

## Heavy Rains Block Highway, Inundate Low Lying Areas

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The weather department on Saturday predicted more rainfall in Jammu and Kashmir, even as the heavy downpour and cloudbursts inundated many low lying areas, triggering landslides and shooting stones along the strategic Srinagar-Jammu highway leaving it blocked for vehicular traffic.

According to reports, heavy spells of rainfall continued across the Union Territory on Saturday as well, causing water logging several low lying areas, including Srinagar's civil lines areas.

Reports said that flash floods due to cloudburst created panic among the villagers in Damhal Hanjipora area in South Kashmir's Kulgam district.

An official said that there has been a sudden down flow of water in many areas of Damhal Hanjipora due to cloudburst in upper reaches while no loss of human life has been reported so far.

"Water gushed into residential houses, apple orchards, caused damage to the boundary walls of a Higher Secondary and Middle School in Khurbatpora while inundating the roads as well," he said.

He said the affected areas include Tangmarg, Korel, Chogalpora, Kurbatpora, Chachmulla and Jaibal area of Damhal Hanjipora.

"Police under supervision of SDPO, Damhal Hanjipora and officials of district administration Kulgam immediately rushed to the spot and



**A VIEW OF INUNDATED ROAD CAPTURED** by Kashmir Observer lensman Abid Bhat in Srinagar on Saturday

evacuated affected families to a safer place," official said, adding that Deputy Commissioner of the district was in constant touch with the ground staff.

Meanwhile, no fatality or injuries to anyone have been reported from the area till the report was filed.

Reports of flash floods were also received from Lolab area in North Kashmir's Kupwara district.

Reports said that villages including Gundmarchar, Khurhama and Shalagund witnessed damage to agricultural crops and orchards due to flash floods. Several roads have also

suffered damage. According to an official, a cloudburst around the Kota Nullah in Doda district early this morning washed away a stretch of the Thaleela-Chirala link road and created a flood-like situation.

"The cloud burst coupled with heavy rain resulted in mudslides and a flood-like situation in Kota Nullah. However no loss of life or injury was reported. Men and machinery are being deployed to clear debris from the road and restore it at the earliest," Sub Divisional Magistrate, Thathri, Athar Amin Zargar said.

### 97 Families Shifted In Akhnoor

**SRINAGAR:** At least 97 families have been shifted to safer locations after water from Chenab river inundated Garkhal village in Akhnoor sub-division of Jammu district on Saturday. Quoting an official, [More On P6](#)

### More Rainfall In Next 24 Hours

The weather department officials on Saturday predicted more rainfall across the Union Territory during the next 24 hours. "Light to moderate rain/thunderstorms at many places [More On P6](#)

### Shooting Stone Kills Man In Ramban

**JAMMU:** A 55-year-old man was killed when he was hit by a rolling stone from a hillock amid heavy rains in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. [More On P6](#)

He said the Doda-Kishtwar stretch of highway which also got closed between Shiva Pull to Thathri Petrol Pump has been restored for two way traffic. [More On P6](#)

## BAN ON MUHARRAM PROCESSIONS

### LG Sinha To Hold Meeting With Shia Leaders On Monday

Majid Nabi

**SRINAGAR:** As chorus for allowing traditional Muharram processions in Srinagar continues to grow louder, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha is holding a crucial meet with the leaders of Shia community on Monday to discuss the possibility of allowing 8th Muharram procession from Guru Bazar to Dalgate after a gap of over 3 decades.

According to reports, LG Sinha will preside over the meeting with Shia leaders at the Civil Secretariat here on Monday in which a final call on whether to allow traditional Muharram processions in Srinagar will be taken. Top

officials from the administration and police will attend the meeting, sources told Kashmir Observer.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri has reportedly asked the concerned officials including the Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) Chief Dilbagh Singh to attend the meeting.

Various Shia religious groups, including Shia Association, Anjuman Sharie Shiayan led by Agha Syed Hassan and Anjuman Sharie Shiayan led by Agha Syed Hadi and Community Development & Employment Foundation Hawal Srinagar have been invited to attend the meeting. [More On P6](#)

### Political Parties Call For Lifting Of Ban

**SRINAGAR:** Political parties in Kashmir on Saturday demanded the revocation of the ban on Muharram processions, saying it's not justified as the government claims normalcy has returned to the valley and all other religious processions are allowed.

Muharram processions have not been allowed in the valley since the

eruption of militancy in the 1990s.

National Conference chief spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq questioned the ban on Muharram processions in Kashmir when other religious processions are allowed.

"Muharram processions should be allowed. The LG and home minister of the country are [More On P6](#)

## SECURITY BREACH

### 4 Jail Officials Suspended Over Malik's SC Appearance

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Department of Delhi Prisons has suspended four officials, including a deputy superintendent, in connection with the physical appearance of jailed JKLF chief Yasin Malik in Supreme Court, a statement said on Saturday.

The presence of Malik, serving life term in Tihar jail, in a packed courtroom created a flutter in the apex court on Friday.

Malik, who is in jail following his conviction and life sentence in a terror funding case, was brought to the high-security apex court premises in a prison van escorted by armed security personnel without the court's permission.

He walked into the courtroom to the utter surprise of all present.

"In the matter of physical production of Malik before the Supreme Court on Friday, the Prisons Department has suspended one deputy superintendent, two assistant superintendents and one head warder Friday night as they were found to be prima facie responsible based on preliminary enquiry," the statement said.



"Detailed enquiry is being conducted by DIG Tihar to identify any other officials who may also be responsible for the serious lapse," it added.

On Friday, prison officials said Deputy Inspector General (Prisons-Headquarters) Rajiv Singh would conduct the inquiry to find out the lapse and fix the responsibility of erring officials and submit a report to the Director General (Prisons) within three days.

Voicing surprise at Yasin's presence in the Supreme Court, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta on Friday told a bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Dipankar Datta that there was a procedure for high-risk convicts to be allowed into the courtroom to argue their case personally.

When Mehta pointed at Malik's presence in the courtroom, the bench said it had not granted [More On P6](#)

### Man Gets One-Yr Jail In Cheque Bounce Case

Directed To Pay Double The Amount To The Aggrieved

Marouf Ahmad

**SRINAGAR:** A Srinagar court has convicted an accused in four different cheque bounce cases and sentenced him to one year imprisonment in each of them.

The court—City Judge Srinagar, Ms. Fozia Paul—also directed the convicted person, a car dealer by profession, to pay Rs 42.80 lakhs which is double the amount of the dishonoured cheques.

The court also turned down the prayer to release the convict, Imtiyaz Ahmad Malla, Proprietor M/s Wise Guys Autokraft, Amargard Sopore, on probation, observing that he is a "mature person and understands the implications of deceiving people."

Moreover, the court said the complaints are pending since the year 2014. "As such, the benefit of probation to such convict would be to grant license to such frauds to deceive public at large," the court said.

In one case, Malla had issued cheque in favour of Crest Auto Kraft Pvt. Ltd. Kunjwani By-pass Jammu on 19

February 2014 for an amount of Rs. 7,80,000. However the cheque was returned unpaid. After perusing the record and the testimonies of the witnesses, the court convicted Malla and sentenced him to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of one year. The court imposed a fine of Rs. 15.60 lakh which is double the amount of cheque.

"Further, an amount of Rs. 5 lakh and sixty thousand out of such fine shall be paid to the complainant as compensation for the loss suffered by the complainant due to the act of the accused," the court said, adding, "In case of default in payment of compensation; the accused (Malla) shall undergo further imprisonment for a period of six months."

Further, the court said, such fine of Rs. 10 lakh imposed on the accused shall be recovered by issuance of levy warrant to be executed by District Collector Baramulla who is authorised to realize the amount from the accused by attachment of immovable property of the accused after the period [More On P6](#)

## AMARNATH YATRA

### Pilgrims Are Now Brand Ambassadors Of J&K: LG



Observer News Service

**PAHALGAM:** Stating that pilgrims from across the country and abroad are now the brand ambassadors of Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Saturday that the economic activities associated with spiritual pilgrimage generate livelihood for the locals and spur tourist influx to the Union Territory.

The LG made these remarks during his visit to Nunwan and Chandanwari base camps on Saturday during which he interacted

with the pilgrims and reviewed arrangements for queue management.

In a review meeting held with the senior officers at the base camp, Sinha discussed measures taken for comfortable stay, food, healthcare, connectivity, sanitation, water and other facilities for Yatriss in case of bad weather.

He was briefed that the camp directors are holding regular meetings with service providers, stakeholders and additional lanes have been added at check-points. The LG observed that administration

is sensitive to the needs of pilgrims, responsive and has ensured better arrangements for hassle-free pilgrimage.

"I am extremely proud of entire team, Shrine Board, J&K Police, CAPFs, Army, BRO, NDRF, SDRF, Mountain Rescue Teams, service providers, citizens for commendable work and ensuring smooth conduct of Yatra. Through our solidarity, resolve and preparation, we'll overcome any future challenges," Sinha said.

"Pilgrims from across the country and abroad are now the Brand [More On P6](#)

## SHORT TAKES

### 2 More Yatriss Die, Total Reaches 36

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** Two more Amarnath pilgrims have died, taking the death toll during this year's pilgrimage in the south Kashmir Himalayas to 36, officials said on Saturday.

The two pilgrims belonged to Rajasthan. They have been identified as Phateh Lal Manaria (died at the holy cave) and Mangi Lal (died at the Baltal base camp). They were aged 60, the officials said. While Manaria died of cardiac arrest, the cause of [More On P6](#)

### Soldier Dies Inside BB Cant

**SRINAGAR:** A soldier died after falling unconscious inside Badami Bagh Cantonment garrison in this capital city. The soldier identified as Kikare Vijay Ramachandra fell unconscious inside the military garrison, reports said. He was shifted by his colleagues to the hospital where doctors declared him dead. After completion of medico legal formalities, the body was handed over to his concerned unit. Proceedings u/s 174 Cr. PC initiated and further investigation has been taken up, a local news agency KS reported.

### Elderly Man Injured In Bear Attack

**SRINAGAR:** An elderly man was attacked and injured on Saturday by a bear in Central Kashmir's district Ganderbal. Ghulam Nabi Dar of Yarmuqam was attacked and injured by a black bear in a forest area of the district, reports said. The injured man was removed to the nearby hospital for treatment. However, the doctors there referred him to SK institute of medical sciences (SKIMS) Soura for advanced treatment. According to officials, a team of wildlife officials has been sent to the area to capture the beast.

### Flash Floods In Ladakh Main Market

**SRINAGAR:** A cloudburst triggered flash floods in the Union Territory of Ladakh, causing debris to flow into the main market area and throwing life out of gear, but there are no reports of any loss of life, officials said on Saturday. The cloudburst hit the Gangles area of the Union territory late Friday night and left several parts of Leh town inundated, they said, adding the debris entered many buildings in the low-lying areas, causing some damage to them. A police spokesperson said rescue and rehabilitation [More On P6](#)

### Driver Dead As Vehicle Rolls Into Gorge

**SRINAGAR:** Driver of a dumper vehicle died after the vehicle skidded off the road and fell into a gorge in Mendhar Poonch on Saturday. Quoting officials, news agency GNS reported that the dumper vehicle (JK12B-7126) met with the accident at Naka Village area of Mendhar. Soon a rescue operation was launched by local volunteers and police. However, the driver Yaqoob Azam (52) son of Mohammad Hussain of Bhata Dhrian died on spot. [More On P6](#)

### Govt Employee Lands In ACB Net

**SRINAGAR:** The anti-corruption bureau (ACB) on Saturday arrested a government employee for accepting a bribe for issuance of appointment order of Lumberdar to a man in North Kashmir's Baramulla district. Marefatul Haq, a clerk in the office of Tehsildar, Boniyar was arrested by the sleuths of ACB after a man filed a written complaint with the ACB alleging that the government employee demanded Rs 10,000 bribe from him for issuance of appointment order of Lumberdar, an ACB spokesperson said Saturday. [More On P6](#)





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 NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER  
 e-NIT No: 36/4145-54/2023-24/RnB/Bla Dated 20.07.2023  
 (Fresh to NIT No: 30/3562-71/2023-24/RnB/Bla Dated 10.07.2023)

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are being invited on percentage age basis (as applicable) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

| S.No | Name of Work   | Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs) incl. cost of Tar & 18% GST | Earnest Money | Cost of T/ Doc. | Time of completion | M.H of Account   | Class of Contractor |
|------|--|---|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1.   | Restoration of Astanpora Ziyarat Sharief Fatehgrah     | 9.03  | Rs 18100/-    | Rs 600/-        | 15 Days            | MH-3054-Potholes | C&D                 |
| 2.   | Restoration of N.Hway to Gantamulla Bala (Gujjar Pati) | 22.53   | Rs 45100/-    | Rs 800/-        | 15 Days            | MH-3054-Potholes | A&B                 |

Position of AAA: Accorded  
 Position of funds Available

1. The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.Q), a set of contract terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) on the dates listed below:-

|    |  |                                   |
|----|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Date of Issue of Tender Notice             | 20.07.2023                        |
| 2. | Period of downloading of bidding documents | 21.07.2023 to 18.07.2023 (4:00PM) |
| 3. | Bid submission Start Date                  | 21.07.2023                        |
| 4. | Bid Submission End Date                    | 26.07.2023 (4:00PM)               |
| 5. | Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)    | 27.07.2023 (11:00AM)              |

2. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

3. At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

4. The date and time of bid opening shall be notified on the Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and automatically communicated to bidders via an e-mail message sent to their e-mail address. Responsive bidders' bids will be opened online on the same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla (tender receiving authority).

