelum flood augmentation a few years back but it is still not known whether any tenders have been issued.

In case of Doodh Ganga, the Govt assured the National Green Tribunal -NGT last year that Rs 149 crores would be spent for setting up Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs). Yet, even after a year, the tenders haven't been issued.

On May 30th this year, the Principal Secretary Housing and Urban Development Department Mr Prashant Goyal was given 2 months by NGT to start the work execution. The matter is again listed for August 16th 2023.

The Jhelum and Tawi flood recovery proj

One of the many reasons for the increased risks of such cloudbursts and flash floods is river bed mining which has weakened embankments of these streams which has in turn increased chances of flooding and waterlogging in surrounding apple farms

states especially J&K the embankments in upper reaches are made from boulders, stones and sand as well.

After the September 2014 floods in Srinagar and other areas of J&K, the Government of India sought assistance from the World Bank. A project namely Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project was started in J&K with main focus on restoring critical infrastructure. As J&K is prone to natural disasters like floods and earthquakes the infrastructure under this project was supposed to be designed with upgraded resilient features, and included contingency planning for future disaster events. After 8 years of the devastating floods and funding having been allocated by the World Bank, it seems things have not been moving in the right direction.

Inquiry into Tawi Barrage

Under flood mitigation programme Jhelum and Tawi Flood Recovery Project, the Government took up construction of Tawi Barrage artificial lake project around 2016 in Jammu. This project, according to the Govt, will boost the tourism of Jammu city as modern and advanced means of recreational activities will be established in the city with the completion of this project.

However, this project was marred by corruption and mismanagement. A special audit ordered by Govt in the past had not only found glaring irregularities in the execution of the Tawi Barrage project but fiscal violations and financial impropriety of grave order which needed immediate attention of authorities concerned. Last year, the Government ordered that Mr Shaleen Kabra, Financial Commissioner, Revenue, J&K be the

ects were aimed at restoring essential services disrupted by the floods and improving the design standard and practices to increase resilience but when we see flooding happening off and on it seems things this project has not done any justice on the ground.

Conclusion

We cannot stop cloudbursts and flash floods from taking place as they are natural disasters but the Govt can definitely make sure these floods don't cause destruction of life and properties.

By allowing JCB and L&T cranes to excavate riverbed material from our streams and constant movement of huge trucks,tractor trolley, dumpers and tippers,the embankments of streams like Romshi, Rambiara, Doodh Ganga, Shali Ganga, Vaishav have been considerably weakened.

The respective District Mineral Officers-DMOs are responsible for it. This illegal practice in Doodh Ganga and Shali Ganga in Budgam has been stopped for more than a month now after National Green Tribunal -NGT's orders but why aren't District Magistrates and District Mineral Officers (DMOs) of other districts enforcing the orders of NGT in their respective districts?

Even the Minor Mineral Concession Rules 2016 forbids use of machines and cranes to undertake riverbed mining but unfortunately those Govt agencies who have to enforce these rules are allowing its violation brazenly.

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Maiden Wimbledon

any congratulations to the young tennis sensation Carlos Alcaraz for winning his maiden Wimbledon title, prevailing over the veteran Novak Djokovic in a gruelling and energy-sapping five sets. It was the men's Wimbledon finals that tennis lovers world over were eagerly awaiting. It was the final deemed the

prodigy vs. the master, who was chasing history and had been winning Grand Slams for fun, securing two Majors already this year. But in the end, the prodigy dethroned the master. It was to the credit of Alcaraz, who kept his nerves to overcome his first set jolt, and won some big points in key moments in the final set that made the difference. There is a rea-

son why Alcaraz is always high on the odds-makers' list to win titles. He has the skill, talent, and tools to do so, which were evident when he adapted so well to the grass surface and made proper adjustments to win his first Wimbledon title. Carlos Alcaraz's journey thus far has been nothing short of phenomenal. The Spanish prodigy has demonstrated time and

again that he is more than capable of taking on the world's best and emerging victorious. The future of world tennis seems to have finally arrived in a highly talented youngster, who combines flash, grit, guts and grace.

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On What Constitutes Maturity

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n a general sense, maturity can be understood as complete growth or development. Therefore, evaluating someone's maturity would involve assessing whether they have reached a fully developed or final state. Maturity, as a characteristic of a person's personality, is highly desired and held in high regard. It is openly displayed and sometimes even boasted about. Its significance is widely acknowledged by oneself and appreciated by others. An exquisite tapestry woven with the filaments of introspection, enlightenment, wisdom, brooding, acceptance, and acknowledgment of dynamic behavioral patterns is an essential part that comprises maturity.

Singling out the mature from the immature would call for the identification of the salient characteristics of maturity. This is easier said than done. However, if they are identified, these characteristics, usually exhibited through a person's actions, can help one identify or single out mature individuals. Among others, these characteristics include a willingness to act in ways that benefit not just acquaintances but also common folks. In other words, being gregarious and philanthropic is a salient characteristic of maturity. Similarly, being unpretentious, altruistic, and, engaging in rational endeavors, an exhibition of reasoning, and control



deliberated upon it are Aristotle and Immanuel Kant. Kant in "An Essay to the Ouestion: What is Enlightenment" presents an in-depth and conceptually ingrained understandthe inability that sprouts out of the lack of understanding, rather, it is the inability or the lack of resolution and courage to use it without some external aid. As a matter of fact, he held that maturity is a natural state of humanity and the only qualification required for its achievement is 'freedom', freedom to make common or public use of one's reason in all matters. Kant elucidates three qualifications must for maturitypublic use of one's reason, getting better of one's cowardice and laziness and developing one's freedom of thought. Kant's description of the qualifications has, however, been discounted for he does not take into account, in desired degrees, the role of emotions within a mature indi-

vidual. His mature person is bland. To understand how Aristotle viewed maturity, it is useful to understand what constitutes virtue ethics. It is a field of ethical thought that promotes that an individual's life goal must be striving for the

greatest possible good. No conscious or deliberate attempts will be made here to single out what constitutes a virtue. Let the readers understand that virtues are activities or endeavors that are either concerned with a person's intellect or character. Thus we have intellectual virtues and moral virtues. Acquisition of both these types calls for practice. But, as Aristotle understood it, the former is an outcome of learning; the latter of habituation. In his words, "Virtue of thought arises and grows mostly from teaching; that is why it needs experience and time. The virtue of character results from habit." Maturity is one such virtue. Samuel Ullman, an American poet, humanitarian and religious leader quotes, "Maturity is the ability to think, speak and act your feelings within the bounds of dignity. The measure of your maturity is how spiritual you become during the midst of your frustrations." He did not cage his stance on maturity by

circumscribing a certain way that ought to be followed. Yet, he instilled his insight into maturity in a way that may involve each aspect of life be it our thoughts, speech, or deeds where the execution must be done in a manner that is amicable and courteous enough. He gave it a beautiful essence by striking a balance between one's relationship with divinity and the inner self. He coherently mentioned that the magnitude of maturity in a being can be ascertained by the spirituality/sanity that is exhibited during a situation that is quite despicable to

To unveil the truth about maturity, one must transcend from the aisle of deep self-absorption and impulsivity within. The mere thought of embarking on the journey to attain maturity is a portent of maturity. Humankind was created in a way that it is very often and inevitably subjected to certain circumstances which require enormous and erratic changes. These changes may prove to be quite exasperating and infuriating for many, and this is where a greater portion of maturity is buried and thus requires exhumation. As John Huston Finley, the former Commissioner of Education of the State of New York and a former Professor at Princeton University said, "Maturity is the capacity to endure uncertainty." Conceding to his thought, endurance plays a pivotal role in expanding the environment of maturity through mutual respect, profound empathy, and compassion towards others when it is the least expected.

