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## Deadly Downpour In Kathua 8 Killed As Heavy Rains Trigger Landslides



Press Trust Of India

**Jammu:** Eight people, including five children, were killed after heavy rains triggered landslides and left several houses damaged in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on Wednesday, officials said.

Kathua Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Minhas ordered an immediate ex-gratia relief of Rs 50,000 to the

kin of the deceased.

"We have eight confirmed deaths in rain-related incidents. The administration is keeping a close watch on the flood-like situation developing in the district," Minhas told PTI.

Expressing condolences over the loss of lives, he said an immediate relief of Rs 50,000 for the next of kin of the deceased and Rs 25,000 to those injured **More on P6**

### LG Grieved At Loss Of Life

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday expressed grief over the loss of lives in house collapse and landslides triggered by heavy rains in Bani area of Kathua district.

"I am deeply saddened to learn about the tragic incident triggered by heavy rains in Kathua, in which a number of persons have lost their lives and many others are feared trapped under the debris. Rescue and relief **More on P6**

### Flood Threat Looms Large Over Jammu

Traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway was suspended, while authorities ordered the closure of schools in Doda and Kishtwar districts as heavy rains lashed the Jammu region, creating a flood-like situation at many places, officials said on Wednesday. They said rivers and rivulets at many places, especially in Kathua and Samba districts, have reached close to or crossed the flood alert level. The weather office has predicted more rains in the region. **More on P6**

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## Court Refuses Bail To Man Accused Of Sexual Assault

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**Srinagar:** A court has refused bail to an accused from Jammu in a case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence (POCSO).

According to prosecution, on 31 March 2022, a complainant was received from a resident of Baramulla, putting up in a rented house at Nowshera here, that her two minor daughters were playing in the lawn of the house and one person namely Amit Ambaradar called both of them in his room and gave some money to one and sent her outside for purchasing some sweets. Then he allegedly attempted to rape her second daughter, the prosecution said.

Accordingly, a case (FIR No 27/2022) under sections 376-AB IPC and section 7/8 of POCSO Act was registered, it said. During investigation, it said, the statement of the victim was also recorded under section 164 of Cr.P.C. and her medical examination was also conducted. After



**IT IS SETTLED LAW THAT THE SOLITARY testimony of victim is sufficient if the same is found to be credible and no corroboration the same is required."**

the completion of investigation, the prosecution said, the offences under section 376-AB IPC and 7/8 of POCSO Act were "established" against Ambaradar and a chargesheet was presented against him on 27 May 2022. Ambaradar, a resident Janipur Jammu, was charged

## LG For Proactive Steps To Increase Pvt Industrial Estates

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** Calling for proactive steps to increase number of private industrial estates in the Union Territory, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Wednesday directed officials to push for greater private investment in inland ports, container depots, and food processing units in order to scale up further infrastructure.

Sinha passed these directions while chairing a high-level meeting with senior officials to review the status of Industrial Investment and to discuss strategies on boosting investments in a fast-track mode, an official spokesperson said Wednesday.

The LG was briefed on investment in different sectors, status of Land allotment, new Industrial estates, recent steps taken by the Department to fast-track grounding investment, policy initiatives, promoting start-ups among youth



especially technology based and scalable startups and achievements in exports of major products like carpets, papier mache, shawls, chain stitch.

The LG directed for proactive steps to increase private industrial estates equipped with necessary infrastructure.

Emphasising that the women-led enterprises will shape the future of J&K, Sinha said we must ensure their increasing presence in the economy and designate more exclusive industrial estates for women entrepreneurs like the one established in Udthampur to

facilitate women-run businesses and startups.

He also underscored that 2023 will be the year of Agro-Industrial revolution powered by the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP) and increased production in Agriculture & Allied Sectors that will offer vast opportunities to agro-industries.

In the meeting, the LG directed the officials that the potential of new cold storage, cold chains must be tapped to ensure rapid economic growth flows to rural areas of UT.

In order to scale up further infrastructure, the LG directed officials to push for greater private investment in inland ports, container depots, food processing units.

Directions were also issued to develop a mechanism for regular meetings with representatives of old industrial estates to resolve their issues.

Highlighting that GI Tagging has offered enormous potential to transform the handicraft sector and to boost export, Sinha said authenticity of products like Pashmina must be ensured for export. The LG directed **More on P6**

## Admin Refutes Reports Of Stone Pelting On Yatris

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday refuted the allegations made in a video circulated on social media about stone pelting on the Amarnath pilgrims.

In a handout issued here Wednesday, an official spokesperson said that the incident had happened due to the minor dispute among the ponniwallas themselves. The video, he said, has been created with malicious intention to create division among communities, spread disharmony and disturb peaceful yatra.

"The administration has taken serious note of the incident and directed police to take strict action against those who are involved in the incident and lodge FIR against rumour mongers. Besides, the social media users are asked to refrain from spreading fake news," he added.

The administration, the spokesperson said, have made all arrangements for the smooth conduct of pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Amarnathji.

"The local people have been on forefront to **More on P6**

## Terrorists Kill Govt Employee In Pulwama: Police

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** A forest department employee was killed and another injured on Wednesday in a militant attack in Rajpora area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district, police said.

Imran Yousaf Wani of Char-e-Sharif and Jahangir Ahmed Chechi of Chadoora were injured when militants opened fire upon them near Bangdher Bridge in Rajpora area, a police spokesperson said. Both the injured were immediately evacuated to hospital for treatment.

While Forester Chechi was discharged after first aid, Wani, who had sustained a thigh injury in the attack, was removed to the SMHS hospital for advanced treatment.

"He was brought to the hospital with a bullet injury on his thigh. He had suffered blood loss too. On Wednesday evening, he succumbed to his injury," Medical Superintendent, SMHS, Dr Muzaffar Zargar told Kashmir Observer.

Soon after receiving the information of the militant attack, the spokesperson **More on P6**

### 2 Migrant Workers Injured In Anantnag Attack

Unidentified militants shot at and injured two non-local labourers on Tuesday in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district, police said. The injured men were rushed to a hospital, where their condition is stated to be stable, they added.

"#Terrorists **More on P6**

### 2 Pak Terrorists Killed In Machil Sector: Police

Government forces on Wednesday foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of control (LoC) in Kupwara district of North Kashmir, killing two Pakistani militants, officials said. Acting on specific intelligence regarding an infiltration bid by militants, Police, Army's 14 Dogra, and BSF 1408n launched a counter-infiltration operation along LoC in Machil sector of **More on P6**

### INDIA ALLIANCE

## Complaint Filed Against 26 Opposition Parties

Press Trust Of India

**New Delhi:** A complaint was filed at Barakhamba Road police station here against 26 political parties, accusing them of making improper use of the name 'INDIA' for their alliance for undue influence in elections and violating the Emblems Act, police said on Wednesday.

The complaint was filed by Avnish Mishra. No case has been registered so far, they said.

The complainant cited news reports that 26 political parties have constituted an alliance and have decided to name it 'INDIA', which is an abbreviation for Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance'.

He alleged it was improper to use the name 'INDIA' for "undue influence and personation

at elections" by these political parties.

"Clearly, the aforementioned political parties have contravened Sec. 3 of the Emblems Act by using the name 'INDIA' as the name of their political alliance and hence are liable to be punished under Section 5 of the said Act," the complaint stated.

The Emblems and Names (Prevention of improper use) Act seeks to prevent the improper use of certain emblems and names for professional and commercial purposes.

Mishra requested in his complaint that police take necessary action against these parties.

On Tuesday, 26 opposition parties announced the formation of their coalition - Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance **More on P6**



With the old city of Srinagar in background, a tourist couple takes a walk around Hari Parbat fort on a rainy Wednesday afternoon. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

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

#### Fire On Siachen, Army Captain Killed

An Army officer was killed while three soldiers were injured in a fire incident in the Siachen glacier in the early hours of Wednesday, officials said.

The incident took place at the Siachen glacier at around 3 am on Wednesday, the officials said. They said four Army personnel suffered injuries in the incident. While the Army's Regimental Medical Officer, Captain Anshuman Singh, succumbed to serious burn injuries, three other **More on P6**

#### Bomb Scare In Samba

Traffic on the Jammu-Pathankot National Highway was suspended for over an hour following the detection of a suspicious bag outside an Army camp in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on Wednesday, officials said. The black bag was found in the afternoon lying below a highway flyover at Maheshwar.

Army and police personnel cordoned off the area and a bomb disposal squad was called in to check the bag, forcing suspension **More on P6**

#### B'mulla Gets Anti-Eve Teasing Squad

In order to provide a secured atmosphere to female citizens and to take action against eve teasers and other anti-social elements, police in Baramulla town established an 'Anti-Eve Teasing Squad'.

The squad will be deployed outside Govt Degree College for Women & Government Girls Higher Secondary School Baramulla, a police spokesperson said Wednesday. He said that the female citizens can approach this squad for any issue and to report any **More on P6**

#### Bank Manager, Clerk Chargesheeted In Fraud Case

The Economic Offences Wing of Crime Branch, Kashmir on Wednesday produced a charge-report against former Branch Manager and clerk of Baramulla Central Co-operative Bank Ltd.

The charge-sheet was produced in a case under FIR number 23 of 2016 before the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bandipora against Abdul Razak Wani (the then Branch Manager, BCCB Branch Hajin) and Ghulam Ahmad Shah **More on P6**

#### 15 Electrocuted To Death In Uttarakhand

Fifteen people were electrocuted and seven injured on Wednesday at a sewage treatment plant of the Namami Gange project on the banks of the Alaknanda river in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district, police said.

Superintendent of Police (Chamoli) Pramendra Dobhal said the police went to the spot to prepare a report on the electrocution late on Tuesday of a person working on the project site. Around 11.30 am, a surge of electricity **More on P6**

#### Four High Courts Get New Chief Justices

Four judges were on Wednesday elevated as chief justices of Telangana, Orissa, Gujarat and Kerala high courts. Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal tweeted that Justice Alok Aradhe of the Karnataka High Court has been elevated as chief justice of the Telangana High Court. Similarly, Justice Subhasis Talapatra of the Orissa High Court has been made the chief justice in the same high court consequent upon the retirement of incumbent chief justice on August 7. **More on P6**



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**Babies Found To Enjoy Live Music More Than Watching Recorded Music Events**

Press Trust Of India

Babies watching a live baby opera were significantly more engaged and their heart rates more in sync than those watching a recording of the same show identical to the live version, researchers have found.  
The findings suggested that babies too feel the impact of being at a live show, through both musicians' interactions with an audience and the social experience of being in a crowd, the study from

the University of Toronto Scarborough, Canada, said.  
Baby opera is an online mash-up of animation and live-action performances made especially for under four year olds.  
"It speaks to the shared experience," said Laura Cirelli, assistant professor in the department of psychology and co-author of the study published in the journal Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity and the Arts.  
"Their heart rates were speeding up and slowing down in a similar fashion to other babies watching the show."

"Those babies were dealing with all these distractions in the concert hall, but still had these uninterrupted bursts of attention," she said, recalls moments when a calm would sweep over the babies, and other times when a change in pitch or vocal riff would excite them all.  
Socialisation is known to be crucial during childhood development as the infant's brain is laying the groundwork for future life skills and abilities as it grows.  
Cirelli says music can play a powerful part in making those important bonds.

"This audience study shows that even in a community context, infants are engaging with the music and connecting to their fellow audience members," she said.  
The researchers examined the responses of 120 babies aged six to 14 months as they watched a children's opera performed at a concert hall. 61 babies watched in-person, while 59 watched a recording.  
Their responses were recorded using heart monitors and tablets and then examined for when the babies looked at the stage versus when they looked away.

**Name Change In Electricity Connection**

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No: SE/PRJ/TS/1010  
Dated: 19-07-2023  
**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**  
e- NIT NO. SE/PRJ/28/2023-24  
Dated: 19-07-2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Superintending Engineer, Procurement, JPDCI, Jammu invites online e-bids from original Govt. registered manufacturers for supply of material as under for the requirement of JPDCI:

NIT No.	SE/PRJ/28/2023-24 dated 19-07-2023
Description of Material & Quantity (In Kms.)	Purchase of 70sqmm HT (11KV) & 70sqmm LT (1100V) XLPE Insulated Aerial Bundled Cable with Bare Messenger Wire. i) HT A B Cable 70sqmm - 35Kms ii) LT AB Cable 70sqmm - 100Kms

Detailed NIT maybe downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> upto 16th of August 2023 till 12:00 Hrs. The tender shall be accepted through online mode only. In case, the tender process does not get completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in the newspapers. The details regarding corrigendum may be seen on the above mentioned website.