5. Bids for the work shall be valid for 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

1.1 Bidders are advised to download the bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as the "Bidders Manual Kit" option on the website [www.jktenders.gov](http://www.jktenders.gov) to familiarize themselves with the bid submission process.

1.2 In order to participate in the bidding process, bidders must obtain a 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' under the Information Technology Act of 2000. Any approved Vendor can provide bidders with a digital certificate.

1.3 Bidders must submit their bids in electronic format with a digital signature online. No physical bids will be accepted.

1.4 Bids will be opened online in accordance with the time schedule specified in Para-1.

1.5 Bidders must upload online scanned copy of all required documents (within the document upload limits) with their technical bid.

No: 4145-54  
 DIPK-5598/23 Dated: 22.07.2023

Executive Engineer  
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SELECTION LIST

Selection list for ROUND 1 of the candidates who have applied for undergoing training in different trades is available at ITI Kangan for the session 2023-24-25 has been generated by the admission portal maintained by Directorate of Skill Development, J&K. The selection list is available at the ITI Kangan or you can visit [www.itiadmissions.jkdsd.in](http://www.itiadmissions.jkdsd.in).

All the selected candidates desirous of seeking admission are hereby informed to report to Training Section of ITI Kangan with the requisite fee and submit the below mentioned Original documents.

- D.O.B certificate.
- Domicile certificate.
- Marks card of the qualifying examination.
- Category certificate, if any.
- Latest discharge certificate from the institute last attended.
- Self-attested photocopy of Aadhar card.
- One no. of passport size photograph along with a file.
- Affidavit with declaration that the candidate is not pursuing full time course elsewhere and adheres to training rules and regulations.

Discharge/school leaving certificate will be retained till completion of the course at the ITI. At the time of admission or during the course of study at the ITI if any submitted document were found fake or the admitted candidate found to be pursuing a regular course elsewhere, the admission of that trainee will stand automatically cancelled and disciplinary action would follow subsequently. Last date of submission of Original Documents and requisite fee for candidates selected in Round 1 is 31st of July, 2023.

No:- ITI/KNG/Trgs/2023/149-51  
 DIPK-5622/23 Dated : 22-07-2023

Sd/-  
 Superintendent ITI Kangan

Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**Office Of The Executive Engineer Anantnag PWD(R&B) Division Khanabal**  
 NIT NO 65 OF R&B/Khanabal/2023-24 /E-TENDERING/8606-15 DATED 21-07-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K-tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

| S.No | Name of Work   | Estimated Cost (Rs In Lacs)  | Cost of T/Doc. (Rs In Rs) | Earnest Money (In Rs) | Time of completion | Major Head of Account | Position Of AA  | Class of Contractor |
|------|--|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------|
| 1.   | Constt. of tile path from H/o Bashir Ahmad Bhat at ward No 03 MC Aishmuqam                                   | 1.00 Lacs<br>Contract Price exclusive of GST: 0.85 + (18% GST Amount 0.15) | 200                       | 2000                  | 10 Days            | IDMT (Capex Budget)   | Accorded Vide Order No. MC/ Aish/23-24/ 120 of 2023, Dated 19.07.2023 | DEE Class Only      |
| 2.   | Constt. of tile path from H/o Gh Mohd Saka to Mohd Lateef Ganie at ward No 02 MC Aishmuqam                   | 1.00 Lacs<br>Contract Price exclusive of GST: 0.85 + (18% GST Amount 0.15) | 200                       | 2000                  | 10 Days            | IDMT (Capex Budget)   | Accorded Vide Order No. MC/ Aish/23-24/ 120 of 2023, Dated 19.07.2023 | DEE Class Only      |
| 3.   | Constt. of tile and Concrete path from H/o Ab Rehman Lone S/L Amma Mir at ward No 06 MC Aishmuqam            | 1.00 Lacs<br>Contract Price exclusive of GST: 0.85 + (18% GST Amount 0.15) | 200                       | 2000                  | 10 Days            | IDMT (Capex Budget)   | Accorded Vide Order No. MC/ Aish/23-24/ 120 of 2023, Dated 19.07.2023 | DEE Class Only      |
| 4.   | Constt. of Retaining wall and chain link fencing of Graveyard near H/o Ali Mohd Wani ward No 03 MC Aishmuqam | 1.50 Lacs<br>Contract Price exclusive of GST: 1.27 + (18% GST Amount 0.23) | 200                       | 3000                  | 10 Days            | IDMT (Capex Budget)   | Accorded Vide Order No. MC/ Aish/23-24/ 120 of 2023, Dated 19.07.2023 | DEE Class Only      |
| 5.   | Constt. of lane from Adabal road to Muzafar Ahmad Shah at ward No 07 MC Aishmuqam                            | 1.00 Lacs<br>Contract Price exclusive of GST: 0.85 + (18% GST Amount 0.15) | 200                       | 2000                  | 10 Days            | IDMT (Capex Budget)   | Accorded Vide Order No. MC/ Aish/23-24/ 120 of 2023, Dated 19.07.2023 | DEE Class Only      |
| 6.   | Constt. of tile path from H/o Ab Hamid Mir to H/o Gh Nabi Tantray at ward No 04 MC Aishmuqam                 | 1.00 Lacs<br>Contract Price exclusive of GST: 0.85 + (18% GST Amount 0.15) | 200                       | 2000                  | 10 Days            | IDMT (Capex Budget)   | Accorded Vide Order No. MC/ Aish/23-24/ 120 of 2023, Dated 19.07.2023 | DEE Class Only      |
| 7.   | Constt. of lane from H/o Farooq Ahmad Sofi to H/o Lateef Mir at ward No 05 MC Aishmuqam                      | 1.00 Lacs<br>Contract Price exclusive of GST: 0.85 + (18% GST Amount 0.15) | 200                       | 2000                  | 10 Days            | IDMT (Capex Budget)   | Accorded Vide Order No. MC/ Aish/23-24/ 120 of 2023, Dated 19.07.2023 | DEE Class Only      |
| 8.   | Constt. of lane from Magray Masjid to H/o Gh Nabi Mir at ward No 08 MC Aishmuqam                             | 1.00 Lacs<br>Contract Price exclusive of GST: 0.85 + (18% GST Amount 0.15) | 200                       | 2000                  | 10 Days            | IDMT (Capex Budget)   | Accorded Vide Order No. MC/ Aish/23-24/ 120 of 2023, Dated 19.07.2023 | DEE Class Only      |
| 9.   | Lane from H/o Sartaj Ahmad Sheikh to H/o Ab Gani Sheikh at ward No 08 MC Aishmuqam                           | 1.00 Lacs<br>Contract Price exclusive of GST: 0.85 + (18% GST Amount 0.15) | 200                       | 2000                  | 10 Days            | IDMT (Capex Budget)   | Accorded Vide Order No. MC/ Aish/23-24/ 120 of 2023, Dated 19.07.2023 | DEE Class Only      |
| 10.  | Constt. of Lane from Mohd Ashraf Khan to Ab Hamid Beigh ward No 08 MC Aishmuqam                              | 1.00 Lacs<br>Contract Price exclusive of GST: 0.85 + (18% GST Amount 0.15) | 200                       | 2000                  | 10 Days            | IDMT (Capex Budget)   | Accorded Vide Order No. MC/ Aish/23-24/ 120 of 2023, Dated 19.07.2023 | DEE Class Only      |
| 11.  | Constt. of tile path from H/o Gh Qadir Shah to Bashir Ahmad Shah at ward No 09 MC Aishmuqam                  | 1.00 Lacs<br>Contract Price exclusive of GST: 0.85 + (18% GST Amount 0.15) | 200                       | 2000                  | 10 Days            | IDMT (Capex Budget)   | Accorded Vide Order No. MC/ Aish/23-24/ 120 of 2023, Dated 19.07.2023 | DEE Class Only      |
| 12.  | Constt. of lane from H/o Arshid Mir to Shop of Manzoor Ah Shah ward No 09 MC Aishmuqam                       | 1.00 Lacs<br>Contract Price exclusive of GST: 0.85 + (18% GST Amount 0.15) | 200                       | 2000                  | 10 Days            | IDMT (Capex Budget)   | Accorded Vide Order No. MC/ Aish/23-24/ 120 of 2023, Dated 19.07.2023 | DEE Class Only      |
| 13.  | Constt. of path and lane from Shop of Ab Gani Sofi to Attaulha Ahanger at ward No 09 MC Aishmuqam            | 1.00 Lacs<br>Contract Price exclusive of GST: 0.85 + (18% GST Amount 0.15) | 200                       | 2000                  | 10 Days            | IDMT (Capex Budget)   | Accorded Vide Order No. MC/ Aish/23-24/ 120 of 2023, Dated 19.07.2023 | DEE Class Only      |

Project Authority : Municipal Committee Aishmuqam.

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

| S.No. | Particulars                               | Dated                                   |
|-------|---|---|
| 1.    | Date of Issue of Tender Notice            | 21-07-2023                              |
| 2.    | Period of Downloading of bidder documents | From 22-07-2023 To 31-07-2023 (11:00AM) |
| 3.    | Bid submission Start Date                 | From 22-07-2023 To 31-07-2023 (04:30PM) |
| 4.    | Bid Submission End Date                   | From 22-07-2023 To 31-07-2023 (04:30PM) |
| 5.    | Date and time of opening of bid (online)  | 01-08-2023 (11:00AM)                    |

2. Bids must be accompanied with costs of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / E-Challan (Under MH-0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Khanabal (Tender Inviting Authority) (NIT No. and Name of Work/Item No. to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (Refer Govt. order No. O.M.No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Khanabal (Tender receiving Authority).

3. All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG. Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as No-responsive.

4. The lowest responsive (Successful) Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Khanabal (Tender receiving authority) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. Failure to produce Performance Security shall render the LI as non-responsive and case for debarment of the Contractor to Higher Authorities for a period of 01 Year.

5. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @5% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work.

6. 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 Executive Engineer R&B Division Khanabal.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical Bid.

8. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

a. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) to acquaint bid submission process.

b. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.

c. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

d. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

e. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.

f. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents including tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid.

Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

9. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

10. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan / E-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Khanabal (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Khanabal must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document), EMD and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.

11. Bidders are advised not to make any change in B.O.Q (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar B.O.Q manually.