Maturity is erroneously associated with a multitude of incidents and circumstances with the mere ascend of chronological age. Though times bear the best evidence of the fact that it is not associated with confinement to greater numbers of age alone. Rather it is an amalgamation of various aspects of life passing from generation to generation. Sometimes it may be depicted in the silence to a foolish argument, and many times in willingness to consider and capacitate a wise word.

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over emotions have been identified as the traits of maturity.

An understanding of maturity as a personality trait stands thoroughly discussed. Among those who have ing of what constitutes immaturity. Kant says, "Immaturity is the inability to make use of one's own understanding without the guidance of another." To him, immaturity is not

J&K MISSION YOUTH

A Socio-economic Empowerment Initiative

Mohammad Hanief

ammu & Kashmir is bestowed with a predominantly young population with about 69 % of the population being below the age of 35 years. In order to provide a platform for holistic implementation of all youth engagement and outreach initiatives, and to bring the interests and empowerment of youth to the centre of policy making, government of Jammu & Kashmir Union territory has rolled out a pioneering initiative - Mission Youth.

Mission Youth is an ambitious initiative aimed to provide a vibrant medium for youth engagement & empowerment in Jammu and Kashmir and the mission & strategy is to facilitate youth to become ambassadors of peace, prosperity & socio-economic growth through systematic interventions across domains.

The initiative has been successful in addressing the socioeconomic issues faced by the youth of the UT by providing them a platform to optimally harness their skills in different potential entrepreneurial prospects, thereby contributing towards growth and development of the region. Mission Youth, a comprehensive youth development program, launched by Jammu and Kashmir government, has proved boon towards enhancing skills and entrepreneurship among youth of the region.

In the present financial year, 4482 youth have been facilitated for self-employment under the scheme with a total financial support of 165 crore through scheme banking partner and 16 crore as government contribution towards subsidy. Self-employment avenues created under this scheme have instilled a sense of self- reliance and positivity among youth and assistance to more than 1588 women entrepreneurs has been provided under a scheme with a resultant employment generation of 3615. Total financial assistance to the tune of ₹102 crore has been sanctioned along with an amount of ₹12 crore as government contribution towards subsidy.

Mission Youth under the program of innovation aims to enhance young people's learning and development through a range of non-formal learning activities with focus on pioneers experimentation and innovation in education, entrepreneurship, art, research and cross-sectoral partnerships. Innovation may be defined as exploiting new ideas leading to the creation of a new product, process or service. It is not just the invention of a new

idea that is important. Mission Youth has been a game changer for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir. The initiative has provided the youth with the necessary resources and support to enhance their skills and promote entrepreneurship, thereby contributing to the socio-economic development of the region. The success of Mission Youth serves as an inspiration for other states to implement similar initiatives for the development of their youth.

Mission Youth has succeeded in turning J-K youth into ambassadors of innovation, peace and development through systematic interventions for youth engagement and outreach under six domains including livelihood generation, education/skill development, financial assistance, counseling/theory, sports and recreation. It was rolled out specially designed community oriented livelihood generation scheme for youth of J&K under the name of "Rise Together". The programme envisions promoting community based entrepreneurship optimally to generate jobs, income and promote spirit of social service among new-age young entrepreneurs of Iammu & Kashmir.

In order to bridge the gap between demand and supply of skilled workforce and to create a strong environment for professionals and technical skill development in Jammu and Kashmir, Mission Youth team of Jammu and Kashmir administration has been in touch with prominent organizations of the country including ICICI Foundation, Tata Technologies Ltd, Primal Foundation, Wipro etc for working on upgrading skills of youth in the sectors having high employability potential like Banking & Financial Services, Digital Marketing, Media Management etc.

Young people who vol-unteer regularly develop a civic identity, as leaders and change-makers, and therefore become more socially and politically active adults. They also learn new social skills like

tiated the process of setting up super specialized youth centres across all the districts of Jammu & Kashmir. These



collaboration and problem solving that are vital to succeed in academics, the workplace, and their personal lives. Thus, youth volunteerism can play a pivotal role in creating lifelong change among youth and result in their overall personality development, which happens to be the core agenda of Mission Youth. The youth clubs have been constituted to

realize this vision. Mission Youth has also ini-

centres are primarily aimed to present a safe youth-appealing environment with manifestation of hope, security and aspirations of the youth and are planned to offer a first of kind initiative in a supervised environment covering four fundamental contours of youth

engagement & empowerment

viz. Inform, Inspire, Interact &

The UT administration is

laying special thrust with Mis-

sion Youth programmes on

skilling & self-employment of

youth with targeted schemes

to drive a socio-economic

transformation as government

has already instructed for im-

pact assessment of initiatives

and called upon stakeholders

for exploring all avenues for

Innovate.

One of the primary objectives of Mission Youth was to address the issue of unemployment among youth which has been successful in creating employment opportunities by providing requisite training and support for entrepreneurship. Under the initiative, the government has established incubation centres and provided financial assistance to young entrepreneurs to start their own business ventures. This has not only created jobs but also boosted economy of

enhanced corporate engage-

ment in Youth empowerment

and skilling programmes/

schemes. According to offi-

cials more than 30,000 youth,

including more than 12,000

girls, have been provided with

direct livelihood means during

the year 2021-22.

the region. Likewise, the Mission Youth started 'Youth Volunteer Program' for youth engagement at grassroots level and rolled out a special volunteer program in the name of YOUTH CLUBS. The initiative was approved by the governing body of Mission Youth, headed by Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir. The volunteer program was made fully operational on the eve of International Youth Day 2021 and 4500 youth clubs have been constituted under

the program across the UT. More than one lakh youth have been involved in volunteer activities through the program and got opportunity to work through real challenges and make meaningful change in the society. Youth have been enabled to learn new social skills like collaboration and problem solving that are vital to succeed in academics, workplace, and their personal

Remarkably, tremendous work performed by the Mission Youth during past few years bore fruit when the Mission Youth was awarded with Prime Minister's award for the Excellence in Public Administration 2022, under the Innovation (State) category on 16th Civil Services Day this year. In order to promote mean-

ingful livelihood activities and employment to instill a sense of purpose and self-esteem in individuals to steer them away from drugs, programmes for skill development, vocational training and livelihood support of ex-drug addicts would be carried out through National Backward Classes Finance and other Development Corporations of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

In addition to this, vocational training and livelihood programmes would also be carried out in collaboration with the Department of Women and Child Development, Department of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and its affiliated institutes.

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CONTD. FROM **FRONT PAGE**

Plastic Waste, Garbage

The GDA statement further stated: "The Gulmarg Development Authority is committed to assist and augment the Municipal committee Gulmarg which is responsible for overall waste management of the destination. At times the wild animals spread the waste material of the dump yard on the road side during the night, which Is immediately retrieved in the morning and kept in place in the dump

Gulmarg as a destination has shown an immense increase in the tourist flow and accordingly the generation of waste has increased manifold, GDA statement stated and added that the waste is being "efficiently collected and disposed off scientifically.'