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Superintending Engineer,  
Procurement, JPDCI  
Jammu

DIPK-NB-2103/23 dated 19-07-2023

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Subject: Document Verification of candidates falling under consideration zone for the post of Driver / Driver Grade-II / Tractor Driver of different departments, District Cadres / Divisional Cadres / UT Cadre, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2020, Item Nos. 64, 70, 77, 78, 105, 111, 112, No. 05 of 2020, Item Nos. 126, 129, 164, No. 06 of 2020, Item Nos. 209, 233, No. 07 of 2020, Item Nos. 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 304, 314, 324, No. 01 of 2021, Item Nos. 21, 32, 35, 47, 59, 68, 75, 80, 84, 88, 92, 95, 98, 107, 116, 120, 125, 131, 135, 140, 144, 146, 147, 149, 153, No. 02 of 2021, Item Nos. 182, 184, 230, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 413, 418, 422, 425, 427, 431, 433, 436, 439, 442, 448, 451, 454, 461, 463, 467, 470, 474, 478, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, No. 03 of 2021, Item Nos. 603, 607 & 608 - provision of supplementary date- thereof.

**NOTIFICATION**  
All such candidates who were falling under consideration zone and called for Document Verification for the posts of Driver / Driver Grade-II / Tractor Driver of different departments, District Cadres / Divisional Cadres / UT Cadre, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2020, 05 of 2020, 06 of 2020, 07 of 2020, 01 of 2021, 02 of 2021 & 03 of 2021, under various Item Nos., vide this office Notification No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/48/2023-03 (7207093), dated: 04-07-2023, but could not appear before the Document Verification Committee(s) w.e.f. 10-07-2023 to 14-07-2023, due to various reasons, are hereby given last and final opportunity to appear before the Document Verification Committee(s) on 25-07-2023 at Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board, Central Office, CPO Chowk, Panjithirhi, Jammu (Jammu based candidates) and at JKSSB Central Office, ZamZam Building, Rambagh, Srinagar (Kashmir based Candidates) at 11:00 AM sharp, failing which no claim in this regard shall be entertained at any stage.  
Further, such candidates shall also submit their preferences in offline mode, before the Document Verification Committee(s) at the time of Document Verification, if not filled through online link.  
Sd/-  
(Reyaz Ahmad Malik) JKAS  
Controller of Examinations  
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DIPK-5391/23  
Dated:19.07.2023

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir  
**Office Of The District Soil Conservation Officer Division Budgam.**

**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**  
(E-NIT NO: 08 OF 2023-24 DATED: 15.07.2023)  
For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor Jammu & Kashmir UT, E-Tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractor registered with J&K UT /Central Govt. Organization for the

No	Name of WORK/LOCATION	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of Completion
1.	Dewas Nalla - Soil conservation works. i. Providing and laying of grate wire structures. 10. Nos ii. Protection Works by way DRSM Check Walls. 55.M3	1.93 Lacs	3900	DEE	200/-	45 days
2.	Sani Darwan - Soil conservation works. i) Renovation of Fencing. 500 Rft ii. Construction of Nylon bags embankment. 2047-Nos iii. Construction of Biological structures (Cribs). 4. Nos iv. Construction of Crate wire structures. 6. Nos	2.00 Lacs	4000	DEE	200/-	45 days

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

Position of funds: budgeted Position of AA/TS: Accorded Scheme: UT CAPEX

Publication date	17-07-2023
Download Start Date:	18-07-2023
Bid submission start Date:	18-07-2023
Bid submission End Date:	29-07-2023 UD to 6:00 PM
Date of Opening of Bids through	31-07-2023 3:00 PM online:

- 01. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the govt. website:
- 02. Bids must accompany cost of tender document as shown against each work in the shape of Govt Treasury Challan Receipt for the amount shown against the work to be deposited in any Govt. Treasury in the U. T of Jammu & Kashmir under Account Head 0406-Forestsand earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR pledged in favour of Asstt Conservator of Forests. Department of Soil & Water Conservation. District Budgam.
- 03. As per Rule 171 of GFR-2017, performance security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of the contract in shape of CDR /FDR pledged Assistant Conservator of Forests Budgam before issuance of contract allotment.
- 04. In case the bid of lowest/successful bidder is found unbalanced then he has to produce additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee below rate over advertised cost = Nil
- 1. Up to and including 15% below rate over advertised cost = Nil
- 2. Greater than 15% up to and including 20% below rate over advertised cost = 5% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR/ Bank Guarantee.
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- 07. The bidder(s) must submit their financial bids on line in electronic format with digital signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form.
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- 10. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
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- 12. The tender accepting Authority however, reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- 13. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the detailed document.
- 14. The contractor shall attach the tax clearance certificates with respect to income tax and GST clearance certificate.
- 15. The work shall be completed strictly as per the specifications and drawings (as per annexure to NIT).
- 16. The quantities mentioned in the NIT are subject to increase or decrease depending on availability of funds.
- 17. No activity shall be undertaken by the contractor against the provision of J&K Soil & Water Conservation Act, and in case of any violation action under the provisions of the Act, shall be initiated against the contractor, his representative or worker if any.
- 18. The successful bidder shall have to furnish the test check certificate of material to be utilized at his own cost from NIT Budgam.

Sd/-  
Assistant Conservator of Forests  
District Budgam

No: SCB/NIT/2023-24/210-15  
DIPK-5390/23 Dated: 19-07-2023

**ازعدالت سٹی منصف جھسٹریٹ سرنیگر**  
باجلاس میرین مشق  
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مسائل اسامذاندہ  
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Mohd Ismail Bhat S/o Abdul Samad Bhat R/o HMT Sgr

تاریخ وفات: 24-01-2021

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سبج میوہیل جھسٹریٹ سرنیگر nj

**ازعدالت سبج میوہیل جھسٹریٹ سرنیگر**  
باجلاس مہرن مشق  
بنام Asieya Amin  
مسائل اسامذاندہ  
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Asieya Amin D/o Mohamad Amin Bakshi

تاریخ وفات: 09-04-1983

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سبج میوہیل جھسٹریٹ سرنیگر nj

**ازعدالت سبج میوہیل جھسٹریٹ سرنیگر**  
باجلاس مہرن مشق  
بنام Kulsum Quyoom  
مسائل اسامذاندہ  
درخواست بھرن اندراج تاریخ پیدائش

Kulsum Quyoom

تاریخ وفات: 06-07-1992

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This is to inform the general public that my name and D.O.B has been entered on my passport bearing no.R609748 as Zainab Altaf and D.O.B 12-06-2004 while my correct name as per matriculation certificate is Zainab Altaf Magray and D.O.B 12-06-2005 which is correct. Now I want to apply for its correction and applying for renewal of my passport. If anybody has any objection he/she may contact Regional Passport office Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.  
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**ازعدالت جوڈیشل جھسٹریٹ درجہ اول پنٹن**  
باجلاس الطائف حسین خان  
بنام غلام محمد صوبی BDO Pattan  
BIRTH CERTIFICATE  
درخواست نمائند غلام محمد صوبی والد ذابہ مصطفیٰ صوبی ساکن پنٹن پنٹن بھرن اندراج تاریخ پیدائش

جن ذابہ مصطفیٰ صوبی تاریخ پیدائش 01-03-2014

اشہار بمارو گا گی بر خاص و عوام

معاملمندجہ عوآن الصددر میں سائل سائلنے عدالت ہڈائیں ایک درخواست حصول تاریخ پیدائش نسبت عدالت ہڈائیں پیش کی ہے جس نسبت برائے کا فہات بشمول درخواست مقررہ تاریخ پیدائش 01-03-2014 برائے درخواست ہڈائیں نسبت درخواست کوئی مذرا یا اعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے مذرات اشتہار سے اشتہار کے اندر دیا ہڈاءت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔ بعد گزرنے مینا کوئی مذرا یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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**ازعدالت سبج میوہیل جھسٹریٹ سرنیگر**  
باجلاس مہرن مشق  
بنام Shabir Ah Bhat  
مسائل اسامذاندہ  
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Mehnoor Shabir

تاریخ وفات: 15-09-2015

معاملمندجہ عوآن الصددر میں سائل سائلنے عدالت ہڈائیں ایک درخواست بشمول حلقی بھرن اندراج تاریخ پیدائش

Mehnoor Shabir D/o Shabir Ah Bhat R/o Danmar Sangam Sgr مورخہ 08-09-2023 کو پیش کی ہے۔ لہذا عوام الناس کو بذریعہ اشتہار مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی مذرا یا اعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے مذرات اشتہار سے اشتہار کے اندر دیا ہڈاءت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔ بعد گزرنے مینا کوئی مذرا یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آہیدہ عدالت ہڈائیں 22-07-2023 کو مقرر ہے۔

تجزیر الصددر

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**ازعدالت سبج میوہیل جھسٹریٹ سرنیگر**  
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تاریخ وفات: 05-10-1984

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## Heavy Rainfall Inundates Ground Floors Of Several Houses In Rajouri Kadal

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Heavy rains that lashed in parts of Kashmir including Srinagar this morning have reportedly damaged several houses in Saifudin Pora, Rajouri Kadal, in the old city.

The affected residents said the rain water submerged ground floors of some residential houses in the area. They have appealed to the administration, particularly the municipal authorities, to visit the area and assess the extent of the damage to their houses.

The early morning rains on Wednesday resulted in the submersion of the ground floors of several residential houses in the old city's Saifudin Pora.

Distressed families claimed that their houses submerged whenever

rains occurred. They attributed the problem to the lack of a proper drainage system in the area.

They further said that despite repeated requests to the concerned authorities to address the issue and fix the drainage system, their pleas have fallen flat on deaf ears.

The residents have now earnestly requested the administration, especially the municipal authorities, to send a team to the affected area and investigate and identify the root cause of this recurring problem that affects the people here every time it rains.

They stressed that immediate action is needed to find a permanent solution to the issue so that such problems are not repeated in the future.



Holding an umbrella, man rides a bicycle in Srinagar amid heavy downpour on Wednesday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

## Ganderbal Man Held For Stabbing Srinagar Youth

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Police have arrested a man from Central Ganderbal district, hours after he attacked and injured a youth at Eidgah area of Srinagar on Wednesday.

Identified as Kaiser Ahmad Bhat (28), son of Khurshed Ahmad Bhat of Nagbal area in Ganderbal district of central Kashmir, the accused who is alleged to be a chronic stone pelt,

323,341 and 307 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered at police station Safakadal as soon as the incident was brought into the notice of police.

The accused, who was on the run, was arrested barely three hours after committing the offense and is presently lodged at Safakadal police station.

Confirming the arrest, Srinagar police in a tweet said that the accused, a



was arrested for stabbing a youth at Eidgah Park here this evening.

The victim, identified as Kaiser Ahmad Sofi son of Gulzar Ahmad Sofi of Noorbagh Srinagar was shifted to Sri Maharaja Hari Singh (SMHS) Hospital in an injured condition after being attacked with a knife.

Doctors treating the victim at SMHS Hospital said he had suffered injuries in the attack and is stable.

A formal case FIR No. 99 of 2023 under sections

chronic stone pelt, having history of stone pelting has been arrested for stabbing a youth at Eidgah Park.

"One accused namely Kaiser Ahmad Bhat (28) S/o Khurshed Ahmad Bhat R/o Nagbal Ganderbal arrested for stabbing a youth with a knife at Eidgah area. Accused has a history of stone pelting. Weapon of offense has also been recovered. FIR no 99/2023 u/s 323, 341, 307, IPC in Safakadal PC," police said in a tweet.

## Lalit Suri Hospitality Group Launches 'Shree Anna'

Healthy Millet Menu Aimed To Support PM's Millet Mission In India

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Lalit Suri Hospitality Group, one of India's leading hospitality brands, on Wednesday launched 'Shree Anna' - a pan India promotion of India's millets, at all The Lalit properties across the country, including The Lalit Suri Hospitality School and Subros.