12. Price escalation and taxes: The %age quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees, shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

13. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

14. All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25.

(ErRubeenaKousar)  
 Executive Engineer,  
 R&B Division Khanabal

DIPK-5639/23 dated: 22-07-2023

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR  
**Office Of The Seed Pathologist Agriculture Production & Farmer's Welfare**  
 Department, Lal Mandi Srinagar  
 CROP HEALTH ADVISORY

**Physiological/Pathological Effects of Water stagnation/Flooding in the crops.**

- Oxygen starvation due to flooding in field/vegetable crop causes roots to cease to function resulting in plant collapse with limited recovery potential.
- Oxygen starvation in root crops such as potatoes will lead to cell death in tubers and storage rots. This will appear as dark or discolored areas in the tubers or roots.
- Saturated soil conditions can cause leaf drop, flower drop, fruit drop, or early plant decline in many vegetable crops.
- Flooding exposes the shallow root of the vegetables which leads to dislodging.
- Silting in the field leads to hard crust formation which inhibits the aeration of the root zone.
- Loss of nitrogen through leaching and limited nitrogen uptake in flooded soils will lead to nitrogen deficiencies across most vegetable crops
- Moreover loss of Potassium, Iron and boron will lead to various diseases and disorders.
- In bean crops, flooding or water logging will decrease flower production and increased abscission or abortion of flowers and young fruits.
- Lack of root function and movement of water and calcium in the plant can lead to calcium related disorders in plants. There is a potential for higher incidence of blossom end rot in tomatoes, peppers, watermelons, and other susceptible crops when fruits are forming and soils are saturated.
- In vegetables, soil compaction after floods will reduce water and Oxygen infiltration leading to increased crop losses.
- Bruised and damaged plants provide right site for the development of diseases and a breeding place for disease disseminating Insects (Vectors).

**Remedial Measures:**

- Drain water logged soil as soon as possible.
- Remove damaged plants and dispose them away from the field.
- Post drainage soil compaction /Crust should be broken up and incorporated into the soil profile as soon as possible.
- Dislodged plants should be erected by earthing up.
- Application of fertilizers particularly top dose of Urea should be ensured to initiate the new growth in the plants.
- Foliar application of water soluble fertilizers ( NPK 19:19:19) will help the plants to overcome the nutrient losses in addition to soil application.
- Foliar application with multi micronutrient ( Chamak or Multiplex or Agromin ) will help to alleviate the micronutrient deficiency in the crops like Tomato and Chilli .
- To avoid any diseases development ( foliage/ fruits ) as well healing of bruised vegetables , the crops should be sprayed with Carben-dazim 12%+ Mancozeb 63% WP @ 2.5gms/litre of water or Copper Oxychloride 50 WP@3gms/litre of water.
- To manage Root Rot, crops should be drenched with Carbendazim 50WP@1 gm/ liter of water.
- Maintain proper hygiene of the fields by removing all the weeds and cleaning of the bunds.

DIPK-5652/23  
 dated: 22-07-2023

Sd/-  
 Seed Pathologist Kashmir

**Court Of The 2Nd Additional Munsiff**  
**JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1st CLASS AT**  
**SRINAGAR**

(PROCLAMATION REQUIRING OBJECTION FROM GENERAL PUBLIC  
 CNR: JKSG03021636-2023  
 Date of filing 15.07.2023)

Alli Mohammad Haroon S/o Ghulam Mohammad Haroon R/o Salfiya Colony Danderkah Batamaloo Srinagar

Applicant

Versus  
 Registrar, Births and Deaths, SMC Srinagar

Non-Applciant

WHEREAS an application has been made before me that Yasmeeena D/o Ali Mohammad Haroon R/O Salfiya Colony Danderkah Batamaloo Srinagar has born on 05-05-1987 the applicant has sought a direction from this court for registration of the birth particulars of Yasmeeena , in the concerned register of births and deaths.

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

Dated, this 15th day of July 2023.

Sd/-  
 (AHTZAZ AHMED)  
 NJ 2nd Additional (JMJC), Srinagar

**From the office of Advocate Mir Urfi**

In the case of

1) Mohammad Sultan Parray 2. Ab Khaliq Parray  
 3. Mehraj uddin Parray 4. Zahoor Ahmad Parray sons of late Ghulam Mohammad Parray R/o Parraypora Srinagar

(Caveator)

VS  
 PUBLIC AT LARGE

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

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

Sd/advocate

**Court Of The 2Nd Additional Munsiff**  
**JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1st CLASS AT**  
**SRINAGAR**

(PROCLAMATION REQUIRING OBJECTION FROM GENERAL PUBLIC  
 CNR: JKSG03021635-2023  
 Date of filing 15.07.2023)

Mohammad Maqbool Sheikh S/o Abdul Razaq Sheikh R/o Mujungd Sriangar

Applicant

Versus  
 Registrar, Births and Deaths, SMC Srinagar

Non-Applciant

WHEREAS an application has been made before me that Mohammad Maqbool Sheikh S/o Abdul Razaq Sheikh R/O Mujungd Srinagar has born on 03-02-1945 the applicant has sought a direction from this court for registration of the birth particulars of Mohammad Maqbool Sheikh, in the concerned register of births and deaths.

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

Dated, this 15th day of July 2023.

Sd/-  
 (AHTZAZ AHMED)  
 NJ 2nd Additional (JMJC), Srinagar

**From The Office Of**  
**Advocate Hilal Ahmad Dar**

In the case of

Masrat Jan  
 W/o Jan Mohammad Khanday  
 R/o Qamarwari Bund, Chattabal, Srinagar  
 S/A Gund Hassi Bhat, Gaziabad,  
 Lane No. 6, Near Birla School, Srinagar

...Caveator

Versus  
 Public at Large

Non-Caveator

In the matter of :- Caveat petition under section 148 A Of C.P.C

That Caveators are is having reasonable apprehension that the non- Caveator may file suit , appeal , revision or any other proceedings against the Caveators and may succeed in getting an exparte order by mis-representation of facts, which will prejudice the interests of the Caveator.

That in ease any such proceedings arc filed before this Hon'ble court by the non-Caveator against the caveator , the Caveator may be provided an opportunity of being heard before passing any order in the matter through her counsel , as otherwise the Caveator may suffer irreparable loss and injury which cannot be compensated in any manner and any such order/s granted on false representations of the non-Caveator would be an abuse of the process of the Law.

In the premises, it is therefore, prayed that in ease non-caveator may file suit, appeal , revision or any other proceedings against the Caveators, the Caveator or her counsel may be heard in the matter before passing any order same would be in the interest of law and justice.

SD/- Advocate



## DC Reviews Independence Day Arrangements In Srinagar

### National Anthem Singing Competitions To Be Held In Schools, Colleges

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In connection with forthcoming 76th Independence-Day-2023 celebrations, the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Saturday chaired meeting senior officers of Police and Civil Administration here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex and reviewed the arrangements/preparatory activities to be put in place by the respective Departments.

Besides, Additional District Development Commissioner, Srinagar, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Shabir Ahmad, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Ahmad Kataria, SP Headquarter, Arif Amin, SP Traffic, Tariq Ahmad, the meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, senior Officers of Health, Information, R&B, PHE, PDD, Revenue, Sports, Culture Academy, Fire Services, Hospitality & Protocol, SRTC, RTO and other line Departments participated in the meeting.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a firsthand appraisal of the preparatory activities being undertaken by each line Departments and necessary facilities and arrangements being put in place for smooth and peaceful conduct of 76th Independence Day in the District as Srinagar is hosting main event on August 15, 2023 across the Jammu and Kashmir.

On the occasion, the DC directed the Officers of all concerned Departments to work out a comprehensive

plan in order to ensure all necessary preparations are made well in advance with regard to the Cultural programs, March Past Parade, commentary proceeding on the event, Dais flowering and other related arrangements and proper synchronization of events.

The DC also took stock of the arrangements and other facilities to be put in place with regard to Seating arrangements, Transport & Parking facilities, Electricity & Water supply, Medical & First Aid, Fire and Emergency services, installation of PAS, erection of hoardings, catering arrangements, raising of National Flag and Illumination of Government Buildings on August 15, 2023.

Besides Media management, Security related matters, issuance of security passes, and entry of VVIPs, VIPs and other participants were also discussed in threadbare.

With regard to invitation cards and seating arrangements, the DC asked the Officers to conduct a comprehensive exercise to make sure that invitation cards are delivered to all invitee dignitaries well in advance, besides proper seating arrangement made in accordance to the precedence of protocol.

The DC also stressed on making fool-proof security arrangements in and around the Stadium to ensure hassle-free celebrations of the function. He also enjoined upon the officers to maintain close coordination with each other for holding the function smoothly.



Most of the roads in Srinagar city were inundated as a result of intermittent rains that lashed Kashmir valley on Saturday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

## Decongesting City Street Vendors To Be Accommodated In 'Vending Zones'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to decongest roads from street vendors in the crowded city, Srinagar Smart City Limited has been developing two 'Vending Zones' in Kashmir capital.

These Vending Zones are coming up in the Magarmal Bagh and Batalaloo areas of the city.

The vendors at Hari Singh High Street will be accommodated at Magarmal Bagh Vending Zone while the cart vendors from Batalaloo-Qamarwari road will be adjusted in Batalaloo Vending Zone.

In the past as well, Srinagar Municipal Corporation had claimed

the creation of Vending Zones in Srinagar, however, vendors could be seen occupying the roads and footpaths all across Srinagar city.

Srinagar Smart City Limited said that 150 vending carts have been made for the street vendors at Magarmal Bagh. The plan is to accommodate the street vendors of Hari Singh High Street for which identification of the eligible vendors is undertaken by Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

Further, vending space has also been created at Batalaloo for the street vendors of Batalaloo-Qamarwari Road.

Besides creating

Vending Zones, Srinagar Smart City Limited has also been in the process of creating an IT-based parking system in the City.

"The move is to make Srinagar smarter and more attractive and eco-friendly," the top official claimed.

Srinagar Smart City Limited has undertaken an IT-based parking system to 'Operate and Maintain' the off-street and on-street parking slots in Srinagar City. Effective parking management is an essential tool to facilitate the efficient use of road space and to ensure free passage for pedestrians, cyclists, public transport, and motorists. KNT

## Islamic Calligraphy Exhibition Organized At Govt Arts Emporium Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Director Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir, Mahmood Ahmad Shah on Saturday inaugurated a two day Calligraphy exhibition at Government Arts Emporium Srinagar.

The special feature of

the exhibition is the intricate calligraphy blended in the Carpet craft by the young acclaimed Artisan Designer Shah Nawaz Ahmad Sofi. Also the Calligraphy work of a 65 year old artisan from Baramulla, namely, Mohammad Shafi Mir is on display.

On the inaugural day,

visitors to the Exhibition were mesmerized to see the diverse range of masterpieces, highlighting the talent and creativity of both the participating artists. The opening reception was well-attended, with visitors enjoying the creative work and meeting the artists behind the artwork.

**The Golden Time**

*That feel that time of Autumn,  
At this time I forgot all my problem.  
A pinch of brisk, yet a little warm,  
Feeling the nature that makes me calm.  
Just a glance at the trees whose, leaves are falling bizarrely  
due to the cool breeze.  
This time makes me feel like I am enjoying the heaven, and  
gradually it can vanish at the depression.  
That pretty leaves which are green and yellow,  
The person who will not enjoy this precious reason is  
definitely a fellow.  
Can't find any best time rather than this,  
Which fills m beat completely with bliss,  
A lonely person in this season will feel absolutely find the  
year's golden time.*

Kibreya Sajjad Soharwardy

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**HIGHWAY STATUS**

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

**HIJRI CALENDAR**  
04 Muharram  
1445

| PRAYERS |       |
|---------|-------|
| FAJR    | 3:54  |
| ZUHR    | 12:37 |
| ASR     | 5:34  |
| Magrib  | 7:42  |
| ISHA    | 9:18  |

### This Day In History

- 1793 - The Prussians conquer Mainz
- 1798 - Napoleon captures Alexandria, Egypt
- 1812 - Battle of Mogilev Russia-Napoleon fights Tsar Alexander I
- 1914 - Austria-Hungary presents an ultimatum to Serbia; demanding acceptance within 48 hours making peacekeeping difficult
- 1929 - The Fascist government in Italy bans the use of foreign words
- 1930 - Earthquake strikes Ariano Italy, 1,500 killed
- 1942 - German troops conquer Rostow
- 1942 - World War II: Operation Edelweiss (a German plan to gain control over the Caucasus) begins.
- 1943 - Battle of Koersk, USSR ends in Nazi defeat (6,000 tanks)
- 1944 - Soviet Army marches into Lublin Poland
- 1944 - US forces invade Japanese-held Tinian in WW II
- 1944 - US troops occupy Pisa Italy
- 1956 - Bell X-2 rocket plane sets world aircraft speed record of 3,050 kph
- 1968 - PLO's 1st hijacking of an El Al plane
- 1973 - US President Richard Nixon refuses to release Watergate tapes of conversations in the White House relevant to the Watergate investigation
- 1978 - Israeli government rejects Sadat's call for return of 2 Sinai areas
- 1980 - Soyuz 37 ferries 2 cosmonauts (1 Vietnamese) to Salyut 6
- 1986 - Moroccan King Hassan II meets with Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres
- 1994 - Space shuttle STS-65: Columbia 17, lands after record 14 days 55 mins
- 1995 - Comet Hale-Bopp is discovered and becomes

### From KO Archives

## Tunnel Beneath Kohi Sulaiman

Govt exploring feasibility to ease traffic

Observer News Service

**S**RINAGAR - Jammu and Kashmir government would explore feasibility of constructing a tunnel across the Shankaracharya (Kohi Sulaiman) hill to address the acute traffic congestion on the Boulevard and Dalgate.