Gulmarg is one of the top two tourist attractions in Kashmir along with Pahalgam. According to official figures over half a million tourists have visited Gulmarg this year so far with over 400,000 visitors taking the Gondola ride. Circulation of garbage mismanagement images in Gulmarg on social media is not the first time when people sought attention of authorities regarding waste management in Gulmarg. In February this year, local shopkeepers in Gulmarg had raised the issue of garbage mismanagement in Gulmarg saying the solid waste is thrown in forest areas. On that occasion also, GDA had denied such allegations saying there was no such issue in the tourist site.

While hearing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL), a division bench of the High Court had ordered in July 2019 that manufacturers of plastic waste should pay for any pollution in Gulmarg on the principle of "the polluter pays" for the cost of environmental degradation in the health resort.

"We are informed by Mr Balki, Chief Executive Officer, GDA that a large percentage of the solid waste which is generated, is on account of the wrappers and containers of chips, biscuits, other snacks and soft drink cans which are manufactured by multinational companies," the order of the division bench had said.

"We see no reason as to why the manufacturers of these items which are packed in polluting material do not contribute to the reduction of the solid wastes in the mountainous as well as the management of the solid waste which is generated," the order of the division bench had observed and had directed the GDA to evolve a mechanism for such companies to pay for the pollution resulting from their businesses. But, so far no such example has been made following that order.

Environmental experts and activists have been arguing for years that despite hosting an extensive network of sensitive forest and wetland ecosystems, waste management in Kashmir does not match with the requirements this ecologically sensitive region demands. With increasing population, the mismanagement of solid and liquid waste has resulted in grave environmental challenges underlining the need for an urgent and comprehensive waste management strategy for the entire region especially the tourist attractions which are thronged by hundreds of thousands of people in summers.

Even official reports and research carried out by top regional experts has often highlighted the lacuna in management of the tourist resorts such as Sonamarg, Gulmarg and Pahalgam.

precarious and awkward situ ation that the extent of built-up area for the development of infrastructural facilities envisaged under the master plan to be attained by 2025 has already been attained in 2015," Kashmir University's Centre of Research and Development (CORD), had pointed out in its Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) report for Sonamarg's master plan.

According to the findings in the CORD's EIA report, about 57.57 hectares of land had already been brought under the built-up area (as early as in 2015) when the total area proposed to be under built-up by 2025 is 60.04 hectares. "It means that 96% of the built up area has already been covered, although the accommodation related infrastructure, which was envisaged to get developed in the built up area, is lagging far behind," the reports had highlighted.

Similar concerns were even expressed by the government's own departments around that time. The department of ecology, environment and remote sensing had communicated to the government through letters that immediate measures need to be taken to undo the environmental damage caused by unplanned construction at the famous Sonamarg resort.

"While development of modern infrastructure is of paramount importance for meeting the needs of the tourism industry, it is important to design such development in an eco-friendly fashion to preserve and conserve the fragile ecology and environment of Sonamarg," the letters had warned. Similar concerns about construction and waste management have often been raised about Gulmarg and Pahalgam.

Two Intruders

in Poonch Sector. A major infiltration bid was eliminated in a joint operation by Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police during the night of July 17 in Poonch Sector. Two infiltrators have been eliminated," the White Knight Corps said in a tweet.

The spokesperson said efforts are underway to trace the body of the terrorist who fell in the river.

Major "war like stores" including one AK-74 rifle with magazine, 11 rounds and other items for sustenance were recovered, the spokesman said.

The army also released thermal images showing the infiltration bid.

The security Forces continue to remain alert on the Line of Control and are fully prepared to thwart such attempts in the future too,

spokesman said. An increase in infiltration bids have been witnessed this year in the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch.

On July 11, one militant was killed when army troops foiled an infiltration in the Nowshera area along the LoC in Rajouri

An Indian Army soldier was injured in an exchange of fire with militants attempting to cross the Line of Control in the Poonch district on June 24.

Eight days before that, an infiltration bid was foiled along the LoC in Poonch and a large consignment of arms and ammunition was seized on June 16.

Two militants were killed when an infiltration bid was foiled in Machail area along LoC on June 14.

3 Govt Employees

University to keep the secessionist-terrorist campaign alive because the University campus was known as one of the epicentres of secessionist activism and an important breeding ground for terrorism as well," they said.

These sources further said that investigation will be launched to nab the kingpin of 'terror-separatists syndicate', who is said to have operated as a close aide of Shabir Shah before venturing into legitimate business with seed money received from Pakistan's spy agency ISI.

Investigators have found, according to these sources, Aslam's appointment was done without any public advertisement, interview and police verification.

"In complete violation of constitutional requirement of affording equal opportunity to all similarly placed persons for a position funded by public exchequer, he was issued with an appointment letter without holding any interview or any competition or police/ CID verification. Simply put, he was clandestinely allowed to enter into public employment through a backdoor," they said.

Aslam, they said, had come to be a publicly known "secessionist-terrorist campaigner" and who by virtue of his write-ups in a local newspaper and social media posts made it abundantly clear that his loyalty lies with Pakistan.

Quoting investigators, these sources said that Aslam had deleted several posts, which campaigned for secession of J&K and its merger with Pakistan, after abrogation of Article 370. These posts have been retrieved during the course of investigation, they further said.

These posts depict beyond doubt that he is a hardcore Pak Embedded High Value Asset (PEHVA) of Terror Outfits, responsible for promoting and glamorising terrorism," investigators have found, they added.

They also pointed out a series of posts to substantiate claims that Aslam was involved in anti-national activities.

In one of his posts on Facebook, sources said, Aslam wrote on 23 May 2020 which is quoted as under:

"Nothing can ever change one reality; Kashmir will always observe Eid with Pakistan, ALWAYS! That's for Pakistan, not Kashmiris. We will go with Pakistan. Let Pakistan decide who they want to go with: Choudhary sb or Mufti sb"

In another social media post Faheem Aslam writes:

"May Allah [SWT] ease the sufferings of Muslims across the globe, especially in Palestine, Kashmir and Pakistan. May the occupation end and occupiers burn in hell. May Allah accept the sacrifices of martyrs, and may Gaza and Kashmir see the dawn of freedom soon. [Ameen]"

"Aslam minced no words in demonstrating his hatred for the country and mentioning brave security forces as Indian Occupational Forces", they said.

"Despite the fact that Faheem Aslam has deleted several of his social media posts which were in hundreds wherein he propagated and promoted terrorism day in and day out, it still is in the common knowledge in Kashmir vallev that he has been the biggest narrative terrorist especially in between 2008-2018," they

According to sources, while drawing salary from state exchequer, Aslam was simultaneously taking salary from Greater Kashmir newspaper since 2008 while he had not taken permission from the University to work with the newspaper.

Available records, according to investigators, suggest that he had been a permanent staffer of Greater Kashmir newspaper filing reports and functioning as a full time sub-editor.

'The fact is Faheem Aslam being implicitly allowed to simultaneously work in Greater Kashmir newspaper by the University administration is itself strong evidence of the clout he enjoyed," they said.

Leveling serious charges, of him playing a "huge role as an activist, secessionist-narrative peddler and organiser in violent agitations of 2008, 2010 and 2016", the investigators, according to these sources have found him being on the forefront of these agitations in planning and organising demonstrations especially in Kashmir University campus."

The sacked KU PRO, they said, would often figure in newspaper photographs and other audio-visual media bytes, which stands deleted from the internet as on date. Aslam, they said, is still influencing young boys and girls towards secessionism who study or seek admission in Kashmir University.