In Srinagar, the launch event was held at The Lalit Grand Palace, overlooking the famous Dal Lake. The event was attended by Lieutenant Governor's Advisor RR Bhatnagar, his wife Dr Manu Bhatnagar, Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr Syed Haneef Balkhi, and other prominent personalities in the city.

The United Nations has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets. In support of India's Millet Mission and under the visionary leadership of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Lalit Suri Hospitality Group launched 'Shree Anna'

Millets, a home grown crop with diverse varieties, are being promoted by The Lalit Group for their exceptional nutritional value and versatility, a group spokesman said.

This promotion aims to raise awareness about millets, their health benefits, and their importance in supporting the livelihoods of farmers, he added.

At The Lalit, the event kicked off with an address by the chief guest, who explained the concept and significance of the event. Guests were treated to a sumptuous plated meal featuring a variety of millet-based dishes.

Media interactions took place after the meal, providing



an opportunity to learn more about the health benefits and versatility of millets.

To commemorate the occasion, each guest received a box of home-made ragi cookies, along with a booklet highlighting the health benefits and origins of millets. Following the launch event, the Healthy Millet Menu will be available for a month at all The Lalit outlets across India, including 24/7, Oko, and Baluchi. Each city's executive chef will play a pivotal role in showcasing the menu.

"The Healthy Millet Menu is a celebration of the rich culinary and agricultural heritage of India. Millets are not only packed with nutrients, but they also provide a sustainable solution that benefits

both our well-being and the livelihoods of our farmers," said Chef Ravi Kant, Executive Chef at The Lalit New Delhi.

The Healthy Millet Menu offers a wide range of millet-based dishes that cater to different tastes and preferences. From Foxtail Millet and Barnyard Millet to Finger Millet and Kodo Millet, each variety brings its unique flavour and nutritional benefits. The menu features delectable options such as Crunchy Edamame and Amaranth Salad, Thai Spiced Infused Foxtail and Pomelo Salad, Crunchy Quinoa Bites and Ragi-Idlis among others.

The Healthy Millet Menu at The Lalit hotels across India will be available for food lovers from July 20 to August 20.

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### This Day In History

- 1933 - In London, 500,000 march against anti-Semitism
- 1943 - US Joint Chiefs of Staff question Admiral Chester Nimitz over the landing on Gilbert Island
- 1944 - US invades Japanese-occupied Guam
- 1944 - Adolf Hitler survives an assassination attempt led by German army officer Claus Von Stauffenberg
- 1947 - 1st political action of Netherlands Army on Java and Sumatra
- 1949 - Israel's 19 month war of independence ends
- 1953 - USSR/Israel recover diplomatic relations
- 1953 - The United Nations Economic and Social Council votes to make UNICEF a permanent agency
- 1954 - Armistice for Indo-China signed, Vietnam separates into North and South
- 1956 - France recognizes Tunisia independence
- 1956 - Great Britain refuses to lend Egypt money to build Aswan Dam
- 1958 - King Hussein of Jordan breaks off diplomatic relations with UAR
- 1960 - Sirima Bandaranaike becomes 1st female premier of Ceylon
- 1960 - USSR recovered 2 dogs; 1st living organisms to return from space
- 1962 - France & Tunisia recover diplomatic relations
- 1969 - 1st Moon Landing: Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin from Apollo 11, 530 million watch live global broadcast
- 1975 - India expels three reporters from The Times, The Daily Telegraph, and Newsweek because they refused to sign a pledge to abide by government censorship.
- 1976 - US Viking 1 lands on Mars at Chryse Planitia, 1st Martian landing
- 1976 - Vietnam War: The US military completes its troop withdrawal from Thailand.
- 1977 - The Central Intelligence Agency releases documents under the Freedom of Information Act

### From KO Archives

*JKAP man on killing spree*  
Kills SHO, driver; wounds DSP

Observer News Service

Srinagar - A station house officer (SHO) of the Kashmir police and an SRTC driver were killed and a deputy superintendent of police injured when a member of the J&K Armed Police opened indiscriminate fire on his superiors near, the Deshnami Akhara building on the Budshah Chowk here this morning.

A member of the J&K Armed Police (JKAP) opened unprovoked fire on his officers who were overseeing security arrangements for the departure of the Chari Mubarak (Holy Mac.o) from the Deshnami Akhara at around 8 this morning, the ONS said.

The station house officer of the Maistuma police station, Ghulam Nabi Parray, and an SRTC driver, Basheer Ahmad Khan, were killed on the spot, and the deputy superintendent of police (DSP) for security, Ghulam Jeelani Baba, was injured. The driver was present at the scene in connection with yatra duty.

The injured DSP was rushed to the SMHS hospital where doctors referred him to the SKIMS. His condition was reported to be serious.

The attacker, Kabeer Singh of the 9 Bn JKAP, hailing from Udhampur, was immediately taken into custody.

He had fired 23 rounds from his service carbine, and only five bullets were found in the magazine after the attack. The attack was deliberate, and the DSP was the actual target, the CNS quoted sources as having said. A criminal case has been registered by the police.

Heartrending scenes were witnessed as the body of the slain driver arrived home in Gurgari Mohalla, Nawab Bazaar. The driver was a father of five children, four of them girls, and the sole earning hand of the family.

(Kashmir Observer, 20 July, 2005)

## Cop Wins Praises For Managing Traffic Barefoot Amid Heavy Rainfall In Srinagar

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: A traffic policeman in Srinagar has won praise for managing the move-

ment of vehicles on a busy road here barefoot amid torrential rains. A video, being widely shared on social media, showed the policeman on duty at the Gupkar Road

intersection managing the traffic barefoot as he took out his shoes and socks due to the water logging in the area as heavy rains lashed many parts of the Valley.

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### EXTENSION NOTICE FOR ADMISSIONS 2023

It is notified for information of all the concerned that the last date for submission of online Application Forms for admission to various Undergraduate/ Postgraduate/ Integrated and B. Tech Lateral Entry Programmes 2023 notified vide Admission Notification No. 01 of 2023 Dated: 29-05-2023 has been extended up to 24<sup>th</sup> of July, 2023. The candidates can apply online for the aforesaid academic programmes by following the link <https://admission.iust.ac.in/Account/Login>.

In case of candidates who have already registered/ applied online on IUST website, they need to update the CUET UG score (if applicable) through the admission login page under (Update CUET UG Score) tab by or before 24<sup>th</sup> of July, 2023.

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir

## Directorate of Horticulture, Kashmir, Rajbagh Srinagar

Tele-fax: 0194-2311287/ 2311484

Subject: Final Selection list of Candidates for the post of Horticulture Technician Grade-IV (HTG-IV)- submission of verification rolls thereof.

Ref:- Administrative Department's letter No.Horti-NG/3/2021-34007 dated.14-07-2023.

The Candidates who have been selected/recommended by the J&K Service Board vide notification No. JKSSB-SDOSECY(IMU)/2/2023-01(E-7166430) dated. 23.06.2023, under item No.690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 967, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707,708 & 709 received under Administrative Department's letter referred to above, for the post of Horticulture Technician Grade-IV (District Cadre) in the Department of Horticulture, Kashmir are hereby directed/informed to submit email IDs and contact Number details in the Directorate of Horticulture Kashmir in person or on email ID [Kashmirhorticulture@gmail.com](mailto:Kashmirhorticulture@gmail.com) within a period of 21 days positively for uploading the same on the Employee Verification System (EVS), failing which it shall be presumed that they are not willing to take-up their appointment as HTG-IV in the Department

DIPK-5359/23  
dated: 19-07-2023

Sd/  
(Shafiqha Khalid)  
Deputy Director Central

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Thursday | 20-07-2023

## 'INDIA' Challenge

More than two dozen opposition parties have come together to form an alliance named "INDIA" with the aim of challenging the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its overarching leader, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in 2024 general elections. The alliance, forged to safeguard democracy and the Constitution, vows to uphold the core principles that define the nation as enshrined in the Constitution.

The newly-formed "INDIA" represents a diverse array of regional and national parties, which have historically been rivals but have set aside their differences for a common cause: to address the pressing issues affecting the country and challenge the BJP's nationalist platform. Led by Mallikarjun Kharge, the president of the main opposition Congress party, the alliance stands for "Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance," with its primary focus being on combating rising prices and unemployment that have plagued the nation, more so after the Russian invasion of Ukraine early last year.

The move comes as no surprise given the growing discontent with the BJP's policies and the need for a united front to counter the ruling party's dominance. Despite the BJP's formidable position in Lok Sabha with 301 out of 542 seats, the opposition parties believe that a collective effort can make a significant impact in the 2024 elections.

Prime Minister Modi and the BJP, on the other hand, have been quick to criticize the alliance members, dismissing them as opportunists and corrupt individuals trying to salvage their political careers. Modi addressed a gathering of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) to commemorate its 25th anniversary and stressed the significance of positive alliances, subtly questioning the motivations behind the "INDIA" alliance.

As the "INDIA" grouping moves forward, it plans to create a coordination panel and name a convener to further streamline its efforts. One challenge the alliance will face is deciding on the allocation of seats for each party to contest one-on-one against the BJP. A successful seat-sharing will be critical in maximizing their chances of victory in the national elections.

The BJP's decision to revive the NDA in response to the growing unity among the opposition parties is a testament to the importance of the "INDIA" alliance. With the prospect of a third term on the horizon, the BJP is leaving no stone unturned to secure its position. However, the opposition remains undeterred, arguing that the BJP's divisive tactics have polarized the nation, while their collaborative approach aims to unite the people of India under a common vision. That said, it will be a big challenge to keep the alliance steady until 2024, considering the BJP is no easy opponent. And critical to the opposition challenge will not be an alternative agenda but also an alternative political narrative.

### OTHER OPINION

## Taxing OTT players is not a good idea

It is a fact that the advent of applications such as WhatsApp has impacted telecom operators' revenues from traditional voice calls and SMS services. But their share of the revenue from data usage has grown by more than 10 times from 8.10 per cent in the quarter ending June 2013 to 85.1 per cent in December 2022, largely driven by OTT applications that are available for no cost to users. If OTT players are asked to pay a licence fee, their services may no longer be available for free. This will have a cascading effect on usage which in turn will hit data consumption, impacting the revenues of the telecom operators, leaving them with lower cash flows to reinvest in network rollouts.

Instead of imposing licensing fees and introducing new regulations for OTT players, the Centre should relax the regulatory conditions for telecom operators if it really wants to level the playing field. For example, the licence fees and other levies for telecom players can be brought down to just 1 per cent to cover administrative costs. As for the need to make OTT players comply with national security requirements, there are various provisions under the IT Rules that already make it mandatory for all OTT players to provide access to user data. The new Personal Data Protection Bill also gives unrestricted access to the Centre when it comes to national security.

The TRAI's other proposal to ban specific OTT applications during a public emergency also needs to be thought through. TRAI's consultation paper follows a report by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Communication and Information Technology in 2021. It observed that since a complete shutdown of telecom services/ internet affects the people in many ways, the Centre should explore if it was technically possible to shut down only those services in areas likely to be used by terrorist/anti-social elements. However, the DoT has acknowledged that services hosted on the cloud are difficult to ban selectively since they operate from multiple locations in multiple countries. Even if OTT players are asked to set up local cloud servers, it could lead to an invasion of user privacy because they will be forced to share their location and IP addresses with the OTT player. The Centre should move ahead with care.

The Hindu Business Line

# From Brain Drain to Drained Brain

At present, numberless intellectuals from India reside in developed countries and thousands of people aspire to migrate to such regions for better living. They play a vital role in the development of these countries. Infact, 10% of the world's high-tech business CEOs come from India and their number is only increasing. Yet it is pertinent to mention that keeping in mind the inclusive importance of researchers and health professionals in the collective development of a nation, their migration is the worst kind of brain drain.

Different people among us are engaged with different professions in diverse fields and every profession has its own substantiveness for the progress, advancement and development of a nation. Each and every profession plays a vital role in this course and no profession is abortive. But it can't be denied that there are some professions that demand more engrossment, attention and respect as such professions are cardinal in every aspect as either the professionals and specialists of other professions exist because of the existence of former professions or such professions are essential for the health and well being of people.