"We will explore the possibility of constructing a tunnel in the Shankaracharya hill to connect the Gupakar road with the Boulevard," Chief Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed said here this morning at a function organised to name the road from Jahangir Chowk to Batmalu as Mohammad Yusuf Rathar Avenue. He unveiled a black marble plaque to announce the new name of the road.

Rather a brilliant-engineer who headed the R&B department in Kashmir lost his life in a grenade blast in the south Kashmir village of Kapran on July 19, 2004.

The Chief Minister said traffic congestion in the Srinagar City is assuming alarming proportions and movement of vehicles on busy routes has become a real problem. He cited the instance of Dalgate and the Boulevard and said his government, apart from planning a flyover near the J&K Bank Corporate Office, is also contemplating construction of a tunnel in the Shankaracharya hill so that some of the traffic is diverted through it. This would ease the traffic congestion at the busy traffic junction of the city. He said technical and environmental feasibility of the tunnel would be explored.

The Chief Minister said he has asked the R&B department to repair on priority the city roads which have been damaged due to heavy snowfall last winter. He said the city is the heart of the valley and its roads should present a beautiful picture. He alluded to the efforts made by his government in the beautification of the city and said the various development measures taken during the last about 3 years would soon transform Srinagar into a city of international reckoning.

Mufti Sayeed paid rich tributes to late Engineer Mohammad Yusuf Rathar and said he was an honest, dedicated and upright officer. He said he had excelled himself as an able and efficient officer. He said the rechristening of the Jahangir-Batmalu Road after his name is a tribute to this son of the soil. He also remembered other victims of the Kapran blast including Abdur Rashid, Special Assistant to Minister for Power and paid tributes to them.

(Kashmir Observer, 23 July, 2005)

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## Possession Notice

Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

Whereas the Mr. Ishfaq Rashid Bala as Authorized officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 04.01.2023 thereby calling upon Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Wagay S/o Mohammad Habib Wagay R/o Manigam, Ganderbal (Borrower-cum-Mortgagor), Mr. Manzoor Ahmad Wagay S/o Ghulam Ahmad Wagay R/o Manigam (Co-Borrower) and their guarantors mentioned therein to repay an amount of Rs.9,11,617.09 (Rupees Nine Lac Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen and Paise Nine Only) being the balance outstanding as on 31.12.2022 in the account of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrowers, Mortgagor, and Guarantors having failed to repay the said amount, Notice is hereby given to the said borrower-cum-Mortgagor in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount aggregating to Rs.8,89,533.(Rupees Eight Lac Eighty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Three and Paise Nine Only) being balance outstanding as on 30.06.2023 together with future interest thereon from 01.07.2023 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGE PROPERTY (SECURED ASSET)

A residential house with land underneath & appurtenant thereto measuring 10 Marlas falling under khasra No 2027 min, khata No 1078 and Khewat No.226 Situated at Mouza Manigam, Tehsil Lar and District Ganderbal.

Dated: 18.07.2023  
Place: Manigam  
Authorized Officer  
Zahoor Ahmad Khan  
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DIPK-NB-2169/23 dated: 22-07-2023

**Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited**  
Impaired Assets Portfolio Management Department(IAPMD)  
Zonal Office Pulwama

## Possession Notice

Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

Whereas Mr. Bashir Ahmad Bhat, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices dated 07.04.2023 thereby calling upon the legal heirs of deceased borrower/mortgagor namely Late Gh Mohi Ud-din Bhat S/O: Abdul Rehman Bhat R/o: Krawoora Shopian Prop. of M/s Faisal Fruit Agency 1 Mrs. Yasmeena Jan W/o: Late Gh Mohi ud Din Bhat R/o: Krawoora Shopian. 2) Mr. Faisal Mohi ud Din Bhat S/O: Late Gh Mohi ud Din Bhat R/o: Krawoora Shopian 3). Mr. Mohsin Mohi ud Din Bhat S/O: Late Gh Mohi ud Din Bhat R/o: Krawoora Shopian, (1 to 3 Legal heirs of deceased borrower) 4) Mr. Manzoor Ahmad Bhat S/o: Abdul Rehman Bhat R/o: Krawoora Shopian (Guarantor) and 5) Mr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat S/o: Abdul Rehman Bhat R/o: Krawoora Shopian (Guarantor) to repay an amount of Rs. 59,90,771.43/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lac Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy One And Paise Forty Three Only) being the balance outstanding as on 31.03.2023 in the account of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower/mortgagor/guarantors having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

The said borrower/mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount of Rs. 54,94,365.43/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lacs Ninety Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Five And Paise Forty Three Only), being balance outstanding in the borrower's Loan account as on 30.06.2023 together with future interest thereon from 01.07.2023 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

The attention of the borrower/mortgagor is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

### Description of the Immovable Property

1. Land measuring 03 Kanal 04 Marlas filling under Survey / Khasra No. 303 (02 Kanal 06 Marlas) Khata No.106, Khewat No. 12, and Survey/Khasra No. 306 (12 Marlas), Survey/Khasra No. 307 (06 Marlas), Khata No. 104, Khewat No. 12, situated in Mouza/Village Krawoora Tehsil & District Shopian standing in the name of Principal borrower Mr. Late Gh Mohi ud din Bhat S/o Abdul Rehman Bhat R/o Krawoora Shopian.
2. Mortgage of Land Measuring 1 Kanal 10 Marlas filling under Survey/Khasra No. 290, Khata No. 91, Khewat No.11, situated in Mouza/Village Krawoora, Tehsil & District Shopian standing in the name of Principal borrower Mr. Late Gh Mohi ud din Bhat S/o Abdul Rehman Bhat R/o Krawoora Shopian.
3. Mortgage of Land Measuring 1 Kanal filling under Survey/Khasra No. 372/68, Khata No.147, Khewat No.22, situated in Mouza/Village Krawoora, Tehsil & District Shopian standing in the name of Principal borrower Mr. Late Gh Mohi ud din Bhat S/o Abdul Rehman Bhat R/o Krawoora Shopian.

Place: Shopian  
Dated: 15.07.2023  
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# Tweaking Traditional Music

Amir Suhail Wani

**Thus, at a time when our traditional attire has undergone major editing, when our poetry has evolved from Vaakh to modern Ghazal and when our eating habits have changed from dried vegetables to pizza and others, the change in Music is, but natural**

Improvisation and modernisation have almost been the defining slogans of our times and these slogans have been carried across the domains of religion, art, culture, tradition and almost all other domains of human life. All changes are seen as advancements and all things associated with the past are seen as primitive, stagnant, redundant and wanting change and alteration. The point in question is Kashmiri music and the changes it has been made to withstand in terms of instrumentation, vocals, lyrics and performance and the fact that under the pretext of improvisation, it has been hollowed from within and what has survived instead is a hybrid of unrecognizable character dangled on the cross of tradition and modernity. But it must also be noted that change is inevitable and the evolution of technique has become a prerogative.

We live in times where the most cherished of the religious ordinances have been altered/partially modified in view of the challenges emerging from the demands of modern life. This is an era when the legal frameworks are witnessing regular revivals and the facets of life from microscopic to macroscopic levels are adjusting to the pressing needs of time and like a flowing river carving out newer ways and courses to ensure continuity. In view of this tie between tradition and modernity, change and constancy, permanence and ephemeral what are the prospectus ahead of our Musical landscape and to what extent shall the singers and musicians avail from the liberty and tweak the existing superstructure of the traditional Music? Let's try to understand.

What needs to be understood at the very outset is that music, or for that matter any art form, is not an autonomous cultural organ which can survive in isolation. Music stands in close entanglement with the culture and is in a sense a representation of the culture in which it thrives and from the substratum of which it emerges. When culture in any of its constituents undergoes a change, the rest of the ingredients can't be impervious to this change, but respond to it by changing accordingly and proportionately.

Thus, at a time when our traditional attire has undergone major editing, when our poetry has evolved from Vaakh to modern Ghazal and when our eating habits have changed from dried vegetables to pizza and others, the change in Music is, but natural. The past decade in particular has seen the rise of singers and musical genres which radically break away and depart from



For representational purposes only

the traditional music and the content of songs has also witnessed a radical shift in view of the changing socio-political circumstances and the growing consciousness thereof. An increased use of modern instruments in place of traditional ones and a deliberate attempt at creation of Music which tangentially flies off the traditional orbit has emerged as the very identity of modern day singers and their artworks. But all this improvisation and innovation seems to have arrived at a huge cost and the cost is the loss or near absence of traditional music and the complete erasure of what essentially defines "Kashmiri Music". The slow abandonment of traditional musical instruments and an abrupt change in vocals seems to have jeopardised the very notion of traditional Kashmiri Music and replaced it with uncouth parody and soulless noise.

Noted musician and singer, Waheed Jeelani aptly summarises the equilibrium that must define the relationship between our traditional music and the incorporation of foreign elements therein. Waheed Says, "Modernisation in every art form is unavoidable and needed, but this cannot be allowed to be done in a manner that we lose the basic identity of our music. I have never objected to the use of guitar and synthesizers in our local music, but these have to assist and not dominate our art form". One must also remember the difference between bypassing and transcending, the former includes neglecting and playing down anything in ignorance while

as the later includes scope for improvement and going beyond after having mastered a specific field. The general consensus among senior and seasoned singers is that the new age singers usually bypass the tradition and do not transcend it. This is only worsened by the new age singers' mispronunciation, total reliance on synthesizers and inability to play traditional instruments.

Some people try to blanket these fallacies under popularity and fandom claiming a certain song to have millions of views, irrespective of its quality standardisation or loyalty to its own essence. These people need to be reminded that popularity and the number of views isn't the qualitative measure of a work of art and for that matter anything else. The most worthy and meaningful pieces on Youtube and social media go unnoticed, whereas senseless stuff has umpteen views. What has been said can be summarised briefly that while the necessity of modernising music and art forms remains dominant, the superstructure of art can't be compromised with and while we incorporate modern twists into our traditional music, it must not devour our identity and essence. An attempt at the modernisation of art shall be synthetic not destructive and Tumbaknari, Rabar, Sitar must dominate the drums, guitars and violins.

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The article you are about to read was written by a human.

This kind of disclaimer will become an everyday occurrence as chatbots, or large language models, infiltrate deeper into our media space. Doubts about the veracity of such disclaimers will also become commonplace.

With the leaps and bounds registered by machine learning and large language models over the past couple of years, it is becoming increasingly difficult to prove that a human is on the other side of a written or spoken communication.

How would I prove to you that these words were the product of human creativity and exertion? Perhaps through the originality of an idea or the novelty of a turn of phrase? Maybe by cracking a joke or employing irony? How about by expressing humane empathy as only a human could supposedly do?

Just how fast AI is progressing and how deeply it is infiltrating the media was put on stark display recently when Germany's largest tabloid, Bild, announced that it was laying off a third of its staff and migrating their functions to machines. This follows BuzzFeed's decision in January to use AI to generate quizzes and its quiet experimentation with AI-generated content ever since, especially SEO-primed travel guides.

"The functions of editor-in-chief, layout artist, proofreader, publisher and photo editor will no longer exist in the future as we know them today," Bild's editor-in-chief said in an email to staff.

"Artificial intelligence has the potential to make independent journalism better than it ever was – or simply replace it," Mathias Doepfner, the CEO of Axel Springer, the owner of Bild, claimed in an internal letter when the idea was first floated in the spring.