Giving details of the sacked policeman, sources said that Arshid Ahmad Thoker was recruited as a constable in Jammu and Kashmir Police, first in Armed Police in 2006 and later in Executive Police in 2009.

After completing his Basic Recruitment Training Course (BRTC) at Lethpora police training centre, he 'managed' his transfer to District Srinagar and remained mostly attached as PSO/ Driver with different police/

civil officers and protectees. "Arshid came in contact with a hardcore Over Ground Worker (OGW) of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terror outfit Mushtaq Ahmad Ganie, aka RK, son of Mohammad Kamal Ganie resident of Sheikhpora Wathoora, Budgam," sources

Mushtaq, they said, introduced Arshid to JeM network and thus he became an indispensable conduit and logistic supporter for this dreaded terrorist outfit in Budgam and Pulwama, especially in Chadoora-Kakapora

"By his association with JeM network, Arshid's belief in terror ideology got further strengthened. He became more emboldened to take risks to support terrorism, without caring for adverse impact on his police duties. Instead he took full advantage of his police identity to escape police and security forces naka points. He had absolute clarity about his twin goals. Firstly, financing terrorism to which he was ideologically committed. Secondly, to earn illegal money through narcotic trade, to satisfy his greed," sources said.

On May 31, 2020, they said, Thoker was arrested with five terrorists by a joint team of police, CRPF and army from a checkpoint that was established near Dooniwari Bridge in Chadoora on a specific information about the movement of terrorists in the area of Wathoora and Dooniwara.

During searches, sources said, arms, ammunition, drugs and cash was recovered from the

"This was a clear case of narco-terrorism and the liability of Arshid in this case makes him a high grade narco-terrorist. The cash recovered from Arshid and his associates was intended to be used for the purpose of terrorism. He also used vehicles to facilitate/ferry the JeM terrorists," sources said.

"Further involvement of Arshid surfaced on 24.06.2022, when two persons namely Younis Manzoor Waza S/o Manzoor Ahmad Waza R/o Wathoora Chadoora, Budgam and Mehboob Ahmad Sheikh S/o Mohammad Ramzan Sheikh R/o Bonhar Wathoora, Budgam were arrested by Police along with two vehicles. The arrestees disclosed that these vehicles have been purchased from the proceeds of narcotics provided by Arshid. They also disclosed that they were on way to give delivery of these two vehicles to terrorists for some terror activity which they were not aware of," they added.

Quoting the investigators, sources said, Thokar evolved to be a highly effective OGW on account of being a policeman, as he took undue and criminal advantage of his uniform and his credentials.

"He would always go unnoticed at police/ army naka points by displaying his police identity card which would save him from any search including of those riding with him on motorcycle or in any other vehicle. The narcoterror activities of Arshid remained undetected over the years because of being a member of police force. Instead of helping the department in fighting terror which he was mandated for, he chose to be a mole and a collaborator and betrayed his oath and uniform. Arshid's disloyalty towards the nation and department by becoming an accomplice and OGW of JeM terror outfit has wreaked colossal damage on to the department, society and the state," says the investigation report quoted by the sources.

Murawath Hussain Mir, the third government employee terminated by the LGadministration on Monday, was appointed as a Junior Assistant in 1985 in the Revenue

According to the sources, Mir got thickly involved in terrorism as soon as Pakistan sponsored terrorist and secessionist campaign commenced in J&K in 1990.

"Not only he became ideologically a hardcore proponent of secessionist mythos, but he was also a point-man for several proscribed terror outfits like Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) and J&K Liberation Front (JKLF), allowing them free access to interfere in the affairs of Tehsil office of Pampore," they said.

Sources said Mir was a conduit of terrorists to extort monthly 'donations' from fellow employees.

"As, it is a known fact that terrorist outfits in early 1990s, would collect monthly funds from government employees on their salary day, the deductions came to be sort of institutionalized wherein cashiers and accountants of almost all departments of the government routinely did this. He would be the main facilitator for such extortions in Tehsil offices of Pampore and Tral," sources said.

Mir, they said, did not restrict himself to being an extortion facilitator for terrorist outfits.

'Eventually, he evolved as one of the most important and trustworthy over ground workers (OGW) for both HM and JKLF, getting baptised in active terrorism, with total commitment. He abundantly misused his position in the government and his close proximity with magistracy. While arranging logistics for terrorists and transporting weapons/ammunition, Murawath Hussain would navigate police/SF checkpoints by virtue of his identity as a member of local magisterial setup," sources further added.

Referring to an investigation, sources said that it was revealed that in October 1995, Mir was arrested by security forces in Rajbagh, Srinagar along with 4 other terrorists of HM

They said that investigation had then revealed that they were planning to blow up a vital installation in Srinagar city for which they had arranged a substantial quantity of explosives/bombs which was later recovered from their possession.

"Murawath was behind bars for Only 8 months before getting released and managing re-entry in the government. That all checks and balances of the system so far has failed to even initiate a modicum of accountability of the misdeeds of Murawath Hussain despite a lapse of 28 years is evidence of near state capture by the adversary," sources said.

Subsequently, sources said, Mir for his deep connections with secessionist-terrorist ecosystem and being an active member of such system, obtained the admission of his son Haris Murawath in MBBS in Pakistan with the blessings of United Jehad Council and its

proxies in Kashmir.

"In 2007, Murawath Hussain founded Falahe-Behbood committee in Pampore town and became its founding president and continues to be so till date. Intelligence inputs suggest that this committee has played an important role during public unrests of 2008, 2010, 2016," sources added.

They said, as part of the policy of "Zero Tolerance Against Terrorism' Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha led administration has successfully broken the back of terrorism and systematically dismantled the terror eco-system that was thriving in J&K prior to abrogation of 370.

"With the latest three termination order, the count has climbed to 52 officers who have been sacked," the sources addec (With PTI

Govt To Scrutinize

"The committee shall, after establishing the genuineness/ veracity of the records of the aforesaid employees, and make appropriate recommendations to the concerned Administrative Departments for release of salaries in favour of these employees," reads the order issued by the General Administration Department(GAD).

The committee shall make specific recommendations to the General Administration Department within one month of the issuance of this order in respect of the cases where the genuineness of service records could not be established beyond reasonable doubt, the order states—(KNO)

Court Orders Further

transfer of the investigation to any other agency and staying the proceedings of the case till further investigation. "Keeping in view the sensitivity of the matter, the I/O is directed to complete the further investigation as soon as possible and file supplementary charge sheet in the court," the court said, adding, "The Director FSL Srinagar shall ensure that the seized electronic gadgets in this case are examined at the earliest and report is submitted under rules.'

FSL report pertains to the gadgets which were seized by the police during the searches from the residences of three advocates.

The court passed the directions on an application filed by Babar's father Syed Mohammad Yaseen Qadri.

"Before parting, it would be proper to send a word of caution to Sr. S.P. Srinagar to re-evaluate the security concerns of the applicants (Babar's family) because they have alleged that they are constantly getting threats," the court added.

PM Modi Lauds

efforts by dedicated artisans and various government initiatives have breathed new life into this ancient craft, propelling it onto the international stage–(KÑO)

HM Shah Orders

is safe and free from illegal substances. Our aim is to make the country drugs free and secure. I appeal to all chief ministers and LGs (lieutenant governors) to extend all possible cooperation for it." he said.