In some European countries two professions viz. teaching and medicine are treated as most imperative and most respected professions and the salary given to the people engaged in these two professions is called as honorarium reckoning and acknowledging their honour and their essence as these people presume that nothing can be paid in return which can equivalence the service rendered by these two sectors. Here we can't deny the fact that the health professionals are also the products of the teaching sector. The governments of most of the capitalistic countries of the western world pay special attention to their educational and health sectors besides being cautious about their defence sector and they always try to have their complete control on these three sectors so that these sectors may not turn into commercial hubs. These countries always try to build a strong, advanced and impeccable defence system for themselves and have a catbird seat in the arms and ammunitions as compared to developing and underdeveloped countries of the world. They don't have their dominance and supremacy in the world only because of their modern high-tech warfare tools but they also earn a huge amount by selling their ammunition to developing countries. The manufacturing of these high-tech and modern weapons is the result of their scientific work and modern research which in turn is the higher level of knowledge and learning. These countries also earn millions of dollars from the people around the world who go for higher education and research work to these countries.

History is witness to the fact that there are examples of nations who advanced by leaps and bounds despite being undemocratic. But such nations had two good quali-

ties: firstly, there was justice or they were corruption free; secondly, they had great teachers who could impart modern and scientific education.

Germany is the first and the greatest example of such nations, then Russia and now it is China in the contemporary world which makes the above notion a fact.

Proceeding further, it can be aptly said that the evolution of great powers of the world was due to their scientific research work. It was because of this scientific research that great powers like Britain and other European countries made the rest of the world as their colonies after the industrial revolution and this industrial revolution was in turn also the outcome of scientific advancement in European universities.

When teachers, intellectuals and skilled scholars leave India and go to some other countries, it leaves the nation vulnerable to mediocrity and lack of progress. This is brain drain - the migration of highly educated, skilled and talented individuals from one country to another, usually in search of better opportunities, higher salaries, or improved

In addition to brain drain, in Kashmir's context, a peculiar trend of drained brains seems to be prevailing. Drained brains happen due to unfavourable conditions prevailing in a region which cause the best brains in the region defunct. Their abilities can't be harnessed and their capabilities get either misused or wasted.

In Kashmir, there is an abundance of intellectuals, experts and researchers but they are unable to make an optimal use of these capabilities. Infact, political turmoil and economic instability also cause such hindrances which may take such a mental toll that it ultimately makes it extremely difficult for great minds and workers to generate any significant outcome or contribution. We are living in a region which has been facing political instability for more than three decades now. Even as our region is known for a rich intellectual tradition from ancient times, it is hardly keeping up with it due to such hostile conditions.

It has resulted in drained brains who have ceased to work and are unable to think logically and creatively.



Peter Greenwood/Folio Art

living conditions. It is the departure of educated or professional people from one country, economic sector, or field for another, usually for better pay or living conditions.

This phenomenon is typical to developing countries like India and can have negative effects on the country. When teachers, researchers, doctors, engineers, computer experts and other professionals leave their country in search of better avenues and opportunities, it turns their own country impoverished, destitute and desertified as it results in human capital dearth and then there is scarcity of such professionals who could harmonize the education, health, economic and other sectors of their country with the demands of modern times. Additional impact on these regions that experience brain drain is the loss of revenue. A mass exodus leads to a drop in tax receipts which can stunt economic growth and development. Likewise when the upper class of a country (who are often the holders of maximum wealth of a nation) emigrate from their country due to political or economic instability, it results in capital drain and the cumulative drain of wealth and intellectual class from a country results in poverty, backwardness, underdevelopment and marginalization.

According to a survey by the humanitarian organisation MSF (Medecins Sans Frontieres), nearly 1.8 million adults in Kashmir Valley - 45% of the population - showed symptoms of mental distress. The survey found that 41% of the population showed signs of depression, 26% showed signs of anxiety and 19% showed probable symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Besides political disturbance, J&K is one of the most corrupt places among the Indian states/UTs. Between 2018 to 2020 the ACB registered 219 cases against corrupt officials from different departments in J&K. With these numbers at display, Kashmir has turned into a land of drained brains which has badly affected its progress and development. All we need is a peaceful environment and a corruption free system to reinvigorate our drained brains so that we can keep pace with the technologically and economically accelerated modern world.

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## The Virtues of Discipline: A Key to Personal and Societal Progress

In today's fast-paced and ever-changing world, the importance of discipline cannot be emphasized enough. Discipline is a virtue that not only shapes individuals but also plays a pivotal role in the progress and well-being of society as a whole. It is the cornerstone of personal growth, professional success, and societal harmony.

At an individual level, discipline cultivates self-control and the ability to make responsible choices. It empowers us to set goals, work diligently towards achieving them, and overcome obstacles with determination. By practicing discipline in our daily lives, we develop good habits and time management skills, allowing

us to optimize our productivity and reach our fullest potential. Whether in education, career, or relationships, discipline fosters excellence and resilience, enabling us to thrive even in the face of adversity.

Moreover, discipline is essential for maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle. It encourages us to prioritize our physical and mental well-being by adhering to regular exercise routines, healthy eating habits, and adequate rest. By avoiding impulsive behaviors and temptations, discipline helps us steer clear of harmful substances and vices that can have detrimental effects on our health and social life.

On a broader scale, discipline plays

a critical role in shaping a cohesive and progressive society. A disciplined society is characterized by respect for laws, norms, and cultural values. When individuals exercise restraint and act responsibly, it fosters a sense of trust and security within communities. This, in turn, strengthens social bonds and promotes harmony among people from diverse backgrounds.

Discipline also forms the bedrock of economic prosperity. A disciplined workforce is more likely to meet deadlines, follow regulations, and maintain high-quality standards, leading to increased productivity and growth in industries. Additionally, a disciplined approach to financial management at both the individual

and governmental levels helps prevent economic crises and paves the way for sustainable development.

In conclusion, the virtues of discipline cannot be overlooked or underestimated. It shapes us into better individuals, fostering personal growth, and self-improvement. Moreover, discipline is crucial for building a strong and prosperous society by promoting unity, responsibility, and progress. Let us encourage the cultivation of discipline in our daily lives and appreciate its far-reaching impact on the well-being of ourselves and our communities.

Sincerely,  
Shafia Hamid

# My Muharram Lamentation

Obaid Zia

I am a Sunni. My family is Sunni. We love Abu Bakr, Uthman, Umar, Ali. We believe in their Rightly Guided Caliphates. The Commanders of the Faithful. We believe in Aisha as a wife of the Prophet and a role model. A Mother of the Faithful. This is our belief. We are not Shia.

As part of being Muslim, we love the Prophet and love all that which he loves. For what is beloved to the Prophet is beloved to God. This includes love of the people he loved. The Prophet loved his wives, his friends, his companions, and his family. We wish peace upon the Prophet and his family in every Salaat, just like every other Muslim in the world does without regard to madhab.

Of the Prophet's family, there exist two names shadowed in an eternal passion, kept alive by billions of lovers for over a millennium. The beloved sons of Fatima az-Zahra, daughter of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), and her husband Ali ibn Abi Talib: Hasan (as) and Hussain (as). The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) confided with humanity that indeed his favorite two children in all of creation would be the leaders of the youth of Paradise. The two sons of the House of the Prophet would grow up to be great leaders, as prophesized by the Holy Messenger, and find themselves murdered by their grandfather's followers for their sacred ancestry.

Why is it that, growing up, the names Hasan (as) and Hussain (as) brought the images of children to my mind? Why is it that I, and many other youth in America, are not taught much about Hasan (as) and Hussain (as) when they grow up? All that most know about them is that the Prophet loved and kissed them and that they would bring him his blessed slippers. That's it. They're our role models to be the perfect children. We, as Sunnis, have forgotten that they're really models through our death and afterlife.

We never learn that Hasan (as) and Hussain (as) grow up to be Imam Hasan (as) and Imam Hussain (as). We don't learn of the prophecy of Imam Hasan (as) being a great sayyid through whose hands Allah shall bring peace between two parties. We don't learn about him succeeding his father as the entitled fifth Rightly Guided Caliph, a rank we are taught is posthumously bestowed upon Umar ibn Abd al-Aziz. We aren't taught that he gave up his right to the caliphate to fulfill that very Muhammadan Prophecy. We never learn that Hasan (as) and Hussain (as) grow up.

We never learn about the murder of the Prophet's (peace be upon him) grandsons at the hands of his Ummah. We never learn about the betrayal from a son of Bani Ummayah. We never learn about the theft of khilafat from the righteous. We never learn about Muawiyah's warning his son to not meet God with his Imam Hussain's blood. We never

learn about the gross disobedience to his father, his soul's nature, his sense of inhumanity, to the Prophet he claimed to love?

We feel from our parents and elders that Muharram is sacred for reasons other than literal translation, but don't know why. We get lost in confusing debates about not marrying during Muharram. Elders argue over engagements being jaazi before and/or after 10th Muharram. We get even more confused when an aunt says marriages shouldn't be held until Rabi al-Awwal. Why does it matter? We ask. We aren't Shia, we iterate. Few parents are willing to explain. Maybe the pain of which there is to speak is too deep. Maybe they've become confused, in the melting pot that is Muslim America, on the validity of their beliefs. However, I'm not writing this to criticize the pseudo-salafi influence in America throwing off 1400 years of orthodox Sunni scholarship. I'm writing this because I was (and still am, obviously) a confused Sunni youth in America wondering why the ha-



Sunday school textbooks left off. I read about what our Shia brothers believe about the Battle of Karbala. I read about what the Orthodox Sunni scholars say about it. I read the accounts. I feel the shared pain between the lines an ancient remorse, the feeling of shame. When you realize the scholars who speak about Hussain (as) are the scholars that are here to be the heirs of the Prophets, you see how much we share across these sects. You see how sects become madhabs. We aren't united by the shahadah. We aren't united by love of a single God. We aren't united by love for the Prophet. We are united by all that and the love of the Ahl al-Bayt. In Muharram, we share the deep grief for the events at Karbala. When you see what both traditions of scholars, Shia and Orthodox Sunni, say about the emotions of Muharram, you see why we are brothers.

We are brothers because when a tyrant stole the caliphate of the Muslim Ummah and abused it, Imam Hussain (as) stood up for you and me and the nation his grandfather built with his blood, sweat, and many tears. He marched himself to his death for the sake of survival. On that day in Karbala, he was undoubtedly on the side of Islam, the side of his father, the side of his grandfather, the side of righteousness and truth.

Imam Hussain (as) came to the battlefield not as a Shia to fight Sunnis, or a Sunni to fight Shias. He was there as the inheritor and rightful successor of his grandfather to continue the Prophetic crusade against injustice and darkness. It wasn't Sunni succession vs. Shia succession. The knowledgeable of the Ummah had already designated Imam Hasan (as) and Imam Hussain (as) as caliphs. No. That day in Karbala, the

battlefield was Haq vs. Kufri. Bloodshed was to ensue. Brother slaughtered brother. Imam Hussain (as) came with a message of diplomacy, of amnesty, of civility. He was faced with an army who claimed to be from the Ummah of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). They were a people who claimed to pray and fast. An army who venerated the grandfather of the man they were ordered to murder, an army who claimed to love God and His messenger as the ultimate reality.

An army who claimed to be on the path of Islam, an army who claimed to love the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), was about to slaughter his holy family before leaving their dead bodies to rot for three days. They took the words of the kalima, chewed them up, spat them out, and trampled them with their horses. When Sayyidina Abu Bakr would rather do good to the family of the Prophet rather than to his own family, the army at Karbala didn't even spare thirsty infant Ali al-Asghar crying in the arms of Imam Hussain (as). They couldn't spare a drop of water for the progeny of the Prophet they claimed to love. Their hearts had already traded God for the pleasures of this world. Words cannot describe the revolting lapse of conscience, of taqwa, of basic humanity, that the murderers of the Prophet's household had on that day.

The story ends with Sayyid Shabbab al-Jannah, the Leader of the Youth in Paradise, the Prince of the Prophet's household, becoming the final casualty. Having watched all 72 of his followers and most of his family slaughtered, beheaded, and disfigured, he charged into the army of thousands, fighting valiantly despite his severe wounds. After the

final blow to the Prince of the Martyrs, his head was cut off, and placed on a silver platter to be presented to the general of the army, who started playing with a stick at the nose and mouth of Al-Hussain's head and saying something about his handsome features. The army, who claimed to be Muslims, would then place the heads of their victims and Imam Hussain (as) on the tips of spears and march 600 miles to Yazid championing their victory.