This raises the pertinent question of what effect AI will have on the profession I love and how it will shape the future of journalism and the media.

First, it is important to acknowledge that artificial intelligence has been causing tectonic shifts in the media landscape for quite some years already. This has occurred both directly and indirectly.

One direct and largely positive way

## What Future For Journalism In The Age Of AI?

Khaled Diab

in which AI has affected the media is the emergence of Big Data journalism, which covers everything from crunching through the data in big leaks like the Panama Papers to examining the consequences of the climate crisis. Without powerful algorithms, journalists would have likely not been able to successfully comb through and decipher the mountains of data at their disposal to identify the telling statistical patterns and use these to tell compelling and useful stories.

Media organisations also use AI for many back-office tasks, such as recommending content, transcribing interviews, subtitling videos, analysing audience interests, preferences and engagement, not to mention finding ways to boost their all-important SEO ranking. This last example hints at a wildly important way in which AI has indirectly influenced the media landscape: the role of search engines and social media channels as gatekeepers and curators of content, and the algorithms they employ to that end, which exercise a profound influence over the flow of revenue – or lack thereof – to media outlets.

But now, with the release of sophisticated large language models, we are on the cusp of AI moving out of the peripheries and penetrating the very heart and soul of journalism: content creation. Just as sophisticated language communication is central to our identity as humans, writing or speaking or storytelling is possibly the defining feature of being a journalist for many of us who took up the gauntlet.

I know it was my profound fascination with human stories that drew me to the profession almost a quarter of a century ago, and that keeps me clinging

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to it, despite having switched careers.

For a journalist, few things can beat the joy, nor match the frustration, of crafting a coherent and compelling story or narrative out of a raw jumble of ideas, words and information.

This may explain why, even though I've experimented with querying chatbots, I have not yet fallen to the temptation of using ChatGPT or other large language models to draft or edit text: it gives me too much professional satisfaction and personal pleasure to do it myself. I also don't fully trust these tools to be able to do the job properly. Using a bot would be tantamount to a chef offering guests a microwave meal, a bespoke tailor selling off-the-rack suits or a cabinet maker assembling IKEA furniture.

Writing an article, like producing a video or radio report, may be an arduous and labour-intensive process, but it is also a highly rewarding one which,

when done well, pays huge dividends both for the journalist and the audience.

Many expect that the advent of machine learning will not dent interest in and demand for high-quality, human-generated journalism. "I'm not sure how any conscientious journalist or writer worth reading would be adversely affected," says columnist and essayist Tracy Quan, who wrote about some of the early experiments with AI in the 1990s.

Of course, demand for quality, well-produced content will remain, though how many people will be willing to pay premium rates to access it is open to question. And even though journalists will certainly wish to continue to create content, their bosses may not agree, citing the need to cut costs or to "remain competitive".

Although there is little doubt that humans will remain at the heart of the process, how many and what role they will play is the real question. While the arrival of AI in the newsroom is being hyped poetically as a tool for liberating journalists from drudgery so they can focus on the important aspects of their job, the reality is far more prosaic.

Just as the rollout of digital technology and the internet did away with untold jobs in the media, the advent of AI may cull many of those that remain. The day may not be far off when the buzz of newsrooms is a thing of the distant past and they become – almost – worker-less factories.

For routine content, machines will churn out at superhuman speed endless copy which will, hopefully, be thoroughly checked and edited by a handful of human editors. Providing the eyes, ears and legs the machines lack, reporters will rove the outside world conducting investigations and interviews. The raw material they

collect will then either be partially or fully, depending on how much of a human touch is deemed necessary, transformed into content by the bots.

Top media organisations will likely retain their star reporters and columnists. These celebrities will help distinguish one machine-driven media behemoth from another, make them appear more human and accessible, and provide a marketable brand identity for the outlet. That being said, these human stars are likely to be joined by AI-generated celebrities in the near future.

Junior, mid-range or less famous journalists won't be so fortunate. Many of these are likely to be unceremoniously given their marching orders and those that are not may stay on under more precarious conditions and at lower pay. Many may be forced to join the bloating ranks of the gig economy in the media, where they will have to increasingly work like machines in order to compete with the machines.

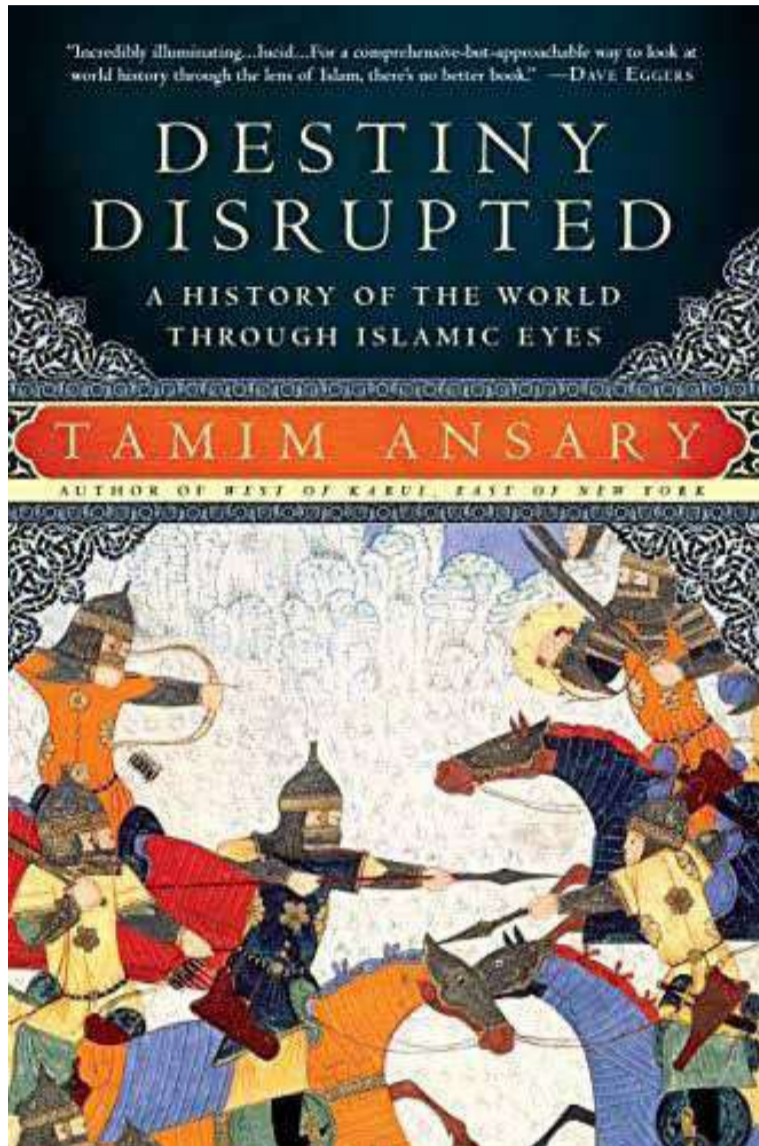
If you think this sounds overly pessimistic, this trend has been in full swing since the digitalisation of the media. Although American newspapers employed close to half a million people (458,000) in 1990, by 2016, this figure stood at 183,000, according to the US Bureau of Statistics – a decline of more than 60 percent. The volume of work each journalist, in contrast, is expected to generate has risen exponentially. And without remedial action, these trends will almost certainly worsen and accelerate as AI takes over more and more roles previously done by humans.

Beyond the devastating effect on employment and job security, there are the profound social and environmental consequences of this rapid and unstudied dash to deploy AI in the media. Chatbots not only consume vast amounts of energy, they remain notoriously inaccurate, even delusional. And rather than admit they don't know, they often simply invent facts.

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# Destiny Disrupted of Tamim Ansary is a Reconnected World History



**THE BOOK RECOUNTS A HISTORY OF THE WORLD THROUGH ISLAMIC EYES WITH LUCID** narration and precise evaluation, perfectly balancing East and West and deftly incorporating their concurrence

Md Sohel Mondal

Almost all historical narratives, with an interconnected sequence that have palpable impacts on global affairs, originally emanated from the World Centre described, according to the Eurocentric world order, as the Middle East. With this distinctive projection, the new accord of world history shortly titled 'Destiny Disrupted' by Afghan author Tamim Ansary calls upon readers with an 'eagle-eye' to look into the past pages and consequential present to future events.

The book, published in 2009 by Perseus Books Group, is a highly researched work with all historical credentials, though the author has made it a comfort reading. As the author himself academically struggled to give the history of Islam a central place in an American textbook, this masterpiece is also a vital contribution 'to give more coverage to Islam in world history'. It's an outstanding act of history, preserving when the call of only 'our own civilization' from the West is growing louder.

#### A GENERAL CRITICISM

The book starts with a criticism of historiography, which, like other disciplines, has been gripped by Eurocentric narratives though the historical milieu of distant geography becomes hardly ever befitting. Arguably, the method of measuring history might be more flexible and specific. Many historians have raised this concern but it's practically exemplified by Tamim Ansary in this very work.

Therefore, the author of West of Kabul, East of New York astiduously introduced a suitably adaptable tunnel between the two directions, a new 'Middle World' where Ansary counts ten corresponding stages starting with 'Birth', going through ups-downs and culminating in 'Reaction'. It's similar to the history of western democratic society that begins with the 'birth of civilization' and currently stands at 'the triumph of democratic capitalism'. Unlike the Marxist sociological speculation

of the future world stage, the author has not bothered about it and negated the historical mistake of Fukuyama's 'end of history' with beginning anew. Even while reading, the current state is viewed as the consequential outcome of the long recent past. The history portrayal of the author has successfully trekked against the way of western monopoly and presented a history with its soul and body.

Different empirical arguments have consistently been used to disprove any belief that conflicts with reality. The author has stressed the intellectually developed thesis like Huntington's Clash of Civilizations and entrenched the cultural edifice of the middle world. However, it's still debatable that really Western functionaries acting in Arab palaces had no intention other than economic professionalism as the author has stated. It is also a questionable assertion to say the West ever had a civilization.

#### INTERWOVEN CONSEQUENCES

The book, alongside, gives insightful analysis based on specific events enumerating their diverse causes and consequences in a comprehensive description, not interwoven with the confusing burden of information like jingling dates and names. For instance, the idea of nationalism, sparked by Johann Herder in late eighteenth century stateless Europe and later fanned by Italian Joseph Mazzini, left shocking gravity across the globe, even segmenting the continent into countries, tearing apart the vast Ottoman Empire into ruins and engrossed in ceaseless conflicts. A reader of mere Islamic history will be forced to think of its appalling role in shaping the new world. What a surprise that two tragic world wars, Jews migration, Palestinian catastrophe, civil wars and modern days' inter-border disputes in some way can be attached to the inception of that idea!

#### HISTORY AS A STORY

Another important attraction of history-telling innovatively applied by the author is that he has tried to give a succinct portrayal

of events, simultaneously happening in different parts of the world. For example, here is a seventeenth century world view: Ottoman in Middle East, Northern Africa and Eastern Europe, Safavid in Central Asia and Mughal in South Asia were three major powers of the world. Meanwhile in Europe, the desperate situations after crusades led them to explore new opportunities for survival or trade purposes which Muslims had already 'discovered'. Sometimes, the author has given mind-blowing comparisons between figures/events/ places of both world parts like Johann Huss of Europe and Mansur al-Hallaj of Persia who were accused of sacrilege, Ottoman's adoption of Constitutional Monarchy with the French Revolution etc. By this, the author has crafted a new way of simplifying historical events for the readers from both perspectives.

#### CENTRALITY AND NEUTRALITY

Unlike the author of The Story of the Moors in Spain, Stanley Lane Pole, the book is attuned with poetic prose and ambiguously engaging while maintaining the authenticity of the information. While remembering Spain, the author has not provided special attention to the drastic but evanescent history of al-Andalusia. Rather he has expressed his resentment for not having Rome instead of Baghdad for the far-reaching effect of Islam to the end of Europe. This may be due to the stated centrality of the author in prioritizing the events emanating from the land he has termed the Middle World. However, he has given sufficiently enough details of the Mughal Empire with an attentive description of Akbar and Aurangzeb which was established by fleeing Babur from Fergana Valley of Central Asia present Uzbekistan and centered in the Indian Subcontinent. Similarly, the author's centrality is evident in descriptions of two prominent promoters of Islamic reformation in the nineteenth century, Sir Syed Ahmed and Sayyid Jamaluddin Afghani.