The home minister said that in the last one year 10 lakh kg drugs worth Rs 12,000 crore were destroyed and it is a very significant

He said when the state and central governments along with all the agencies gether on a single platform then only "we will be able to make the country free from drugs".

"We will be able to succeed in this campaign against drugs by following 'whole of government approach' with cooperation, coordination, collaboration," he said.

He said that earlier the main area of drug smuggling was called 'Golden Triangle' and 'Golden Crescent' but the government of India has proposed internationally that it should be named as 'Death Triangle' and 'Death Crescent'. "This approach shows the direction and intensity of our fight against drugs," he said.

The destruction of the narcotics, the bulk of it from Madhya Pradesh, was carried out in different cities as Shah watched through video conferencing from New Delhi.

The drugs destroyed include 6,590 kg seized by the Narcotics Control Bureau's (NCB) Hyderabad unit, 822 kg seized by the Indore unit and 356 kg by the Jammu unit, officials said.

Besides, various law enforcement agencies from different states also destroyed drugs --1,03,884 (1.03 lakh) kg in Madhya Pradesh, 1,486 kg in Assam, 229 kg in Chandigarh, 25 kg in Goa, 4,277 kg in Gujarat, 2,458 kg in Haryana, 4,069 kg in Jammu and Kashmir, 159 kg in Maharashtra, 1,803 kg in Tripura and 4,049 kg in Uttar Pradesh.

With the destruction of drugs on Monday, the total quantity of drugs destroyed in just one year has reached around 10 lakh kilogram with a value of Rs 12,000 crore.

From June 1, 2022 to July 15, 2023, regional units of the NCB and anti narcotics task forces of the states collectively destroyed around 8,76,554 (8.76 lakh) kg seized drugs worth around Rs 9,580 crore which is more than 11 times the target.

Shah said a total of 1,250 cases were registered between 2006 and 2013, while 3,700 cases have been registered in the nine years from 2014 to 2023, which shows an increase of 200 per cent.

A total of 1,360 arrests were made in the earlier period, which has now gone up to 5,650, which shows an increase of 300 per cent.

The quantity of drug seized was earlier 1.52 lakh kg, which has now increased by 160 per cent to 3.94 lakh kg.

He said drugs worth Rs 5,900 crore were destroyed between 2006 and 2013, while drugs worth Rs 18,100 crore have been seized and destroyed between 2014 and 2023 and this shows the success of the campaign.

Race To 2024

July 18 in Delhi, where some new allies are likely to join the ruling BJP-led coalition.

Talks of unity notwithstanding, differences among opposition parties, especially those who have been traditional rivals remain, and reconciling political interests will be a challenging task.

Arriving for the Opposition meet, CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury ruled out any alliance with the TMC in West Bengal and said that secular parties along with the Left and the Congress will take on the BJP as well as the TMC in the state.

Yechury, however, added that the endeavour is to reduce the split in opposition votes and they will chalk out a plan to fight together.

The BJP, which has been targeting these parties over their differences, on Monday called it a "meeting of opportunists and power-hungry" leaders and said such an alliance will not do any good for the country at present or in

But Congress general secretary organisation KC Venugopal said the 26 opposition parties are here to move forward unitedly and give a solution for people's problems and to address the concerns over this "dictatorial government's actions". Sources said the opposition leaders will

firm up a strategy to defeat the BJP in the next general elections during the two-day session, which will start with a dinner meeting that will be attended by Sonia Gandhi and other top leaders.

Mamata Banerjee is not likely to attend the dinner due to an injury.

The opposition leaders will begin work on a common minimum programme and announce a joint agitational plan, besides holding discussions on issuing a joint declaration and moving forward on their proposal of putting up common opposition candidates in a majority of the Lok Sabha seats.

The agenda for the talks would be finalised during discussions before a dinner meeting on Monday evening. Congress president Kharge said all opposition alliance partners will unitedly fight against the BJP and thwart attempts to divide them.

He also took a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying he had claimed that he alone is enough to take on the Opposition, then why was he feeling the need to get 30 parties together.

Referring to the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) meeting on Tuesday, Kharge claimed that seeing the Opposition getting together, the BJP was "rattled".

"The PM had said 'Main akela kaafi hoon saare Opposition ke liye' while speaking in Rajya Sabha, then why is he bringing together 30 parties. Who are these 30 parties, what are their names, are they all registered with the Election Commission." Addressing a press conference ahead of the meeting, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said attempts are being made to breathe new life into the NDA.

"So NDA, which had become a ghost, attempts are now being made to breathe a new life into it," Ramesh said.

This is a result of the meeting in Patna, he added.

Venugopal said the opposition parties are all united by a common purpose to protect democracy, constitutional rights and the independence of institutions in this country.

The Parliament session is starting on July 20 and the opposition parties will chalk out the strategy for that also, he said.

"We are very sure that this (meeting) is going to be a game changer for the Indian politi-Venugonal said

Asked who would be the leader of the alliance, Venugopal said, "We have enough leaders, who have proved their mettle in various capacities. You don't worry about the leader, worry about the situation in the country." Referring to his party's differences with the TMC, CPI(M) leader Yechury said the situation is different in every state.

"The effort is to ensure that in these situations the division of votes which gives BJP the advantage should be minimal. This is not a new thing. Like in 2004, the Left had 61 seats, out of which we won 57 defeating the Congress candidates...then the Manmohan Singh government was formed and it ran for 10 years.

"Mamata and CPI(M) will not happen. There will be secular parties along with the Left and the Congress in West Bengal which will fight against the BJP and TMC," the CPI(M) general secretary said, adding that at the Centre what form this will take will be decided later.

Yechury referred to the 2004 model which brought the Left-Congress coalition to power at the Centre.

Fifteen parties including the Congress, TMC, AAP, CPI, CPI-M, RJD, JMM, NCP, Shiv Sena (UBT), SP and JDU, attended the last meeting for opposition unity hosted by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in Patna on June 23.

"This time we are expecting leaders of 26 parties," Venugopal said. The total strength of the opposition parties

attending this meet is around 150 in the Lok

Among the parties which will be added this time are MDMK, KDMK, VCK, RSP, CPI-ML. Forward Bloc, IUML, Kerala Congress (Joseph) and Kerala Congress (Mani), besides the Apna Dal (Kamerawadi) of Krishna Patel and Tamil Nadu's Manithaneya Makkal Katchi (MMK) led by M H Jawahirullah.

The Opposition meeting also comes in the backdrop of the split in the Sharad Pawarled Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the violence-marred West Bengal panchayat polls.

Raina Seeks

choice of words in the tweet on July 11 are purely inappropriate, rather defamatory to my clients and the BJP, despite you knowing well that my client was not involved in any of the alleged acts," the legal notice to Choudhary

3 More Amarnath

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.

J&K Stands Number One In Geo Tagging Of Union Ministry's CDP's

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir stands number one in Geo Tagging of Cluster Development Projects (CDPs) in the country, implemented by Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

This achievement of Jammu and Kashmir will result in faster approval of projects, timely release of funds from central government, which will result in faster growth of MSME's across J&K.

Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is implementing Cluster Development Projects in the country including J&K through which central government's grant upto 80% is applicable for common facility centre projects and 70% for development of Industrial Estates.

J&K has received 10 projects from Ministry of MSME for the development of Industrial Estates and Common Facility Centers (CFCs). MSME-DFO Jammu, field office of Union Ministry of MSME, takes lead role in implementation of various schemes including Cluster Development projects for the benefit of MSME sector of the region.