If only this was the whole story, yet this much is enough to make anyone's skin crawl. Such injustice was done. If Hussain (as) had remained quiet and relented to Yazid, he and his family members would have lived. However, Yazid's men would still have been evil. They would've gutted Islam of anything good or Prophetic, and left it a shell of empty words, of sin, of corruption, of evil. If it weren't for Imam Hussain's sacrifice, Islam would have died. The legacy of Hussain's (as) selfless sacrifice lived on in the community of the Muslims under unjust rulers. The light of his fight for truth lived on in the minds of the believers, ready to reclaim the religion of the Holy Prophet whenever opportunity presented. Imam Hussain (as) inspired the spirit of reality in the darkness. Yazid had Imam Hussain (as) killed. Yazid won, but Yazid still died three years later, and today he's nothing but dust in the desert, while Hussain (as) lives on in the hearts of billions. While Yazid won the battle, Hussain (as) continues to win the war hundreds of years later. His death in righteousness lit the fire of truth until the truth of the battle could prevail, and continues to inspire truth in the face of injustice today.

How could I ignore the sacrifices

of the Prophet's family? How could I not grieve and mourn when recounted the atrocities at Karbala? How could I ignore the suffering of Imam Hussain (as), when he watched all those he loved in the world beaten, abused, slaughtered, beheaded, and molested in front of his eyes? When Imam Hussain (as) gave up his whole world, was stabbed 33 times by spears, struck 34 times by swords, hit over 100 times by arrows, only to weep and say I only wish for Allah to shower them with forgiveness, how can I say that remembering his suffering is a sin?

I am a Sunni, and I mourn in Muharram. I mourn in my own way, and always look to do better in honoring our Imam, but for at least the first ten days of every year, I remind myself of Imam Hussain (as). Mourning is not exclusive to our Shia brothers, and we shouldn't let that cross our minds. Imam Hussain (as) died so that all of us could be Muslim. His death enabled us all to seek the pleasure of God and the Righteous, and not this world. The family and lovers of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) faced such inhumanity from people who also claimed to love the Prophet; people who supposedly read salawat on them during every salaah. It should not be forgotten. It should always be remembered, and if you don't even shed a tear, if you don't start grieving just at the thought of the injustice, then you aren't remembering like you should. When you don't remember, when you don't feel emotion, for the events of Karbala, when you've let the sacrifice be forgotten, you've accepted Yazid's victory.

I'm a Sunni, and my heart grieves, because Sunnis do grieve for Hussain (as). We weep for Hussain (as). We have for 1400 years, just like Shias. Because Karbala wasn't a sacrifice for Shias, it wasn't even a sacrifice for all Muslims. It was a sacrifice for humanity.

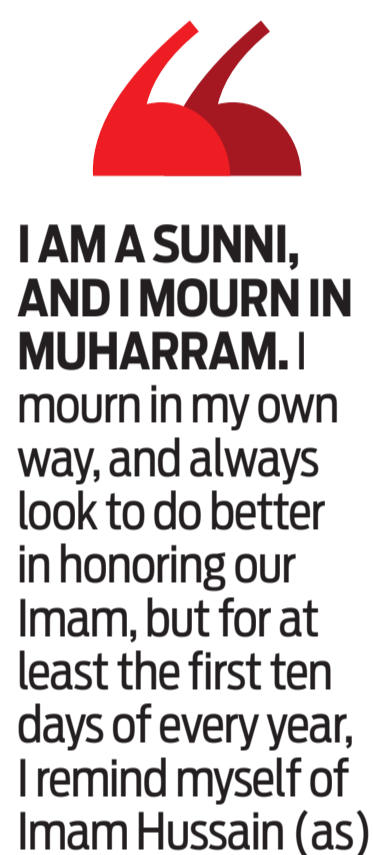
*Shah ast Hussain (as), Badshah ast Hussain (as)  
Deen ast Hussain (as), Deen Panah ast Hussain (as)  
Sardad na dad dast, dar dast-e-yazeed,  
Haqaaq key binaey La ila ast Hussain (as)  
King is Hussain (as), Emperor is Hussain (as).*

Faith is Hussain (as); the Defender of Faith is Hussain (as). His head he gave, not his hand, to Yazid.

The reality is that the foundation of La ilaha ila Allah is Hussain (as). Khwaja Ghareeb Nawaz Moinuddin Chisti (R)

Peace and blessings be upon the Prophet Muhammad, his family, his companions, and his wives.

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# What The Climate Fight Is Really About

Gernot Wagner

Climate change is no longer a future problem. It is here, and the effects are all around. Worse, today's extreme weather events are just a preview of the pain that awaits humanity in the coming decades, almost regardless of how fast we manage to decarbonize the economy this year or next.

Such sobering observations tend to provoke arguments about the importance of "climate optimism." Pessimism, after all, demotivates. Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream, not a nightmare, for the future his children would inhabit.

I typically join these calls for optimism. The accelerating pace of the clean-energy race is heartening, as is the emergence of positive socioeconomic feedback loops to match all the negative ones associated with climatic tipping points. Still, while the pace of clean-energy deployment is faster than it has ever been, the world overall is racing in the wrong direction: global greenhouse-gas emissions are still rising.

So, how should we talk about this challenge, with these two dynamics tugging in opposite directions?

One answer is to embrace the language of risks and uncertainties. Not too long ago, those resisting climate action were the ones playing up the issue of uncertainty. The "merchants of doubt" – marginal scientists and other commentators in hock to the fossil-fuel industry – focused on our lack of complete knowledge to challenge the strengthen-



ing consensus around anthropogenic climate change. Uncertainty was their friend. But for the rest of us, it is public enemy number one. The unknowns and unknowables are what make climate change such an urgent problem.

Over the past few decades, advances in climate science and economics have helped to quantify more climate-related uncertainties. This progress has been both helpful and alarming, because it has further underscored just how dangerous those uncertainties truly are.

Above all, it shows that we need cli-

mate action not only to keep relatively slow-moving averages from increasing further, but – even more importantly – to keep uncertainties in check. The floods, droughts, wildfires, and other extreme climate-driven phenomena are what make the problem so costly. Conversely, climate policymaking that cuts off the tail end of the extreme-weather distribution should be regarded as a major success.

Sometimes, this will literally mean taking out insurance against the worst phenomena. Insurance mandates, for

example, would compel homeowners to account for the cost of floods and wildfires when deciding where to live. As the price of homeowner's insurance rises in disaster-prone areas, mandates could become one of the most effective ways to encourage climate-change adaptation.

Similarly, investments in low-carbon energy sources are often best viewed as investments in resilience – and thus in decreased uncertainty. Lowering one's average carbon footprint ought to be valued and appropriately rewarded. But whether you are installing solar panels on your roof, using a battery pack as backup storage, or switching to a heat pump and induction stove, the biggest payoff comes in extreme circumstances, or the lack thereof.

The solar panels and battery packs will ensure that your lights stay on even if the grid goes down because of extreme weather. Similarly, a heat pump and induction stove will allow you to cut off your gas line and declare independence from future gas supply shocks that directly affect your heating bill. (The indirect effect via the electric bill points immediately back to solar panels and battery packs, and it further reinforces the urgency to decarbonize the overall electric grid.)

The cost of solar and all-electric appliances will only decline over time, whereas natural gas and oil markets will continue to fluctuate, owing to the vagaries of geopolitics and the global economy. A surefire way to prevent fossil-fuel inflation is to get off fossil fuels altogether.

What is true for homeowners also is true for whole economies. Less dependence on fossil fuels means less uncertainty. True, the clean-energy transition also relies on potentially volatile commodities like copper, lithium, and other critical minerals. But there are crucial differences between these and fossil fuels. For one, the millions of tons of material going into clean technologies are orders of magnitude smaller than the billions of tons of fossil fuels being burned every year. And still better technologies with ever-lower costs are likely to emerge as we rapidly climb the learning curve on clean-energy solutions.

The trend lines support a cautiously optimistic outlook on the clean-energy future. But there are plenty of hurdles still to overcome, many of them erected and propped up by fossil-fuel incumbents trying to delay the inevitable. There is also plenty of climate-driven pain and destruction still in store. Things will get worse before they get better.

But even if we can no longer prevent climate change, we can still mitigate it by minimizing the accompanying uncertainties. We must embrace these uncertainties for what they are: a wake-up call to prevent the worst. Climate risk is financial risk, and climate action is an insurance policy – for the world as much as for individual companies and for us as individuals.

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## 2020 Delhi Riots: Court Acquits 3 Of Vandalism, Assault, Arson Charges

**New Delhi:** A sessions court hearing a case of the 2020 northeast Delhi riots has acquitted three accused of all charges, including vandalism, assault and arson as the prosecution could not prove them "beyond reasonable doubts".

The court was hearing a case against Dinesh Yadav, Sandeep Ahmad (14) and Arbaz (2), Nazia Tabassum (14) and her brother Mohd Asif (12).

According to the prosecution, the accused were part of a riotous mob that went on the rampage on February 24, 2020 in and around the Johripur Ganga Vihar pulia near Bhagirathi Vihar.

"I find that charges levelled against the accused persons in this case are not proved beyond all reasonable doubts and they are entitled to benefit of doubt. Hence, the accused are acquitted of all the charges levelled against them." Additional Sessions Judge Pulastya Pramachala said in a verdict pronounced on Tuesday.

The judge said it was



"established" that the five incidents that were reported were caused by an unlawful assembly, which committed rioting, assault, vandalism and arson.

However, the court noted that only three prosecution witnesses, including constable Vipin, head constable Sanoj and auto driver Aaftab Alam, who was assaulted by the mob, had

identified them.

The police officials, however, also mentioned the name of a fourth accused, a man called Sahil, as part of the mob, the court noted.

While the prosecution's case was against the trio, the two police personnel mentioned the names of four accused "either on account of some confusion or

out of a pre-determined mind-set," the court said.

It said both witnesses were initially examined about the incidents of rioting that occurred on February 25, and when the prosecution realised its mistake, the duo was examined again.

The court said the head constable did not identify the accused during his examination-in-chief (the first examination after the witness has been sworn or affirmed), and he identified them only after the public prosecutor, during the cross-examination, suggested that the three were part of the riotous mob. "This identification does not inspire confidence. In these circumstances, I do not find it safe to rely upon their identification of the accused persons," the judge said.

Regarding the auto driver's testimony, the court noted his written complaint, according to which he could not identify the accused.

"But, after more than two years, he identified the accused

persons and in his examination-in-chief, he stated that the accused persons had tried to snatch away his purse and mobile phone, but they could not snatch it. However, when he was mercilessly beaten by the mob and he was not in a condition to protest, it is hard to accept that he was able to save his mobile phone and purse," the court said.

Thus, his testimony could not be relied upon for identifying the accused, the court said.

"Even if it is concluded that the mob, during the prevailing riot on February 24, 2020, was responsible for the incidents, it is hard to say that any of the accused persons were liable for those incidents as probed in this case," the court said.

The Gokulpuri police station had filed a charge sheet against the trio for various under penal sections of the IPC, including rioting, attempting to commit culpable homicide, lurking house trespass, theft and unlawful assembly.

## Tension In Manipur Hills Areas After May 4 Video Of Two Women Paraded Naked Surfaces

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Imphal: Tension mounted in the hills of Manipur after a May 4 video surfaced on Wednesday showing two women from one of the warring communities being paraded naked by a few men from the other side, officials said here on Wednesday.

The video was doing the rounds on the eve of a planned protest march announced by the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) on Thursday to highlight their plight.

Police said a case of abduction, gangrape and murder has been registered at Nongpok Sekmai police station in Thoubal district against unknown armed miscreants.

In a statement, they said an all-out effort is on to arrest the culprits at the earliest.

According to a spokesperson of ITLF, the "despicable scene, which happened on May 4 in Kangpokpi district, shows

men constantly molesting the helpless women, who cry and plead with their captors.

"The horrifying ordeal suffered by these innocent women is amplified by the perpetrators' decision to share the video, which shows the identity of the victims, on social media."