However, in all these instanc-

es of solace, the diligent author maintained his neutrality in order to free the historical interpretation from malice and prejudice. Even this scholarly attribute of objectivity and impartiality has been wisely kept in different ideological and organizational fractional developments throughout history to modern times. It's also seen that the Author has sometimes dragged debates between the stability of Islam and Christianity and so made their outcomes differentially crystal clear. To take an example: Christianity saw people as 'born guilty of original sin' that's why it 'focused essentially on personal salvation'. In contrast, Islam saw they are born 'innocent and capable of ascent to the highest nobility but also of descent to lowest depravity'. The religion viewed them as 'servants enjoined to obedience' and emphasized not only personal salvation but also 'construction of the perfect community'. In addition, spirituality in Christianity is a 'remedy for sexuality' while in Islam it is 'to attain a higher state'. Catchy points like these make the book authentically acceptable to all readers from any inter and intra-fraction. What does the author appeal is clear that the current Muslims have failed to regain the prime prospect of Islam i.e. universal community which is an indispensable prelude to their lost but destined glory.

The book recounts a history of the world through Islamic eyes with lucid narration and precise evaluation, perfectly balancing East and West and deftly incorporating their concurrence. In addition, a reader with crude pre-knowledge of past events would perceive a subtle savour of it. Finally, it turns readers into general historians of all developments by telling stories with historical connections.

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# Idea of Karbala

Makhdoom Mohi-ud-din

KARBALA is a combination of two words meaning a place of trial and tribulations. It conveys profound depths of emotional and spiritual associations. It has a seminal place in Muslim history and consciousness. In many ways it is also cathartic. The Prince of Martyrs, the grandson of Holy Prophet (PBUH), standing against falsehood and tyranny was martyred here in the year 1680 AD Ashoora – tenth of Muharram, the most solemn and somber date of Muslim calendar.

"Imam Hussain's sufferings is recalled by Shia and non-Shia alike in Muslim fight for self worth. His actions and attitudes, his serenity under siege are inspirational for Muslims," writes Ed Hussain in House of Islam. Karbala is remembered and recollected in detail as a pall of melancholy descends, pathos and sobriety permeates the ambience. Martyrdom of Imam Hussain (AS) gave rise to a new history. It elevated the great Imam to a living presence. Karbala continues to ignite imagination. Martyrdom forms the central part of Karbala. Karbala spotlights the injustices of the past and inherent injustices of this world. Imam Hussain (AS) and his gallant and gentlemanly companions made Karbala a high point in the defiance and resistance to the injustice and tyranny. The companions choose a certain and imminent martyrdom.

"We will fight with you until we reach our destiny," Imam Hussain(AS) recited a verse of the Holy Quran known to all Muslims. "To God we belong and to God is our return". Karbala is a passionate yearning of Islamic Ideal. It is spiritual and strenuous longing of seemingly elusive values of purity, piety, equity and liberality. Martyrdom of Imam Hussain has sowed the seeds of a "complete revolution in the consciousness of Muslim community," says Reza Aslan.

"The march of Muslims to Karbala is endless; it is remembered in epic dirges. And for Shias and Sunnis alike Karbala was not some 1340 years ago "it feels as if massacre happened in our life times that we failed to come to Imam Hussain's (AS) aide. This guilt tugs at Muslim conscience" writes Ed Hussain in



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House of Islam. So lamentations are atonement for sin. 'Aza' or mourning achieved its full expression and form at Karbala. The refusal to give up piety and purity for politics and power led to Hussain's martyrdom. An effort at conciliation and amity by him was rewarded with poisoning. The goodness, as a result, was in a rapid retreat. The debilitation of Islamic Ideal was near complete. Forward thrust of material historical forces was daunting and overwhelming, but moral world acutely needed an arrival of a paragon of ethical defiance. It was not crude attempt at power as Tariq Ali claims. The Marxist

historian tries to demean moral resistance. He fails to perceive spiritual impulse of individuals and expeditions. The erudite Scholar, Karen Armstrong is more apt in 'The Battle for God'. "... believing the poignant spectacle of Prophet's family marching in the opposite direction to tyranny would bring Ummah back to more authentic practice of Islam".

Imam Hussain's journey was the ultimate act of courage, the noblest self sacrifice, made in the state of higher consciousness and with full knowledge of its import. Karbala is a classic struggle of good and evil. Martyrdom is primal and Abel is ante-diluvian precedent.

Martyrs are altruistic and represent virtues. Expedience subordinates ethics, martyrdom revives it after every Karbala. Karbala is 'tajdid'- renewal. It prevented stultifying of Islamic Ideal. Martyrdom is spiritual. Mendacious and a materialist cannot experience it. Martyrdom is about austerity and arduousness, an epicurean cannot perceive it. Martyrdom is the realization of the piety of the protest. A martyr embodies idealism, he is unmindful of consequences. The lines of T.S. Elliot scribbled for the different context are relevant here:

And do not think of fruit of action

Fare forward  
Not farewell,  
But fare forward voyagers.

The martyrdom at Karbala sent shock waves throughout the world. Elegies are still written. Martyrdom of Imam Hussain (AS) is eternal, it transcends sects, schisms and spans. "In the distant age and climate," says historian Edward Gibbon "tragic scenes of the death of Hussain (AS) will awaken the sympathy of the coldest readers". The martyrdom of Karbala left behind a complex legacy, both pacific and subversive. Lesley Hazleton, a respected scholar of Islam has a lesson from 'Karbala Paradigm'. It is particularly pertinent for the west. She counsels 'the Karbala story has endured and strengthened not least because it reaches deep into the questions of morality of idealism versus pragmatism, purity versus compromise. Its DNA is the very stuff that tests both politics and faith and animates the vast and often terrifying arena in which the two intersect. But whether sacredness inheres in the Prophet's blood family as the Shia believe or in the community as a whole, as Sunnis believe nobody in the west should forget that what unites the two main branches of Islam is far greater than what divides them, and the vast majority of all Muslims still cherish the ideal of unity preached by Muhammad (PBUH) himself – an ideal the more deeply held for being so deeply broken".

Karbala, the rendezvous of martyrs is sacred geography. Its configuration within the aesthetic Marsiyaa (elegies) is central. The journey to Karbala like the Hijrah – Migration of Holy Prophet (PBUH) has become a pivotal trope. The journey to Karbala opens up vistas of space to counteract imperial circumscription of Muslims into the artifices of the nation states even within similar ethnic particularities. Karbala internalizes migrant mode of journey and is a soulmate of moral one. It has spiritual antecedents, journeys of earlier apostles and the hijrah of final messenger (PBUH).

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## Tarun Tejpal, Tehelka Asked To Pay Rs 2 Crore To Army Officer In Defamation Case

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi High Court has awarded Rs 2 crore to an Indian Army officer for the loss of reputation suffered by him on account of a 2001 "expose" by a news portal alleging his involvement in corruption in defence procurement.

Justice Neena Bansal Krishna, while deciding a lawsuit by Major General M S Ahluwalia, on Friday directed that the amount shall be paid by Tehelka.Com, its owner M/s Buffalo Communications, its proprietor Tarun Tejpal and two reporters, Aniruddha Bahal and Mathew Samuel.

Stating that there can't be a more blatant case of causing serious harm to the reputation of an honest army officer, the judge observed that an apology after 23 years of publication was "not only inadequate but is meaningless".

The court, however, said the plaintiff was not able to prove any act of defamation on the part of Zee Telefilm Ltd and its officials by telecasting the story in question following an arrangement with the news portal.

The court observed that the plaintiff not only faced lowering of estimation in the eyes of the public but his character also got maligned with serious allegations of corruption which no subsequent refutation can redress or heal.

"Truth is considered to be the best vindication against

slander as wisely quoted by Abraham Lincoln. Yet, truth lacks the potency to restore the reputation that one loses in eyes of a society which is always quick to judge. The disconsolate reality is that wealth lost can always be earned back; howbeit, the scar to one's repute once etched in the soul, yields nothing but forlorn even if millions are granted in reparation," the court said.

"In view of the findings on issue No.1 and 2, the suit is dismissed against the defendant Nos. 5 to 7, and the damages in the sum of Rs 2,00,00,000/- (Rupees two crore) is awarded to the plaintiff to be paid by defendant No.1 to 4 for having caused defamation, along with costs of the suit," the court ruled.

On March 13, 2001, the news portal had carried a story alleging corruption in defence deals relating to import of new defence equipment.

The plaintiff, represented by lawyer Chetan Anand, claimed he was defamed in the story "Operation West End" as it was wrongly broadcasted and reported that he had accepted bribe.

In the 48-page verdict, the court rejected the defence of "truth", "public good" and "good faith" pleaded by the defendants and said there could not be a worse defamation to a person of integrity than a "false imputation of him having demanded and then accepted bribe of Rs 50,000".

## Twin Events Keep Gindun Sports Complex Srinagar Busy

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Amid the downpour the events under Golden Age and My Youth My Pride kept Gindun sports complex Rajbagh Srinagar busy.

The day began with a special activity for senior citizens and other athletes intending to improve cognitive function, promote mental health, and reduce the risk of lifestyle diseases besides providing space for socialization.

The senior citizens from adjoining areas of Rajbagh, Sanatnagar, and Kursoo actively participated in the athletic and tug-of-war events.

Many prominent citizens on the occasion pledged to combat the drug abuse and vowed for an all-out support to the Sports Council initiatives especially Golden Age and Nasha Mukh Bharat campaign.

Meanwhile, the district Srinagar Squash championship organized by the District Srinagar Squash Rackets Association in collaboration with J&K Squash Rackets Association under the My Youth My Pride initiative of J&K Sports Council concluded here today at Squash Complex, Gindun Stadium, Rajbagh Srinagar.

Over 275 players from different registered clubs, colleges, and schools of district Srinagar participated in U-13 boys and girls, U-15 boys and girls, U-17 boys and girls, U-19 boys and girls, senior men, and women & men's Over-35 categories.

The senior officer Muzaffar Hussain Wani presided over the concluding function as the chief guest while Kabra Altaf, member of J&K Sports Council, Colonial Ravi Kumar Kulkarni, and Hilal Ahmad Deputy Manager Gindun Sports Complex presided concluding function as guest of honor.

Among others present on the occasion also included office bearers and members of the association.

While speaking on the occasion, the chief guest applauded the organizers on the successful conduct of the championship in a professional manner, hoping that club-level tournaments shall become a regular feature taking the sport to great heights.

Emphasizing that more tournaments should be organized to uplift squash in the union territory, Wani assured every possible support for the promotion and development of the game.

The member Sports

Council also advocated for the participation of more and more girls in sports.

In the men's above 35 events Adil Rafiq, Amir Maqdoomi, and Shahid Khan bagged the first three positions. In senior men and women categories Gul Yazdan, Suhail Amin, and Mugais while Rida Tariq, Aiman, and Sadiya bagged the first three places. In the U-21 men's category Zubair Manzoor, Huzaf Farooq, and Basit Bashir secured the first three places while in junior girls U-19 Faadiya Saqib, Aazia Vakil, and Aayat Tariq bagged the first three places. In the junior boys U-19 Saqib Wani, Mehfooz and Aayan Naqeeb secured the first three places while in junior girls U-17 Zubana Jan, Muizza Muayyeeb, and Rifat Zahoor clinched the first three positions. In the junior boys U-17 Mayank Kulkarni, Azhar Muneer, and Saman Rashid bagged the first three places while in sub-junior girls U-15 Harshim Hafiz, Noorain Fatima, and Mehrehma Sajad bagged first three places.

The competitions in the other categories were in progress when the report was filed. The championship was sponsored by J&K Sports Council.

## Adani Wilmar Files Police Complaint Over Fake 'Fortune' Brand Products



Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Edible oil major Adani Wilmar Ltd today said it has filed a police complaint against a B2B platform for allegedly distributing counterfeit products in the name of its 'Fortune' brand.

As part of a routine market survey, Adani Wilmar representatives discovered the malpractice.

In a statement, the company said it has filed a first information report (FIR) through their agency against the B2B platform for alleged distribution of counterfeit products on the platform.

The FIR has been filed with Badalpur police station in Gautam Budh Nagar District, Uttar Pradesh.