The total project value of CFC's and ID's in J&K is Rs. 90.73 crore approximately. Recently, the Union Ministry called for Geo Tagging all the projects under MSE-CDP for all states including J&K. An app was also developed by Ministry, used for tracking the performance, including completion, percentage of

completion of the projects sanctioned under MSE-CDP, which are monitored online based on the photographs taken through the Geo app.

In Jammu and Kashmir, two teams were appointed for Jammu Kashmir diviand sions for completing this task. The teams worked with full spirit and completed the Geo Tagging of all the

Over 6,200 Pilgrims **Leave Jammu For Amarnath**

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The 15th batch of more than 6,200 Amarnath pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here early on Monday morning amid tight security, officials said.

As many as 2,29,221 devotees have paid obeisance at the Amarnath shrine since the annual pilgrimage began on July 1.

A total of 6,648 pilgrims left in a convoy of 241 vehicles for the twin base camps in Kashmir to undertake the onward journey to the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine of Lord Shiva.

Officials said 3,686 pilgrims, headed for Pahalgam, left in a convoy of 132 vehicles while another convoy of 109 vehicles carrying 2,998 pilgrims left for the Baltal base camp at 3.30 am and 3.45 am, respectively.

The 62-day annual pilgrimage 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.

Retired JKTDC Employees

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation employees, who retired from 2016 to 2018 held a protest against JKTDC at Srinagar for the settlement of gratuity, leave salary and 7th Pay Commission arrears.

During the protest, the retired employees alleged that the JKTDC authorities didn't show any interest in the settlement, even alleged that the unruly behaviour of the General Manager has led to the mental breakdown of the retired employees and are forced to hold the protest for fulfilling their genu-

As per the details, the retired employees of 2016 to 2018 of JKTDC have been deliberately deprived of their due gratuity; leave salary and arrears of the 7th Pay Commission for a long time.

A delegation of the retired employees today said, the department owed four installments of their gratuity, leave salary and 7th pay commission arrears, out of which only two installments were cleared, thanking personal efforts of the Managing Di-

The delegation further said, the Managing Director and other top officials were requested for the settlement of other two installments but no steps have been taken so far leading to the mental breakdown of the outgoing employees.

Hold Protest

Demands Settlement Of Gratuity, Leave Salary And 7th Pay Commission Arrears

ine demands.

projects, completed and ongoing across J&K.

rector, JKTDC.

Expressing anger against JKTDC General Manager Tariq Ahmed, the delegation said, even Haji Mohammad Jabbar was called for a meeting by the General Manager for the pending legitimate demands, but nothing happened due to the "unruly behaviour" of the General Manager who used "indecent language" during the meeting.

Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SOPORE.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Dated:17 -07-2023

NITNo 56/RNB/Sopore of 2023-24 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K, e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on Percentage rate basis (as applicable) from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

	S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost(Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest money (In Rupees)	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor	Projecting Authority
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	1	Upgradation of Ganaie Mohalla Chan-	12.00	600/-	24000/-	15days	4059 State	AAY	PWD (R&B)
	1	derhama Pattan Opposite Jamia Masjid					sector		Kashmir
	2	Construction of Approach Path of CF Of-	20.34	800/-	40680/	15days	4406	AAY	PWD (R&B)
	2	fice New Complex Mazbugh Sopore	20.34				Forest		Kashmir

fice New Complex Mazbugh Sopore Position of AAA: Accorded Position of TS: Accorded Position of funds:

The Bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and

ı		conditions of contract and other actair 5 can be viewed	a dominated from the departmental website www.j.t.c.indexis.gov.iii on the dates iisted below.
l	1.	Date of issue of tender Notice	17-07-2023
	2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	17-07-2023
	3	Bid Submission start date	17-07-2023
l	4	Bid submission End date	24-07-2023 4:00 PM
П	5	Date and time of opening of bides (online)	25-07-2023 11:00 AM

Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date)with NIT No. Name of work and Serial No deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore(tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document 3(b) Geotech Photographs Minimum 03 sets (01 set Comprising of Photographs before, during and after execution of work) of size 26 cm x21 cm to be provided Note:- The total cost will be worked out on the basis of following:-

(Quoted cost + 0.2127 x quoted cost) At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) otherwise the tender will be rejected. The successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular

- instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, in single CDR/FDR/BG which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period. The date and time of bid opening shall be notified on the Website www.jktenders.gov.in and automatically communicated to bidders via an e-mail message sent to their e-mail address. Responsive bidders' bids will be opened online on the same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore (tender receiving
- Bids for the work shall be valid for 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- 4.1 Bidders are advised to download the bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as the "Bidders Manual Kit" option on the website www.jktenders.gov to familiarize themselves with the bid submission process.
- 4.2 In order to participate in the bidding process, bidders must obtain a 'Digital Signature Certificate(DSC)'undertheInformationTechnologyActof2000.AnyapprovedVenders and Digital Signature Certificate(DSC)' dorcanprovidebidderswith a digital certificate.
- Bidders must submit their bids in electronic format with a digital signature online. No physical bids will be accepted Bids will be opened on line in accordance with the time schedule specified in Para-1.
- 4.5 Bidders must upload online scanned copy of all required documents (within the document upload limits) with their technical bid. - Scanall the documents on 100 dpiwith black and white option.
- The department will not be held responsible for any delays in online submission due to unanticipated circumstances
- The original Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document) and other Uploaded bid documents shall have to be produced on demand by the successful bidder at the time of contract signing, and in the case of unsuccessful bidders, 2 percent EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore will be released only after production of Original Treasury Challan of uploaded Scanned copy (Cost of tender document Bidders are advised not to change the contents of the BOQ (Bill of Quantities). They should never attempt to create similar BOQ manually
- Bidders should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract was awarded are later discovered to be fake/not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the Contractor/bidder will be blacklisted from participating in this Division/Department for a period of three years, in addition to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited.
- Price escalation and Taxes: The bidder's percentage shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to the completion of the work. Taxes shall be deducted from the contractor's bills on the gross amount of the bill at the time of recovery at the rates in effect at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use the "My Documents" area in their R&B e-Tendering portal user account to store any required documents All bidders must UPLOAD the following information and documents with their bids, in addition to the qualification criteria/qualification information, (All documents 13
- All bidders must submit copies of original documents defining their constitution/legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business, as well as their cell
- phone number and e-mail address. A valid Contractor/Firm Registration Certificate duly renewed for the year (2023-24 Online mode) issued by a competent authority in accordance with the Contractor
- Registration Act.& verification of Card registration issued from the competent authority Treasury Challan under (M.H0059) & Earnest money
- A Civil Contractor who does not own HMP and is bidding for Bitumen Macadam Works is required to upload an MoU with HMPO, from whom the material/machinery for the subject work will be procured. The Memorandum of Understanding must be registered and duly executed in the Hon'ble Court of 1st Class Magistrate, specifying clearly that failure on the part of the HMPO shall be deemed failure on the part of the bidder, and vice versa
- Scanned copy of GST registration and most recent clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3BandGSTR-1fromthepreviou Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Performance declaration (Annexed format) in support of performance in respect of Bitumen Macadam Works executed by the agency
- during the year2022-23. Bidders are expected to submit technical bids along with scanned copies of all required documents. No document (s) that have not been uploaded will be accepted in hard copy for evaluation consideration. However, if need arises, Hard copies of any specific supporting documents, , on the other hand, may be required on demand in
- support of documents posted online for clarification during technical evaluation The bidder should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submitting a bid, and no claim based on constrained site conditions will be entertained

after the bid is accepted. No:4366-86 DIPK-5243-23 **Executive Engineer** Dated: 17-07-2023 DT: 17/07/2023

JKP, NCB Destroy **Narcotics Worth Rs 17 Crore**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police in collaboration with Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has carried out destruction of large scale seized narcotic drugs in Samba and Pulwama on Monday.