While condemning the "sickening act", the spokesperson in a statement demanded that the central and state governments, National Commission for Women and National Commission for Scheduled Tribes take cognizance of the offence and bring the culprits before the law.

The Kuki-Zo tribals are planning to raise this issue as well during a proposed protest march in Churchandpur on Thursday.

Manipur state has been witnessing ethnic clashes since May 3 between majority the Meiteis, concentrated in Imphal valley, and the Kukis, occupying the hills. Over 160 people have been killed in the violence so far.

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was sanctioned.

Braving incessant rains, rescuers comprising police, Army, SDRF and locals worked for hours together to retrieve the bodies of five members of two families from the debris of their houses at Surjan village, he said.

A police official identified the deceased as Zareena Begum (40), her two sons Shahbaz Ahmad (14) and Arbaz (2), Nazia Tabassum (14) and her brother Mohd Asif (12).

At Sitti village, 13-year-old Ajay Singh came under a landslide near his house, while the body of Naseema Begum (55) was also recovered after she came under a landslide near her house at Drangal-Mandote, the official said.

Sham Lal (50) also died after coming under the debris of a landslide at Bhuldi Nallah near Daggar while he was trying to clear a water passage to avoid damage to his house, he said, adding Lal's body was recovered and handed over to his family.

The official said while two houses were completely damaged, several others suffered partial damages due to heavy rains in the district.

A number of low-lying areas especially near the banks of Ujh river and its tributaries were left inundated, prompting police to request people to move to safer places.

Union minister Jitendra Singh also took to Twitter to express his sadness about the casualties in his parliamentary constituency due to incessant rains.

Singh said he is in constant touch with the deputy commissioner and SSP Kathua Shivdeep Singh Jamwal and said all possible assistance is being provided.

National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Party's Vice President Omar Abdullah also expressed grief and sorrow on the loss of lives.

In a statement, Dr Farooq and Omar expressed profound grief over the tragic trail of deaths as two houses caved in Bani area killing five members of two families and injuring several others.

The duo demanded immediate relief for the affected families besides medical facilities to the injured. "We pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed souls. The loss to the bereaved families is colossal", they said while asking the near and dear ones to remain strong at this hour of grief to bear with the ir-reparable loss.

Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam Nabi Azad also expressed shock and grief over the loss of lives in house collapse and landslides triggered by incessant rains in the Bani area of Kathua district.

Expressing grief over the tragedy, Azad shared pain and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured and the safety of everyone in the situation.

Meanwhile, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Ramesh Kumar chaired a high-level meeting to review flood management measures and preparedness across all districts of the region.

Kumar assessed the damages caused due to the incessant rains and flooding in some areas and asked the Deputy Commissioners to immediately start assessment and share the same with his office, an official spokesperson said.

Calling for the swift restoration of essential services affected by the inclement weather, he directed the Deputy Commissioners to prioritise the repair of damaged roads, disrupted water supply, and power outages.

Additionally, he emphasised on the availability of essential commodities in all districts by ensuring uninterrupted supply, the spokesperson said.

To enhance the emergency response system, the Divisional Commissioner asked for establishing 24x7 multi-departmental control rooms and emergency operation centres (EOCs) in every district.

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operations are currently underway," Sinha said.

He said he has directed the district administration to provide all possible aid to the bereaved families, who have lost their near and dear ones as well as medical assistance to the

injured.

### Flood Threat Looms

Heavy rains lashed wide parts of Jammu division overnight, triggering mudslides and landslides at several places along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Ramban district, forcing authorities to suspend traffic, the officials said.

"The highway is still blocked and people are advised not to travel till the restoration work is completed," a traffic department official said.

The officials said the traffic on the Jammu-Pathankot highway was also diverted in Kathua district where two pillars of a bridge suffered damages due to flash floods in Tarnah nallah.

They said all government and private schools were closed for the day in Doda and Kishtwar districts as a precautionary measure.

The decision was taken for the safety of the students as the water level in the Chenab river and its tributaries is on the rise amid continuous rainfall, they added.

Katra, the base camp for pilgrims visiting Vaishno Devi shrine, received 315.4 mm rainfall, an all time high, a spokesperson of the meteorological department said.

"This is the heaviest rainfall since 1980," he said.

The chopper and battery car service at the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district was also suspended due to the inclement weather, the officials said.

While the Vaishno Devi pilgrimage is going on smoothly, the new battery car track to the shrine was closed in view of the apprehension of shooting of stones and landslide, the officials said.

They said the helicopter service to the shrine was also suspended due to inclement weather.

Rivers and rivulets in many places, especially in Kathua and Samba districts, have reached close to or crossed the flood alert level with the weather office predicting more rains till noon.

"The flood situation is grim in Kathua and Samba as all the rivers including Ujh in Kathua and Basantar have crossed flood alert mark, while the water level in Tawi, Chenab and its tributaries in Jammu are nearing the flood alert level," an official said.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted widespread to fairly widespread rainfall in various parts of Jammu and Kashmir over the next seven days.

Mohinder Singh, Head of IMD Centre Jammu, said the Union Territory will receive widespread to fairly widespread rainfall in the coming week.

"There was heavy rainfall in the past 24 hours in various parts of Jammu and Kashmir. The highest amount of rainfall occurred in the Katra belt of Reasi district," he said.

"The recorded rainfall in Katra was 315.4 mm, categorised as extremely heavy," Singh said.

This is the highest recorded rainfall in the region in 43 years, he said.

The IMD official advised the Amarnath Yatra pilgrims to adhere to the guidelines provided at their respective base camps.

"They should follow the weather reports and advisories of the administration before undertaking the yatra," he said.

The IMD also has predicted the possibility of flash floods in low-lying areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

In an advisory, police said due to continuous heavy rainfall, the Chadwal bridge on the Jammu-Pathankot national highway has been closed for traffic.

"Dear residents and passengers of Kathua. Due to the recent and continuous heavy rains in the area, we are sorry to inform you that the Chadwal bridge has been damaged. In consequence, this creates a potential threat to all vehicles and pedestrians trying to cross it," the advisory said.

Floods in Taranah nallah caused damages to the pillars of the bridge resulting in its slight sinking, it said.

"Please follow diversion and temporary routes. These routes are designed to facilitate smooth traffic flow and reduce discomfort," the advisory said.

Police also asked the people to report

suspicious activities.

"If you see any suspicious activities on the roads or encounter potential threats, please inform the nearest police station immediately," the advisory said.

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the concerned officials to accelerate the development of basic amenities like connectivity, power and water facilities in the new Industrial estates.

He also called for replicating the best models of Industrial Estates developed in other parts of the country.

Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Principal Secretary to LG Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Financial Commissioner Revenue Shaleen Kabra, Principal Secretary, Forest Department Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary, Finance Department Santosh Dattatreya Vaidya, Commissioner /Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department Vikramjit Singh, Principal Secretary, Power Development Department H. Rajesh Prasad and senior officers attended the meeting.

### Admin Refutes

make the yatra successful by rendering their relentless services since the beginning. This yatra is an example of brotherhood, communal harmony and unity among the people," the spokesperson said, adding that the yatra represents spirituality and has been a substantial contributor to economic development of J&K. He further said that all the yatris who have embarked on the pilgrimage of Holy Cave of Shri Amarnathji have testified to the good quality of services and appreciated the seamless yatra.

"It is pertinent to mention that the administration is committed to ensure safety and security of yatris and all the stakeholders involved with yatra," the spokesperson added.

### Terrorists Kill

said, police officers along with additional reinforcement reached at the terror crime spot to ascertain the facts.

"Police Station Rajpora received information through reliable sources that terrorists had fired upon a team of forest department of district Budgam causing injuries to 2 employees, who had laid a checkpoint to apprehend the timber smugglers near Bangender Bridge," he said.

He said police, army and CAPFs cordoned off the area and launched an intensive search operation.

During the search, he said, two empty fired cartridges of Ak-47 ammunition and one bullet head were recovered from the spot. However, the search operation is going on.

Regarding the incident, a case vide FIR No. 79/2023 under sections 16,20 UAP ( Act ), 307 IPC and 7/27 IA Act got registered in PS Rajpora and investigation has been initiated.

### 2 Pak Terrorists

Kupwara, a police spokesperson said Wednesday.

In the swift and coordinated operation, he said, the joint team naturalized two Pakistani militants in the wee hours, when their movement was observed along LoC.

"The bodies of the terrorists were retrieved by the joint team from the place of encounter. The identification and affiliation of the killed terrorists is being ascertained," he added.

The joint team, the spokesperson said, recovered arms & ammunition including 4 AK series rifles, 9 AK Magazines, 175 AK rounds, 6 hand grenades, a UBGL, 4 UBGL grenades and other incriminating materials from the site of encounter.

Accordingly, he said, a case under relevant sections of law was registered and investigation taken up.

The spokesperson quoted Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar as saying that the successful operation not only foiled the infiltration attempt but also dealt a severe blow to the plans of terrorists to disrupt peace and stability in the valley.

"The dedication and commitment of Jammu & Kashmir police/security force personnel involved in this anti-terrorist operation have

once again demonstrated their readiness to protect the nation against all odds," he added.

### 2 Migrant Workers

fired upon two outside labourers in #Anantnag. Both the injured #civilians have been shifted to hospital, where they are stated to be stable. Area being cordoned off for search #operation. Further details shall follow," the Kashmir Zone Police informed on Twitter.

Three non-local labourers were injured on Thursday last when militants fired upon them in the Gagren area of Shopian district.

### Complaint Filed

(INDIA) - to uniteedly take on the ruling NDA in the Lok Sabha election next year.

### Court Refuses Bail

and has not been dislodged.

"It is settled law that the solitary testimony of victim is sufficient if the same is found to be credible and no corroboration the same is required," the court said, adding, "Moreover, there are still material witnesses who are left to be examined including the minor sister of the victim who is an important witness of the case and has not been examined as yet." Subsequently, the court rejected the bail application.

### Fire On Siachen,

personnel suffered smoke inhalation and second-degree burns, the officials said.

The injured have been safely air evacuated for further treatment, and their condition is stated to be stable, they added.

### Bomb Scare

of traffic on the highway as a precautionary measure.

The bomb squad found some clothes and other personal belongings in the bag, the officials said.

"Nothing (incriminating) was found inside Traffic on the highway has been restored," Senior Superintendent of Police (Samba) Benam Tosh told reporters.

"All security agencies are (on) alert in view of the ongoing Amarnath Yatra and anything found suspicious is being checked thoroughly, in accordance with the standard operating procedure," Tosh said.

### B'mulla Gets

crime or violence against them.

"The squad will conduct patrolling in areas having foothold of women, such as schools, colleges, shopping malls and market places," the spokesperson said.

"Police is committed to women's safety. Female citizens are requested to come forward with all kind of grievances and we assure them that their safety and security will be ensured at all cost. Female citizens can reach us on following phone numbers:- SHO PS Women's +919596767722; SHO PS Baramulla +919596767710; PCR Baramulla +919596767768," he added

### Bank Manager,

(the then clerk, BCCB Branch Hajin) for their alleged involvement in commission of offences punishable under Sections 420, 468, 471, 409, 120-B & 201 RPC of P/S Crime Branch Kashmir (now Economic Offences Wing, Srinagar), an official spokesperson said.

The Crime Branch Kashmir, he said, received a communication along with enclosures from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, J&K wherein it was alleged that some officers, officials of the BCCB have dishonestly and fraudulently misappropriated & embezzled large sums of public money in different branches of the Bank etc.

Accordingly, the spokesperson said that a case under FIR number 23/2016 came to be registered in P/S Crime Branch Kashmir in the year 2016 and investigation started to probe into the allegations.

"During investigation it came to fore that Abdul Razak Wani (the then Manager of the Hajin branch of BCCB Ltd.) had entered into a criminal conspiracy with his clerk Ghulam Ahmad Shah as a result of which said employees

of the bank had cheated the depositors, forged the financial documents, records and misappropriated & embezzled large sums of public money running into lakhs of Rupees," he said.

He further said that evidence collected during investigation has established criminal culpability and proved that offences punishable under sections 420, 468, 471, 409, 120-B & 201 RPC have been committed by the duo.

"Accordingly, the charge-report (challan) of the instant Case has been presented in the Court for judicial determination," the spokesperson added.