Adani Wilmar said the law enforcement authorities conducted a raid at the warehouse of the B2B (business to business) platform "wherein alarming quantities of counterfeit products bearing the 'Fortune' brand name, the flagship brand of Adani

Wilmar were seized."

The seized products included 126 pet bottles of Fortune Kacchi Ghani Mustard Oil (1 litre pack) without the lid, 37 fake Fortune Refined Soybean Oil (1 litre pouches), and 16 pet bottles of Fortune Sarso Oil (1 litre packs).

"We are deeply concerned about counterfeit products circulating in the market and posing risks to consumers' health," an Adani Wilmar spokesperson said.

Taking this matter seriously, the spokesperson said the company is collaborating with authorities to swiftly identify sources of counterfeits, and take decisive actions against unscrupulous traders.

According to the statement, the company initiated an in-depth examination of the reported product, which revealed significant mismatches in batch code details, fake QR codes, and different packaging materials, confirming the presence of counterfeit products.

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## Heavy Rains

Torrential rains continued in most parts of Doda and Kishtwar districts for the third day on Saturday, resulting in the increase in water level in the Chenab and its tributaries Neeru and Kalnai.

The authorities have advised people to remain cautious and stay away from rivers, streams, and other vulnerable spots.

### Landslides Hit Banihal Highway

A fresh batch of over 3,000 Amarnath pilgrims left a base camp here for Kashmir on Saturday but their convoy was briefly stopped in Ramban following landslides at two places along the Jammu-Srinagar highway, officials said.

Landslides due to rains were reported from Mehara and Dalwas areas along the 270-km highway but after removal of debris traffic movement was restored, officials said.

The 20th batch of 3,472 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu in 132 vehicles in the early hours of Saturday but the convoy was stopped at Chanderkote due to the closure of the highway, they said.

The pilgrims were later allowed to move towards their destinations in the Kashmir Valley to join the yatra, the officials said, adding they reached Banihal around noon.

Of them, 2,515 pilgrims are listed to undertake the yatra to the Amarnath cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas from Pahalgam in Anantnag district and 957 by the Baltal route in Ganderbal district, the officials said.

## 97 Families

news agency KNO reported that a massive rescue operation was launched in the village after Chenab river breached the protection wall today.

He said that a few days ago 43 families were shifted, however, due to heavy rainfall since morning the situation deteriorated further as Chenab river breached protection wall and inundated the village.

Sub Divisional Police Officer Akhnoor, Mohan Lal Sharma said 97 families have been shifted to safer places and temporary shelters have also been established for them.

He said that situation may escalate further in the village if more water flows in from Chenab river due to heavy rainfall.

## More Rainfall

are expected in Jammu and Kashmir during next 24 hours," a meteorological department official said.

"Some spells can be heavy, especially in Kathua district," he said.

On July 23, the official said, intermittent light to moderate rain was expected at scattered places of J&K.

On July 24-25, he said, partly to generally cloudy weather is expected. "A brief spell of rain may occur at some places." On July 26-28, he said, no large change is expected.

Regarding rainfall in the last 24 hours till 0830 hours today, he said, Srinagar received 8.6mm, Qazigund 25.8mm, Pahalgam 10.1mm, Kupwara 00mm, Gulmarg 4.4mm, Jammu 0.2mm, Bhaderwah 5.6mm and Batote 3.8mm.

Regarding the minimum temperature today, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 19.4°C, Qazigund 25.8°C, Pahalgam 16.0°C, Kupwara 18.6°C, Kokernag 17.7°C, Gulmarg 13.5°C, Jammu 26.3°C, Banihal 18.7°C, Batote 19.5°C, Katra 24.6°C and Bhaderwah 19.1°C.

## Shooting Stone

Abdul Rashid Bhat was on his way to Chakki in Pogal Paristan area when he was fatally hit by the shooting stones, Tehsildar Nasir Javed said.

He said Pogal Paristan witnessed heavy rains, cloudburst and flash floods in the morning, also damaging a residential house at Alinbas-A, Chanbas, while a portion of Ukhral-Senabathi road was damaged.

A bridge abutment near Magarkote, Sujmatra was swept away in the flash floods, leaving several villages including Khowra, Dragali, Dardahi and Ahma without connectivity, the official said.

## LG Sinha

Monday's meeting comes in the backdrop of the first round of talks held between the Shia leaders and the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir on Friday.

Sources said the Mondays meeting has been specifically convened to take a final call on the 8th Muharram procession.

Confirming the meeting Agha Syed Hadi, a prominent Shia leader, told Kashmir Observer that they are hopeful that the administration will allow 8th Muharram procession this year given that there is considerable improvement in the overall situation in the Kashmir valley.

He said the meeting with the Div Com Kashmir remained inconclusive a day earlier and that the final call in this direction will be taken by LG Sinha in the meeting scheduled on July 24.

The two major processions of 8th and 10th Muharram were banned in 1989 by the then Governor administration fearing the processions may turn into pro-azadi demonstrations. Ever since, only small mourning processions are allowed in in Shia dominated areas in the interiors of Srinagar city.

Muharram marks the anniversary of the brutal massacre of the family of the noble Prophet of Islam in the

deserts of Karbala some 1400 years ago and every year Shia Muslims the world over commemorate the tragic event by taking out processions and holding majalis especially in the first 10 days of the month.

## Political Parties

saying that the situation in Jammu and Kashmir has improved. So, I don't see any reason why processions on 8th and 9th (mourning days) of Muharram through the traditional routes should be stopped," Sadiq told PTI.

He asked if the Amarnath Yatra and Janmashtami processions can be allowed and facilitated, then why not Muharram processions.

"If you are allowing the Amarnath Yatra and Janmashtami processions through the interiors of the Srinagar city and Mela Kheer Bhawani, then why not Muharram processions?"

"If an event like G20 can take place in Srinagar city and the government says from every platform that the situation in Jammu and Kashmir has improved since 2019, why stop Muharram processions," he asked.

People's Conference secretary general Imran Reza Ansari said allowing Muharram processions can prove to be a confidence-building measure.

"The government is saying that the situation (in Kashmir) looks visibly peaceful and it has been incident-free for the last five-six years. I think this is the right time and it will be a confidence-building measure," he said.

"We should start the procession from Guru Bazar to Dal Gate and the 10th Muharram procession should be from Abi Guzar to Zadibal," he said.

Ansari said the Muslim community did not demand lifting of the ban when the situation in the Valley was not favourable but now that things have improved, "all Shia organisations have been repeatedly and jointly asking the government of Jammu and Kashmir to allow the processions".

"Muharram is not a festival, it is a month of mourning for all Muslims. So, there is no politics or any other kind of activity involved in the processions. It is just purely about spirituality and faith. So, I think the government should take a call," he added.

The traditional procession, to mark the eighth and tenth days of the 10-day Muharram mourning period, used to pass through Abi Guzar and the interior areas of the city. However, it was banned after the eruption of militancy in the valley in the 1990s with authorities maintaining that religious gatherings were used for propagating separatist sentiments. (PTI)

## 4 Jail Officials

him permission or passed any order allowing him to argue his case in person.

Malik appeared in the top court

when a bench headed by Justice Kant was hearing an appeal filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against the September 20, 2022 order of a trial court in Jammu in the 1989 kidnapping of Rubaiya Sayeed, the daughter of then Union minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed.

## Man Gets

of appeal is over."

Similar order has been passed with regard to another case for which the accused had issued the cheque of same amount on 22 February 2014.

Likewise, the court convicted and sentenced Malla with regard to cheque issued on 6 January 2014 for an amount of Rs 2,90,000.

"As a result, the accused is sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of one year and is imposed a fine of Rs.5.80 lakh which is double the amount of cheque."

Further, the court said, an amount of Rs. 2.80 lakh out of such fine shall be paid to the complainant as compensation for the loss suffered by it.

"In case of default in payment of compensation, the accused shall undergo further imprisonment for a period of six months," the court said, adding, "further, such fine of Rs. 3 lakh imposed on the accused shall be recovered by issuance of levy warrant to be executed by District Collector Baramulla who is authorised to realize the amount from the accused by attachment of immovable property of the accused after the period of appeal is over." Similar order was passed by the court with regard to cheque issued by Malla on 7 January 2014.

## Pilgrims Are Now

Ambassadors of J&K. The economic activities associated with spiritual pilgrimage generate livelihood for the locals and spur tourist influx to the UT," he added.

The meeting also discussed the deployment of security and police personnel, Doctors, medical staff, rescue teams, and the steps taken to facilitate the smooth movement of yatris.

During his visit to Chandanwari Base Camp, the LG interacted with pilgrims, sanitation workers, service providers and took stock of the arrangements.

The LG was accompanied by Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, CEO, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Dr. Piyush Singla, Administrative Secretary, Revenue Department; Syeed Fakhruddin Hamid, Deputy Commissioner Anantnag and other senior officers of District Administration, SASB, Police and Army.

## 2 More Yatris

Lal's death was being ascertained, they added.

These two deaths have taken the toll during the yatra so far this year to 36.

Cardiac arrest triggered by low oxygen concentration at high altitudes is one of the most common causes of fatalities among Amarnath pilgrims and security forces posted there.

So far, more than three lakh pilgrims have visited the cave shrine to glimpse the natural ice lingam formation.

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

## Flash Floods

work was underway in Leh town, especially in Khakshal, Sanker, Skampari, Chhubi, Zangsti and the main market Gonpa Soma areas.

As a result of the flash floods, a programme of the Dalai Lama in Leh was postponed, the officials said.

They said some shops were damaged in the Gangles area and there was a lot of debris in the Chokhang Vihara area.

Many tourists, including foreigners, lent a helping hand and were seen cleaning the main market area following the flash flood. President of the Ladakh Buddhist Association Thupstan Chewwang said soon after the flash floods struck, Army personnel arrived voluntarily and helped minimise the damage. "I want to thank the Army," he added.

"Since the morning, hundreds of Buddhists, Muslims, and foreigners have rendered their services, which also indicates religious harmony and unity in Ladakh. All of these people have come voluntarily to help in the restoration work," Chewwang said.

He said Chogam Vihara is a low-lying area and so water and debris entered buildings like their meeting hall, causing damage to furniture etc.

"There is more than six inches of mud. Though there is not much loss economically, this is a lesson for us for the future. The UT administration will have to think over it and rectify the drainage system, which is in shambles," he said.

Ladakh Police, meanwhile, requested the general public, civil societies and volunteers of various organisations to aid the police and civil administration in rescue efforts so that normal life and traffic regulations are resumed at the earliest.

## Driver Dead

A police official confirmed the death of the driver and said that a case has been registered and further investigations taken up.

## Govt Employee

Giving more details, he said, the complainant had applied for the post of Lumberdar Mohura in Tehsil Office Boniyar and he was declared a successful candidate after qualifying the criteria laid down.

The complainant, he said, approached Tehsildar Boniyar, for the receipt of the appointment order.

Tehsildar, the spokesperson said, asked the complainant to contact his clerk Marefatul Haq.

"The clerk initially demanded Rs 2,000 from the complainant as bribe for preparing and issuing his appointment order as Lumberdar Mohura," he said, adding that under compulsion, the complainant paid Rs 2,000 to the concerned clerk but no appointment order was given to him.

The spokesperson said that the complainant also alleged that he kept on visiting the office of Tehsildar for issuance of appointment order but the clerk demanded Rs 10,000 more from him for preparation & issuance of appointment order.

"As the complainant did not want to pay any bribe to the concerned, he under these circumstances approached the Anti corruption Bureau with his complaint and requested for legal action against the accused clerk for demanding bribe," he said.

As the contents of complaint prima facie disclose the commission of offence punishable U/S 7 of the PC Act 1988 by accused public servant, accordingly, the spokesperson said, a Case FIR No. 06/2023 was registered at Police Station Anti Corruption Bureau Baramulla U/S 7 of the PC Act 1988 & the investigation were initiated.

"During the course of investigation a trap team was constituted which laid a successful trap and caught the accused clerk red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe amount of Rs10, 000 from the complainant in Tehsil office Boniyar," he said.

The clerk, he said, was arrested on the spot after completing all legal formalities.

"During his personal search suspicious bundles of currency amounting to ₹64,500/- was also recovered which was also seized as he failed to account for the source of the money recovered from his possession," the spokesperson said.