Under the Union Governments programme, Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, Crime Branch J&K as (Nodal agency) in collaboration with NCB, District Police & Judiciary took a major leap forward and destroyed 7798 Kgs seized contraband, 8545 /106730/51 Psychotropic substance at M/S Anmol Healthcare Samba & M/S Kashmir Healthcare IGC Lasipora, Pulwama, a police spokesperson said.

He said that the contrabands were seized in 670 different NDPS cases of IK and were valuing approximately Rs.17 Crores.

"The destruction was carried out by incineration in a controlled manner as provided under rules to avoid any harm to the environment. This was just a start of the process and in the coming day all the drugs lying in different Police. Court and ANTF Godowns are being destroyed as per the laid down guidelines," the spokesper-

Chairman DDC Budgam Seeks More Ration For Shia Villages

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: Chairman of the District Development Council (DDC) Budgam, Nazir Ahmad Khan on Monday urged the authorities to provide an additional quota of ration for Shia villages in the month of Muharram.

Muharram, the first month of the Islamic lunar calendar, holds immense religious significance for Shia Muslims worldwide. During this period, the community commemorates the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (AS)

and his companions in the Battle of Karbala. This somber and spiritually charged occasion sees various rituals, processions, and gatherings that symbolize grief and remembrance.

Understanding the socio-religious context and the essential nature of these observances, Chairman Nazir Ahmad Khan has expressed deep concern for the well-being of Shia communities in Budgam district.

Khan said that providing an additional ration quota during Muharram will not only ensure their nutritional needs are met but also demonstrate the administration's respect for their religious practices. He also highlighted the unity and diversity of the district, emphasizing the need to uphold communal harmony and mutual respect.

"Muharram is a sacred occasion for our Shia brothers and sisters. We must support them during this time of reflection and remembrance. Providing an additional quota of ration for Shia villages in the district during Muharram is

a gesture of solidarity and inclusivity, promoting social cohesion and understanding," Khan said.

He said that he was hopeful of a positive response to his request for an additional ration quota forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

Khan said that he firmly believes that such measures will reinforce the district's commitment to safeguarding the rights and practices of all its citizens, irrespective of their religious affiliations.

Self Attested Copy of Ration Card all pages

Tehsildar concerned And poorest of the poor.

Medical Officer concerned PHC

Concerned school I Board I University

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE ZONAL EDUCATION OFFICER

Engagement/Hiring of Helpers/AAYAs under ECCE for the year 2023-24. Subject: Reference:

Directorate of Samagra Shiksha, J&K's letter No: Edu/PD/SmS/ECCE/Helpers/1861-1905/2023-24 Dated: 06.07.2023 and Chief Education Officer, Srinagar's endorsement No CEO/Sgr/SmS/2187/2023 Dated: 07.06.2023 and letter No:- CEO/Sgr/SmS/2604/23 dated - 15/07/2023.

NOTICE

Applications on plain paper along with all requisite certificates are invited for engagement / hiring of Helpers / AAYAs under Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) in various schools of this Zone were the minimum enrolment of Pre-Primary class is 05 (five) as per the directions mentioned in above reference The name of schools where minimum enrolment of Pre-Primary class is 05(five) are mentioned at the end of this communication Applications with documentary proof in each case should reach office of the undersigned within 15 days from the publication of this notice.

The requisite documentary proofs I certificates, issued by the below detailed authorities be supported with the application's

- **Domicile Certificate** Tehsildar concerned Ward/Village Certificate of the particular Ward officer / BDO concerned
- 2. Ward/Village In which school is located BPL category certificate
- 3. Fitness certificate (physically & mentally fit) 4.
- 5. Qualification / age certificate
- Certificate regarding Widow/Divorced/Orphan 6. **NATURE OF DEPLOYMENT:**
- A. The deployment of Helper IAAYA shall be purely terminus and shall start from the date they are engaged I hired and shall conclude with the end of academic session. It can be extended subject to the performance and the approval of funds from the Ministry of Education, Government of India in the particular component. Affidavit from 1st Class Magistrate shall have to be produced by the candidate at the time of joining for not claiming for permanent absorption at any stage.
- All decisions of the funding agency (Samagra Shiksha, J&K under the aegis of School Education Department) shall be implemented in this regard
- **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OF HELPER / AAYA:**
- Only female candidate can apply.
- The applicant must be domicile of the ward where approved school is located.
- Applicant must be belonging to BPL (Below Poverty Line) category.
- The candidate must be physically/mentally fit to carry out her job **QUALIFICATION / PREFERENCE:** C.
- Minimum Qualification of a Helper / AAYA: 8th Class passed. In case there is no eligible candidate available in Ward, the candidate with lesser qualification shall be considered.
- Preference shall be given to candidates from BPL Category in below mentioned order of priority:
- ii) Divorced
- iii) Orphan
- Any candidate among poorest of the poor in the ward iv)
- The age of a candidate must be between 18-45 years as on 1" of January of the deployment year. E. HONORARIUM: Rs. 5,000/- (Five thousand only) per month, which may vary as per the approval in (he subsequent year in PAB of Samagra
- TOTAL NON-AVAILABILITY OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE:
- F. In case of total non-availability of the candidate, as mentioned under C & D sections above, the candidate from the Municipal Committee (concerned) will be considered I engaged
- FINALIZATION OF SELECTION PROCESS:
- In case of tie-up of the selection of candidates for Helper, the preference shall be given to the elder candidate (i.e. Candidate with more age shall be considered).
- The name of the selected AAYA I Helper shall be displayed on the Notice Board of the school I Municipal Ward I ZEO office 7 days before the commencement of the academic session.
- If anybody feels aggrieved with selection of Helper /AAYA, an appeal shall be referred to the Chief Education Officer, Srinagar within period of 15 days from selection. 2nd Appeal if any, may be filed before the Director, School Education,
- PREMATURE TERMINATION: I.
- In case of any misconduct, misbehaviour and poor performance while discharging duty by a Helper I AAYA, as noticed/ reported, the concerned Head of Institution (HOI) shall have the right to terminate the services of Helper I AAYA in consultation with the Municipal Ward with due adherence to the prescribed procedures, as the case may be. The replacement shall be made within 7 days.
- JOB CHART OF HELPER/AAYA: J.
- The Helpers / AAYAs for pre-primary sections of Govt. Schools shall have to perform below mentioned suggestive tasks:
- Escorting the children at their arrival, departure, between activities (for example while moving to outdoor areas, playground a)
- Maintaining the hygiene of the children—Toileting, hand washing, cleanliness of children etc.
- c) Helping the teacher in preparing class for activities, like setting up material, making arrangements for day-to-day activities.
- Assisting the children in taking food under the supervision of teacher, under PM POSHAN (MDM). d)
- Any other assignment given by HOI for proper care of children. e)

LIST OF SCHOOLS

1.GPS Arbal Shalimar 2.PS Chopan Mohalla Inshber 3.MS Manz Mohalla Ishber 4.BMS Manzgam 5.BMS Nishat 6.GMS Brein 7.GMS Upper Nishat 8.GPS Nishat 9.MS Astanpora Brein 10.BPS Lati Mohalla 11.GMS Dalkawpora 12. GMS Latti Mohalla 13. PS Kani kachi 14. PS Aftab Sahab Dalkawpora 15.PS Abi Nowpora 16.PS Abi Gurpora 17.PS Balli Mohalla 18. BMS Syedpora 19. GMS Upper Barji 20. MPS Dard Khovur 21. MS Gtyjar Pati Dara 22. MS Mulnar 23. PS Moushpajan Dara 24 BHS Mulfaq 25. PS Sheikh Mohallar Dal.