### 15 Electrocuted

passed through a metal railing installed on the plant premises, killing 15, including police sub-inspector Pradeep Rawat and three home guard personnel. It is still being ascertained how it happened, he added.

The condition of six injured people, who were airlifted to AIIMS-Rishikesh, is critical, a doctor at the health care facility said.

The Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited said the incident took place after power was restored to the sewage treatment plant following a 20-minute shutdown for some repairs.

The power utility said the cause of the incident can be known only after a detailed investigation, adding that its own equipment did not appear to be at fault.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, accompanied by Cabinet Minister Prem Chand Agarwal, visited the AIIMS-Rishikesh trauma centre and spoke to doctors about the condition of the injured.

Madhur Uniyal, a senior trauma surgeon at AIIMS, said electric current damages many organs from the time it enters the body till it exits. The most damage is done to the kidneys and the brain. As a result, nothing can be said about such patients.

Dhami has announced a magisterial inquiry and a compensation of Rs 5 lakh to the kin of each victim and Rs 1 lakh each to the injured. He said strict action will be taken against those found guilty.

District Magistrate Himanshu Khurana nominated Additional District Magistrate Dr Abhishek Tripathi as the inquiry officer and directed him to file a detailed investigation report within a week.

Khurana has also asked Tripathi to include in his investigation the causes and the measures that can be taken to prevent such accidents in the future.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also enquired about the incident from Dhami over phone.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge condoled the loss of lives due to the accident.

In a tweet in Hindi, Kharge said, "The news of the death of many people due to the accident on the banks of Alaknanda river in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand is very painful. Policemen were also among the victims. Our deepest condolences to the bereaved families."

"We wish for the speedy recovery of the injured," he said.

Priyanka Gandhi Vdra, the Congress general secretary, also expressed sadness and offered condolences to the bereaved families.

Director-General of Police Ashok Kumar prayed for peace for the dead and strength to the bereaved families.

The injured undergoing treatment at the facility are Sushil, Sandeep, Narendra, Anand, Ramchandra and Mahesh, Uniyal said.

### Four High Courts

Justice Sunita Agarwal of the Allahabad High Court has been appointed as chief justice of the Gujarat High Court. Justice Ashish J Desai of the Gujarat High Court has been elevated as chief justice of the Kerala High Court.

Earlier this month, the Supreme Court Collegium had recommended names for appointment as chief justices of the high courts of Bombay, Gujarat, Telangana, Kerala, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Manipur. There was no word on the remaining three appointments.

Besides, the elevations, Meghwal also announced the transfer of Justice P Sam Koshy from the Chhattisgarh High Court to the Telangana High Court.

## Parties Express Concern Over Attacks In South Kashmir

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** Back-to-back attacks in south Kashmir are a matter of concern and pose questions to the government's narrative that militancy has been eliminated from the valley, National Conference (NC) MP Hasnain Masoodi said here on Wednesday.

"Our leadership has condemned these attacks. But at the same time, a narrative has been built about the security system and the government was very confident that every last diameter of militancy has been obliterated," Masoodi told PTI.

The member of Parliament from south Kashmir's Anantnag said the attacks have raised questions on the authorities' confidence over the security scenario in Kashmir.

"Then the question arises, why do you have three to four incidents within such a short span of time? Who is doing this? Therefore, it is a matter of concern and it poses questions to the authorities that were very confident and convincing about the security system," he added.

Three back-to-back attacks were carried out by militants in south Kashmir's Shopian, Anantnag and Pulwama districts over the last six days.

Three migrant labourers were injured on Thursday, when militants fired upon them in the Gagren area of Shopian.

On Tuesday evening, militants shot at and injured two migrant labourers in Anantnag. Hours later, two forest department employees were shot at and injured in Pulwama.

Asked about the new national-level opposition alliance -- INDIA, of which the NC is a part -- Masoodi said the core motto is to protect the Constitution and the country.

"The laws and the values of the Constitution, which have been eroded by the party that is in the power, is the major reason for the formation of the new alliance. We, as part of the alliance, also contribute to the same ideology and propose to strive to strengthen and protect

the institution of Constitution and uphold the constitutional values," he said.

The NC leader said his party "will be actively advocating the philosophy of the Constitution in this newly-formed alliance".

Setting the tone for their 2024 Lok Sabha polls campaign, 26 opposition parties on Tuesday formed a coalition -- Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) -- to unite to take on the ruling BJP-led NDA, with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi asserting that the fight will be "between INDIA and Prime Minister Narendra Modi".

Asked if there were any formal discussions over seat sharing at the opposition meeting in Bengaluru, Masoodi said it is essentially an ideological coalition and not an electoral alliance.

"Our party is a small regional party, we do not contest elections in Haryana, Punjab or anywhere else in the country. Jammu and Kashmir is the only place where we contest elections. It should not be interpreted as an electoral alliance, it is essentially an ideological alliance. We believe in the same values and they (the other parties in the coalition) also claim to believe in the same values," he added.

Senior Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader M Y Tarigami also condemned the militant attacks and questioned the claims of normalcy.

"The government claims that there is improvement in the security situation, but it is extremely unfortunate that the cycle of attacks on unarmed civilians, primarily labourers from Bihar, has started again," he said. Tarigami appealed to people to raise their voice against such attacks.

"For how long will this bloodshed continue? Why are innocents being targeted? Whatever the political situation is, there is no justification for killing or attacking civilians and unarmed labourers. Not at all. This is barbaric to say the least," he said.

## Gujjars Threaten Stir If Pahari Reservation Bill Not Rejected By Govt

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** The All Reserved Categories Joint Action Committee (ARCJAC), an apex body representing tribal communities, has issued a stern warning that it will stage protests on the streets if a bill proposing reservation for Paharis is introduced in the upcoming session of Parliament.

Speaking on behalf of the ARCJAC, advocate Anwar Choudhary expressed strong opposition to the bill, claiming that it is illegal and unconstitutional. He contended that Paharis do not meet the criteria for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status and emphasised that the bill should not even be discussed

but dropped entirely. Another advocate, Mohammad Azam, raised the issue of population dynamics, asserting that the Paharis have a larger population than the Gujjars.

He warned the government that if the bill is pursued, the ruling BJP would face defeat in every Assembly seat in the Jammu region.

Advocate Mohammad Ayoub Choudhary sent a strong message to the government, emphasising that the Gujjars and Bakerwals, the third-largest community in Jammu and Kashmir, would not allow their rights to be taken away and given to upper-caste individuals.

He warned that they have the potential to influence the electoral outcome in 60 Assembly seats and cautioned that controlling the situation would become difficult if people took to the streets.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said in October last year that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was in favour of reservation for Paharis and that the quota would be implemented in the near future.

"Justice Sharma has recommended Scheduled Tribe status for Paharis. Prime Minister Modi is going to implement the recommendation," Shah had said while addressing a mega rally in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri.

He asked them to participate in PRI activities as well. It was given out during the meeting that the total population of this gender in the UT is more than 4000 souls. It was said that the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has formulated a scheme "SMILE - Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise", which includes sub-scheme - "Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons also."

The focus of the sub-scheme is on rehabilitation, provision of medical facilities and intervention, counseling, education, skill development, economic linkages to the transgender persons. Moreover the Skill development training to the Transgender beneficiaries is also being conducted through PM-DAKSH - a skill development scheme of the Ministry.

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## Another Batch Of Pilgrims Leaves For Amarnath Shrine



Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Braving heavy rains, a fresh batch of over 4,900 pilgrims left the base camp here on Wednesday for the Amarnath shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas.

Jammu witnessed heavy rains since early morning.

While 2,566 pilgrims, headed for Pahalgam, left in a convoy of 107 vehicles for the valley, another convoy of 81 vehicles carrying 2,354 pilgrims left for the Baltal base camp.

With this, a total of 104,658 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for the valley since June 30 when the first batch of devotees began the yatra.

The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the 3,888-metre-high shrine commenced from the twin tracks of Pahalgam in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district on July 1.

Over 2.40 lakh devotees have paid obeisance so far. The yatra is scheduled to conclude on August 31.

## Dir. Information, Employees Condoled Demise Of Jahangir Ahmad's Mother

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Director Information, J&K, Mingsha Sherpa has condoled sad demise of mother of Jahangir Ahmad, Junior Assistant, DIPR, who passed away after a brief illness.

In his condolence message, the Director Information expressed his deepest condolences with Jahangir and his family and prayed

for peace to the departed soul. Meanwhile, the employees of DIPR also condoled the sad demise of mother of Jahangir Ahmad. The officers and employees of the department offered their deepest condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and courage for the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

## Chandy's Name Will Be Written In Golden Letters In History: Dr Farooq

**SRINAGAR:** National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday said former Kerala chief minister Oommen Chandy's name will be written in golden letters in history for the work he did for the state.

Chandy, a Congress stalwart, died at a private hospital in Bengaluru on Tuesday after prolonged illness. He was 79. He served as the chief minister

of Kerala twice. Speaking about Chandy, Abdullah told PTI, "The great thing about him was that he loved people and people loved him. He was a (public) representative for 45 years, he was also the chief minister of Kerala. His name will be written in golden letters (in history) for the work he has done for Kerala and the integrity of the country."

## Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Launches New Motor Insurance Offering 'V-Pay'

Observer News Service

**PUNE:** Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, one of the leading private general insurers of India, Tuesday announced the launch of their new motor insurance offering called 'V-Pay'. 'V-Pay' is a first-of-its-kind, one-stop solution that provides customers with an add-on that covers all their vehicle insurance needs instead of choosing from an array of fragmented covers, ensuring their vehicle is protected against all major risks.

V-Pay add-on cover offers

the Elite plan, which has 22 inbuilt features that provides a balanced solution for the insured's vehicle, catering to both conventional risks as well as addressing emerging risks. Today in case of any minor damage or loss to vehicles, customers need to immediately inform the insurance company of their claim. However, the Smart Repair feature of the V-Pay add-on addresses this concern, where the customer can report multiple minor paint chips and/or scratches anytime during the policy period. Mechanical and electrical breakdowns that are not a result of accidents, which are typically excluded from standard motor insurance policies, are covered by V-Pay. With the advent of connected cars and their reliance on advanced driver assistance systems, the Recallation feature ensures protection for the vehicle's digital sense devices as well. In current motor insurance policies, customers are bound to pay a compulsory deductible as per the standard terms and conditions of the policies. However, V-Pay eliminates the need for deductibles during a claim with its Waiver of Deductible feature.

Moreover, if customers forget to declare additional accessories or CNG fitments, their vehicles are still protected during claims with coverage of up to 1% of the Insured Declared Value (IDV). Defence Cost is also covered in the Elite plan, which covers the fees of the Advocate defending or providing legal assistance to the customer for police and court proceedings.

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**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION PULWAMA**  
**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**

**e-NIT No. Fresh- 87/EPP/RNB/ of 2023-24/5514-24**          **DATED: 19-07-2023.**

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

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs in Lacs)			Cost of T/ Doc. (Rs. In Lacs)	Time of completion	Earnest Money (Rs in Lacs)	Administrative Approval No	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
		Construction Part	Maintenance Part	Total Cost.						
1.	Construction/ Upgradation of Hawal Kunjoo road including Uthmullah Drach. (balance work)	131.37	13.13	144.50	2600	1.5 Years	2% of Advt. cost	CE(R&B)K-AA/ 125 of 2021-22 Dated: 29.09.2021 and superintending Engineer R&B Circle Pulwama No. SE/DB/1608.09 dated.15.07.2023	Aay /Aay with HMPO	NABARD (RIDF-XX-VII)

M.H Account = NABARD RIDX XXVII  
Position of AAA = Accorded  
Position of Funds = Available

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

No	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	Date
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	19-07-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	19-07-2023 from 10.00 AM.
3	Bid submission Start Date	19-07-2023 from 10.00 AM.
4	Bid Submission End Date	11-08-2023 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) (Tech. Bids)	12-08-2023 11:00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Pulwama
6.	Within 3 days of receipt of LOA. (The First lowest successful bidder has to provide 5% of quoted cost as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and EMD of 2% shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Bid Security.	As per time specified in SBD.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama (tender inviting authority), EMD in favour of Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Pulwama Shopian in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG. The Bid performance Security has to be submitted by the lowest bidder L1 (@5% of quoted cost) within the period as specified in SBD. (The Date of Treasury Challan and EMD should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date).
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle, Pulwama/Shopian HQ: Pulwama(tender receiving authority). All other terms and conditions shall be available in website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)

Head Draftsman          **DIPK-5428-23**          Technical Officer          Executive Engineer,  
**DT: 19/07/2023**          R&B Division Pulwama

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**SHORT TERM N.I.T**  
**No:-EDB/39 of 2023-24 Date: - 19-07-2023**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, sealed tenders duly affixed with- Revenue Stamps worth Rs. 10/= are invited from registered Contractors.