No: ZEO/N/2023-24/2697 (Raja Uris Khan) Dated: 17.07.2023 **Zonal Education officer** DIPK-5280-23 Nishat Srinagar DT: 17/07/2023

National Team Coach Seeks

PM's Intervention For Asian

Games Participation

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: India head coach

Igor Stimac on Monday sought

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

intervention for the national

football team's participation at

the upcoming Asian Games de-

spite not meeting the selection

criteria. The All India Football

Federation (AIFF) had planned

that Stimac would take an Un-

der-23 side to the Asian Games

in Hangzhou event, starting

However, since the Indian

from September 23.

Downtown Heroes FC To Participate In Durand Cup

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Downtown Heroes FC, one of the most renownrf football clubs of I&K, are set to participate in the highly anticipated 132nd Durand Cup. The prestigious tournament is set to kick off on August 13th, and Downtown Heroes is determined to showcase their immense talent and competitive spirit on the grand stage. The competition will be held at three locations: Kolkata in West Bengal and Guwahati and Kokrajhar in Assam.

The Hilal Rasool Parray coached team has been placed in Group D alongisde Goa, Northeast United and Shillong

Under the exceptional leadership Chairman Irfan Shahmiri, the Heroes have reached remarkable heights, and their

consistently strived to provide a greater platform for their talented players to shine, and participation in the Durand Cup aligns perfectly with their vision. The tournament, renowned for its rich history and tradition, offers a remarkable opportunity for the club's athletes to display their skills on a national scale. It serves as a true testament to the commitment of Downtown Heroes FC to nurture and develop emerg-

In anticipation of the upcoming tournament, Kaiser Bhat, Vice Chairman Downtown Heroes FC, shared his optimism and excitement.

'We are dedicated to ensuring the happiness of our passionate fans through exceptional performances on the

field," stated Kaiser Bhat. "The Durand Cup holds great



inclusion in the esteemed Durand Cup is a testament to their hard work and dedication.

Expressing his gratitude, Irfan Shahmiri stated, "We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible fans, dedicated players, exceptional coaches, tireless technical staff, honourable group of advisors, and esteemed technical board members. We are also deeply thankful to our valued partners, whose support has been instrumental in our journey. Our goal is to use the powerful medium of sports for social development and uplift youth and communities.'

Downtown Heroes FC has

significance, and we promise to deliver a thrilling and memorable experience to our supporters."

The project is being implemented by Help Foundation

The 132nd Durand Cup will witness some of the country's finest football clubs competing for glory and creating unforgettable moments on the pitch. Downtown Heroes FC after their splendid performance in 2nd Division I League are now eager to make their mark in this illustrious tournament and aim to leave a lasting impression with their skillful gameplay, relentless determination, and unwavering team spirit.

Ashes: England Name Playing XI For 4th Test



LONDON: England have made one change to their team for the fourth Ashes Test against Australia, with fast bowler James Anderson replacing Ollie Robinson in the side that won at Headingley, the country's cricket board (ECB) said on Monday.

The fourth Test begins on Wednesday at Old Trafford, Anderson's home ground, where England must win to level the series. Australia lead the series 2-1 and even a draw would see them retain the urn. Anderson, England's lead-

(688), was rested for the third match after the 40-year-old struggled to make an impact in the series with just three wickets in the first two matches.

Robinson makes way after he was injured in the third Test, suffering from back spasms which saw him bowl only 11.2 overs in the first innings. He did not bowl in the second innings with Chris Woakes sharing the new ball with Stuart Broad

Despite Robinson stating in a Wisden column that he was "100% fit for ManchesAnderson's experience while Mark Wood and Chris Woakes retain their places after they led the hosts to victory in Headingley.

Spinner Moeen Ali is also expected to bat at number three again after he came in one down in the second innings, allowing Harry Brook to come in at number five and play a match-winning knock of 75.

England team: Ben Duckett, Zak Crawley, Moeen Ali, Joe Root, Harry Brook, Ben Stokes (captain), Jonathan Bairstow, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood, Stuart Broad, James Anderson.

Saud, Salman 50s Rescue Pakistan After Jayasuriya Strikes



Agencies

GALLE: Saud Shakeel and Agha Salman struck defiant half-centuries to help Pakistan overcome Prabath Jayasuriya's onslaught and just about keep the tourists on course to match Sri Lanka's first-innings 312 on day two of the opening Test in Galle on Monday.

Pakistan bowled out Sri Lanka in the morning session, but Dhananjaya de Silva (122) was able to complete his century as the hosts added 70 runs to their total after resuming on 242-6.

Pakistan's first innings started poorly with opener Imamul-Haq dismissed cheaply for

just one run, after he holed out

to backward point.

football team does not meet

the Sports Ministry's criteria of

being ranked among the top-8

sides, it is set to miss the conti-

Stimac wrote in a lengthy so-

cial media post. Besides Modi,

Stimac also appealed to Sports

India is currently ranked 18th

Since 2002, football at the Asian

Games has been an U-23 affair

with three players above that age

are also permitted in a team.

among countries under the

Asian Football Confederation.

Minister Anurag Thakur.

nental event.

Wickets fell at a steady rate thereafter, with Jayasuriya striking three times, claiming the wickets of Abdullah Shafique, Babar Azam and Sarfaraz Ahmed to leave Pakistan struggling at 101 for five.

However, the see-saw contest changed complexion in the final session following a 120-run partnership between Saud and Salman. Saud was unbeaten on 69 with Salman on 61, as rain brought the day's play to a premature end with Pakistan at 221-5.

Australia's Khawaja Lobbied ICC To **Reduce Slow Over-Rate Sanctions**

Agencies

MANCHESTER: Australia opener Usman Khawaja said on Monday he had approached International Cricket Council (ICC) about reducing penalties for slow over-rates in test matches after the governing body announced earlier this month it had decided to soften sanctions. Khawaja said it was "really frustrating" for players to lose their match fees despite delivering enter-

taining matches and that he had reached out to ICC General Manager Wasim Khan to seek a solution.

The governing body said at its annual general meeting that it was reducing the penalty to 5% from 20% for every over a player's team is found to be behind. Australia and India were hit with heavy penalties for slow over-rates in the World Test Championship final, while the Australians were also punished for their rate in the first two Ashes tests against England. Khawaja, speaking ahead of the fourth Ashes test beginning at Old Trafford on Wednesday, said as an Australian Cricketers' Association board member he wanted to find a way to speak to the ICC about the issue. India's players were fined 100% of their match fees after they were found to be five overs behind in the WTC final, while Australia were docked 80% for lagging four overs behind.