S.No	Description	Adv. Cost. (In Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.)	Position of Funds
1.	SITC of Plug n play, waterproof, decorative, amber LED rope light under Contingency work of SANJY 2023.	Rs. 13500/-	Rs. 200.00	Demanded

Detailed tender document can be had from office of the undersigned on any working day up to 24-07-2023 against cost of tender document. The tenderer shall have to produce Renewed Registration Card, valid PAN, and GSTIN with clearance at the time of obtaining the detailed tender documents.

The tender document shall reach the office of Executive Engineer ED Bijbehara through registered post/speed post or by hand by or before 27-07-2023 up to 1:00 PM The tender document shall be opened on the last date of receipt of tenders or any other convenient date in presence of the tenderers who wish to be present.

Moreover, the award of contract shall be subject to conducive atmosphere for conducting of Yatra amid Covid Pandemic and shall be subject to further instructions of Govt.

No. EDB/TS/5297-5304          **DIPK-NB-2093-23**  
Date: 19-07-2023          **DT: 19/07/2023**          Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
O&M Division Bijbehara

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,**  
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**e-TENDER ABBREVIATED NOTICE**  
**e-NIT No. 035/EDI, dt:19.07.2023**

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Electric Division-1<sup>st</sup>, Srinagar invites online e-bids from registered A-Class Electrical Contractors/firms for as under:

S.No	Particulars	Estimated Cost (In Lacs)
1	Installation of LED streetlights on existing poles at various spots at Balhama-B.	2.01

The complete tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidder/tenderers may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Bidding Documents contain Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bill of Quantities, Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details.

No	Date and Time of downloading/ Sale (Start) of Tender Document	Date
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vi)	Financial Bid Opening	Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders
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## District Srinagar Carrom Championship Concludes



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The 2023-24 District Srinagar Carrom Championship concluded on Wednesday with Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Mohammad Aijaz Assad IAS distributing medals and certificates among the winners and runners up.

The championship was organised by Jammu & Kashmir Carrom Association in collaboration with District Srinagar Carrom Association and in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council. More than 180 players participated from different schools, colleges and clubs from all over the Srinagar. The tournament was played under the laws of Carrom of International Carrom Federation, the championship was played in four different categories Senior, Junior, Sub Junior and Cadets in both boys & girls, Men & Women Section.

Adil Rashid Shah President J&K Carrom Association in his welcome speech welcomed and thanked chief guest Mohammad Aijaz Assad IAS (Deputy Commissioner Srinagar), Mubashir Hassan Divisional Sports Officer Kashmir, Rauf Tramboor Former Member Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council, Mohammad Iqbal Manager SKISC, Arif Sultan Vice President, Sheikh Saqib Joint Secretary, Mudassir Khan General Secretary of the Jammu & Kashmir Carrom Association, Dawar Rashid Organising Secretary, Abida Mairaj President District Srinagar Carrom Association and other dignitaries present. Adil Rashid Shah President in his brief speech informed that

with the help of sports council & districts units of the association we are organising district level tournament in each & every district of the Jammu & Kashmir, we with our affiliated district units of the association will be finishing all the district activities before November, so that our team will be ready in time for national participations, in this regard other district Schools, Colleges, Institutes & players are advised to register themselves on email [jkcarrm@gmail.com](mailto:jkcarrm@gmail.com) or contact 9906767529.

### IN CADET BOYS SECTION:

1st Place/ Gold: Amaan Jeevani Foundation World School

### IN CADET GIRLS SECTION:

1st Place/ Gold: Haala Midha Caset High School

### IN SUB JUNIOR BOYS SECTION:

1st Place/ Gold: Mohammad Tabeeb Burn Hall School

### IN SUB JUNIOR GIRLS SECTION:

1st Place/ Gold : Zaynab Qazi Foundation World School

### IN JUNIOR BOYS SECTION:

1st Place/ Gold: Zaid Bin Ajaz SP Higher Secondary

### IN JUNIOR GIRLS SECTION:

1st Place/ Gold: Halifa Munib Foundation World School

### IN SENIOR MEN SECTION:

1st Place/ Gold: Furqan Nazir Khanyar, Srinagar

### IN SENIOR WOMEN SECTION:

1st Place/ Gold: Ridda Maddni Qamarwari, Srinagar

## Night Football Lights Up Kashmir's Apple Town

Agencies

**SOPORE:** Sopore is witnessing buzzing sports activities during night drawing an impressive crowd to watch matches.

With floodlights illuminating the field, Khushal Sports Stadium has become an epicenter for football enthusiasts in north Kashmir.

Locals said that Khushal Sports Stadium which was usually quiet during evenings is experiencing an electrifying atmosphere now.

The bright floodlights painted the stadium with a magical glow, creating the perfect setting for an unforgettable show of talent, they said.

The tournament organizers,

along with local football associations, have planned the tournament to ensure a seamless and exciting experience for all.

Enthusiastic cheers, applause, and friendly banter reverberate through the stadium as the players compete passionately under the shimmering floodlights during night.

"I can't believe we have a football tournament under the stars. The floodlights make it even cooler, and I'm so excited to cheer for my favorite team," said football aficionado Sameer.

"The night football tournament has brought so much joy to our town. We love seeing everyone come together like this," said Ayoub Ahmad, a shop owner. (KNO)

## Asia Cup: India To Play Pakistan On Sep 2 & 10

Press Trust of India

**MUMBAI:** Colombo on September 10, as per scheduled released by Asian Cricket Council on Wednesday.

There is a chance of third Indo-Pak meeting in a space of 15 days if both teams qualify for the final that will be held at the Premadasa Stadium on September 17.

The six-team ODI tournament, which is a pre-cursor to the ICC World Cup will start on August 30 in Multan where hosts Pakistan takes on Nepal. The Asia Cup is being played in Hybrid Model as four matches will be held in Pakistan while nine other games including the final will be held in Sri Lanka's Kandy and Colombo.

While India, Pakistan and Nepal constitute group A, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh are in group B.

The release shared by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) president Jay Shah said Pakistan will remain A1 and India will remain A2 irrespective of their positions after the first round. If either of them does not qualify, Nepal will take



their position. Similarly, in Group B, Sri Lanka will remain B1 and Bangladesh will remain B2. If any of these teams do not make it to Super 4s, Afghanistan will take their position.

While Pakistan were originally scheduled to host this year's Asia Cup, the Indian cricket board's refusal to send a team across the border. Pakistan will thus host a total of four matches while the remaining nine matches will be played in Sri Lanka.

After facing their arch-rivals in the tournament-opener, the Rohit Sharma-led team will have a one-day break before they face Nepal on September 4 at Kandy.

Group stage: August 30: Pakistan vs Nepal, Multan August 31: Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka, Kandy September 2: India vs Pakistan, Kandy September 3: Bangladesh vs Afghanistan, Lahore September 4: India vs Nepal, Kandy September 5: Sri Lanka vs Afghanistan, Lahore

Super 4s stage: September 6: A1 vs B2, Lahore September 9: B1 vs B2, Colombo September 10: A1 vs A2, Colombo September 12: A2 vs B1, Colombo September 14: A1 vs B1, Colombo September 15: A2 vs B2, Colombo September 17: Final, Colombo.

## Ashes: England Seamer Stuart Broad Takes 600th Test Wicket

Press Trust of India

**MANCHESTER:** England seamer Stuart Broad joined an elite club of Test bowlers by claiming his 600th wicket on Wednesday.

Broad started the fourth Ashes Test on 598 wickets and moved one closer by claiming Australia opener Usman Khawaja lbw for three in the fifth over of the morning session.

Shortly after tea, Broad had Travis Head caught by Joe Root to join only four other bowlers in the history of test cricket to reach the 600 landmark. Broad's England teammate James Anderson is third in the list with 688 wickets. Sri Lanka spinner Muttiah Muralitharan tops the



list with 800 wickets, followed by Australia great Shane Warne (708). Broad, whose best test figures are 8-15, currently trails India's Anil Kumble (619). Australia was 189-5 after Head's dismissal.

## SL vs Pak 1st Test: Pakistan Sense Victory Despite Top Order Wobble

Agencies

**GALLE:** Pakistan remained on course for victory in the opening test against Sri Lanka despite a top-order wobble chasing a meagre victory target of 131 at Galle on Wednesday. Babar Azam's side had been in charge after claiming a handy first-innings lead of 149 in the first match of the two-test series.

Their spin trio of Noman Ali (3-75), Abrar Ahmed (3-68) and Agha Salman (2-39) further consolidated their position by bowling out Sri Lanka for 279 in their second innings. For the home side,

Dhananjaya de Silva followed his first-innings hundred with 82, Nishan Madushka made 52 and Ramesh Mendis contributed 42 before they were all out.

Pakistan finished day four on 48-3 and will need 83 runs when play resumes on Thursday to go 1-0 up in the series. Babar was batting on six with opener Imam-ul-Haq on 25 at the other end.

Sri Lanka's left-arm spinner Prabath Jayasuriya dismissed Abdullah Shafique and Shan Masood and then ran out nightwatchman Noman Ali to at least prevent it from being a cakewalk for Pakistan.

## District Srinagar Throwball Championship 2023 Ends

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The two-day District Srinagar Throwball Championship organised by District Srinagar Throwball Association in collaboration with Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School Khanyar Srinagar under the aegis of Jammu and Kashmir Throwball Association concluded here at GHSS Khanyar.



More than a hundred participants of different institutions, colleges and clubs under the age category of Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Men/Women took part in the event.

Ms. Seema Jan (Vice Prin-

cipal, GHSS Khanyar) was the chief guest, Shazia Abbas (PEL) and Rouf Ahmad Khan (PEM) was among Guest of Honours on the occasion.

Oak Hill Educational Institute in collaboration with Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School Khanyar Srinagar under the aegis of Jammu and Kashmir Throwball Association concluded here at GHSS Khanyar.

lified the title in the boys and girls junior categories after defeating Kashmir Harvard Edu. Institute and CMP School while as Hussaini Sports Club lift both the title in senior categories.

Meanwhile selection trials were conducted by the J&K Throwball Association for the forthcoming Junior National Throwball Championship 2023 scheduled to be held at Erode Tamil Nadu.

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### PRESS RELEASE



AIBOA Jammu Kashmir Ladakh committee celebrated today 55th Bank Nationalization day by drawing the attention of public towards burning problem of Global Warming. On the occasion JKL Committee organized a tree plantation at lawns of J&K Bank Zonal Office Srinagar wherein Bank's Divisional Head Mrs. Tabassum Nazir, Zonal Head Mr. Shabir Ahmad Bhat & Cluster Head Mrs. Asmat Ara planted tree saplings. AIBOA head office was represented by Joint Secretary Mr Riyaz Ahmad Bhat, JKBOA General Secretary Mufthi Shujat Ali, Secretary Younis Ismail, Mir Tariq Ahmad & Treasurer Mr. Arshid Suhaff also planted the saplings. On the occasion the message from AIBOA was given to the membership that Nationalization of Banking Industry paved way for not only making Bank credit available to common masses but also opened opportunities of employment for them. This step helped the country to achieve milestones of development. The joint secretary on the occasion reiterated that AIBOA is strongly opposed to any kind of privatization of banking industry and reiterated that credit given by PSBs including J&K Bank a UT Public Sector Undertaking, diverted by unscrupulous borrowers of the banks to create real estate empires, be recovered with implementation of tough measures so that public money for which Banks are custodians is not allowed to be embezzled for promotion of political or personal interests. Making an appeal to Bank Managements to speed up the recovery mechanism call was given to all political/trade bodies and civil society activists to co-operate in recovery of money from willful defaulters of Banks particularly JK Bank the UT lead bank. The joint secretary declared that any kind of political interference road blocking the recovery measures will be strongly resisted by bank officers.

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