He said that further investigations in the case are going on and searches at the residence of the accused are being conducted at Chandilora, Tangmarg as well as at Hamdania Colony Bemina.



## Urban Local Body Polls NC Forms Committee To Gear Up Party Cadre In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference on Saturday said it has set up a 21-member committee to gear up the party cadres for upcoming elections to urban local bodies here.

Jammu NC provincial president Rattan Lal Gupta constituted the committee headed by district president,

Jammu Urban, Chander Mohan Sharma on the directions of the party high command, the party said in a statement here.

The National Conference said the committee would gear up party cadres for the smooth conduct of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) elections likely to take place later this year on completion of the five-year term of the existing ULBs.

## World Brain Day

### 80% Strokes Can Be Prevented With Lifestyle Changes: DAK

Srinagar: On world brain day, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Saturday said 80 percent of stroke cases can be prevented through changes in lifestyle.

"Eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, not smoking and maintaining the right weight can prevent most of the strokes," said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

Dr Hassan said over the years stroke cases are on the rise in Kashmir valley. Not only elderly, we are seeing increase in number of strokes among younger people.

"One big factor for this spike is junk food which has largely replaced homemade food," he said adding another reason for the surge in strokes is sedentary life style.

The DAK President said Junk food and physical inactivity is pushing more people towards obesity.

Weight gain has been linked to diabetes, hypertension, and high cholesterol which are the key factors that lead to stroke.

"In order to reduce the burden of stroke in the community, it is important to encourage people to eat healthy food and stay active.

People should take diet rich in fruits and vegetables, limit salt intake and avoid fast foods," he said.

Stroke is a brain attack and is the leading cause of disability and second leading cause of death in Kashmir.

"There is a dire need to



**There is a dire need to make people familiar with the symptoms of stroke which can include face drooping, limb weakness, speech difficulty, numbness, confusion or trouble speaking, trouble seeing, trouble walking and severe headache**

make people familiar with the symptoms of stroke which can include face drooping, limb weakness, speech difficulty, numbness, confusion or trouble speaking, trouble seeing, trouble walking and severe headache," said Dr Nisar.

"Because of lack of awareness, many patients ignore stroke symptoms and don't seek medical attention in time which results in poor outcome."

"Time is the essence when it comes to stroke and sooner they receive treatment, the better the chances of survival," he said.

"Although the benefits of early treatment in these patients are clear, only a minuscule number of patients receive optimally timed treatment," he added.



## Hangul Breeding Centre In Pulwama Made Functional After A Decade

Press Trust Of India

Pulwama: The Department of Wildlife Protection here has restarted its ambitious project of ex-situ breeding and conservation of Hangul or Kashmiri Stag, a critically endangered species, by re-opening Jammu and Kashmir's lone breeding centre after over a decade, officials said on Saturday.

The Hangul Conservation Breeding Centre at Shikargah in Tral area here was established in 2011.

A Hangul was kept at the facility but it was killed in a leopard attack, rendering the project unsuccessful.

However, after over a decade, the Department of Wildlife Protection has made the centre functional once again.

Necessary steps have been taken to protect the animals at the centre from being preyed upon, the official said.

"Hangul is a critically endangered species which is only found in Kashmir and nowhere else in the world. The numbers of Hangul have declined in the last 70-80 years, and the department has taken many steps for its conservation," Wildlife Warden, Shopian Division, Intisar Suhail told PTI.

He said the conservation efforts are broadly classified into two categories in-situ and ex-situ.

"In in-situ conservation, attempts are made to protect and conserve the animal's wild habitat like Dachigam (wildlife sanctuary in Srinagar) and its adjoining areas, and steps are taken to stop its illegal poaching," Suhail said.

In the ex-situ programme undertaken by the government, the species is bred in a restricted area, he said.

"It is in this connection that we have created this facility in Shikargah. Though the facility has been there for some years, we recently achieved success in capturing two female Hanguls, which has raised our expectations of the breeding programme being successful," he said.

Efforts are being made to capture two male Hanguls, he said.

Suhail said, "This programme is a long-term process and once it is successful, it will augment the numbers of this species. The Hangul offspring will be released into the wild and it will help in stabilising their population in the future."

The facility was created with the support of the Central Zoo Authority of India.

Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) funds have also been utilised for this important milestone in the conservation efforts, the wildlife warden said.

## Jammu Crime Branch Arrests Fraudsters From Haryana, Maharashtra

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Two fraudsters, accused of duping dozens of educated youth on the pretext of providing jobs, were arrested from Haryana and Maharashtra after a long hunt, an official of the Crime Branch, Jammu said here on Saturday.

Satvinder Singh and Rajeev Bharanatti were arrested by two special teams of Crime Branch, Jammu from their

home states in Haryana and Maharashtra, respectively, the spokesperson of the agency said.

He said both the accused were at large and constantly changing their locations to dodge the police to avoid their arrest for the last couple of years.

The official said Singh, a resident of Sirsa in Haryana, was booked in 2021 under various sections of the Indian Penal Code for luring and dup-

ing unemployed youths on the pretext of arranging overseas jobs, while a case was registered against Bharanatti of Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra) in 2020 for defrauding a complainant of lakhs of rupees.

The Crime Branch, Jammu has already filed a chargesheet in both the cases sometime back and the court had accordingly issued arrest warrants against the accused, the spokesperson said.

## Encroachment Of Pastureland In Doodh Ganga Range DDC Chairman Budgam Urges LG To Set-Up High Level Inquiry Team

Observer News Service

Budgam: Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Budgam Nazir Ahmad Khan has appealed Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to constitute a high level inquiry team of Forest, Tribal Affairs and Revenue Department to look into alleged encroachment of highland pastureland in Doodh Ganga forest range of Budgam district.

He has also suggested that a Maha Gram Sabha of several villages be held so that pastureland is distributed among different pastoralist communities for grazing purposes.

According to details, DDC Chairman Budgam has sent a written communication to LG Manoj Sinha on Thursday requesting him to intervene in the alleged land grab in Chaskani Naad pastureland in Doodh Ganga forest range of Budgam.

Khan in his letter has informed LG Sinha that a delegation of people mostly from the Scheduled Tribe (ST), Gujjar community of Branwar, Jabbad, Neegu villages in Budgam District came to him regarding denial of the grazing rights to their sheep in pasture land of Chaskani Naad which is located at an altitude of 4000 meters in Doodh Gan-

ga Range of Pir Panjal Forest Division Budgam.

"The villagers allege that an influential family from the same village who are into Govt Jobs, Politics, Business have captured around 10,000 kanals of grassland in Chaskani Naad bahak in Doodh Ganga forest range. They allegedly take money as ransom from grazers especially some Bakerwal families of Rajouri and Poonch allowing them to graze their animals," reads the letter.

Chairman DDC Budgam in his letter mentioned that Chaskani Naad pastureland (bahak) originally belongs to the villagers of Branwar Jabbad, Neegu and adjoining villages and should have been technically allotted to them under Forest Rights Act for grazing purposes in summers.

"The influential family is misleading the Civil Administration, Forest Department, Police and even Judiciary by filing wrong statements and around 70 to 80 other families from Branwar, Neegu, Jabbad villages whose sheep are right now in the grasslands of Chaskani Naad are living under constant fear and threat. They are being asked to leave the place by misquoting a court order from Sub Judge Chadoora.

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DIPK-NB-2158/23 dated: 22-07-2023

Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir  
**Office Of The Executive Engineer  
Wullar-Manasbal Development Authority**  
Gmail: - wmdauthority@gmail.com  
E-NIT No. 09 of 2023-2024 Dated 21-07-2023  
(Single Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT, e-tenders are invited on Percentage Basis from the approved & eligible Firms/Agencies, Contractors registered with J&K UT Govt., CPWD, Railways & other State/Central Govt. for the following works:

| S. No. | Name of Work   | Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs) | Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees) | Earnest Money | Time of Completion | M.H of Account | Class of Contractor |
|--------|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1.     | Construction of Selfie Point Near opposite army camp at Safapora Manasbal. | 8.00                    | 300                        | 16000         | 45 days            | UT Capex       | CEE & DEE           |
| 2.     | Providing and fixing of Signages / Hoardings at various places.            | 5.00                    | 300                        | 10000         | 45 days            |                | DEE                 |

Position of Funds: - Available.  
Position of AA: - Accorded.  
Position of TS: - Accorded.

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, drawings, Bill of Quantities (BOQ), Set of Terms and conditions and details can be seen/downloaded from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and as published in newspapers as per the schedule of dates given below:-

| Date of Issue of Tender Notice             | 21.07.2023  |
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| Period of downloading of bidding documents | 22.07.2023 from 10.00 A.M   |
| Bid submission Start Date                  | 22.07.2023 from 10.30 A.M   |
| Bid Submission End Date                    | 31.07.2023 upto 4.00 P.M.   |
| Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)    | 01.08.2023 at 10.30 A.M in the office of Executive Engineer Wullar-Manasbal Dev. Authority. |

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in shape of DD/GR in favour of Executive Engineer Wullar-Manasbal Dev. Authority (tender receiving authority).
- Any deviation shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.
- The Successful Bidders has to produce an amount of equal to 5% of allotted cost as performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged in favour of Executive Engineer Wullar-Manasbal Dev. Authority within 05 days after opening of tender and same shall be released after expiry of Defective Liability Period (DLP).
- The earnest money deposit of 2% of successful bidder shall be released after receipt of 5% of performance security.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer Wullar-Manasbal Dev. Authority (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of Technical bid.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited if:-
  - Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
  - Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
  - Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- (A). Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) to acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents file in terms of soft copies and all other documents required as per NIT with technical bid. No document (s) which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained for technical evaluation in the form of hard copy. However in case of any clarification the bidders have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
Wullar-Manasbal Dev. Authority

No. EE/WMDA/468-71  
DIPK-NB-2154/23 Dated:- 22-07-2023.

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir,  
**Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara**

3<sup>rd</sup> Fresh NIT No.26-Kupwara/ 3716-26 of 2023-24 e-tendering DATED: - 21-07-2023

For & on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other state/Central Governments for the following works:-

| S. No | Name of Work  | Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs) | Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees) | Earnest Money (In rupees) | Time of Completion In days | Time & Date of Opening of Bid | Class of Contractor | Major Head of Account |
|-------|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.    | Construction of 3 Roomed School Building along with toilet at PS DADDER Keran | 19.98                   | 800/-                      | 40000/-                   | 180 days                   | 27-07-2023                    | "B&C"               | Asprational Block     |
| 2.    | Construction of 3 Roomed School Building along with toilet at PS Dehri Keran  | 19.98                   | 800/-                      | 40000/-                   | 180 days                   | 27-07-2023                    | "B&C"               | Asprational Block     |

Position of AAA : \_\_\_\_\_ : **Accorded**  
Position of funds : \_\_\_\_\_ : **Approved**

- 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:-
 

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| 01. Date of issue of Tender Notice             | 21-07-2023   |
| 02. Period of downloading of bidding documents | From 21-07-2023 to 27-07-2023 (4.00P.M)  |
| 03. Bid submission start date                  | 21-07-2023 from (10.00A.M)   |
| 04. Bid submission end date                    | 27-07-2023 upto (04.00P.M)   |
| 05. Date & time of opening Bids (on line)      | 27-07-2023 at (6:00P.M) in the Office of the Executive Engineer RnB Division Kupwara |
- Terms and Conditions :-**  
The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading softcopy any short fall found in the soft copy tender shall be rejected.  
a. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape Treasury Challan (Under Account Head 0059) (Treasury Challan) must be written boldly the Name of Work, Name of Contractor alongwith Cell No, NIT No. & Sr. No of NIT) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara  
b. The Successful Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% additional performance security deposit of the allotted cost. The same shall be released after successful completion of the defect liability Period of the work. The EMD of 2% successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 3% Performance Security  
c. The GST-3B for last Quarter (Quarterly return) and Previous month for (Monthly return) Should be uploaded, irrespective of date of Tender  
d. No bid shall be accepted if enlistment card is not found in JKPWDOMS online of those departments which have been serving the said portal as per circular instruction issued by development Commissioner works vide No.PW/DCW/DB/668-72 DT.10-06-2022  
e. 1<sup>st</sup> lowest bidder will submit the CDR/FDR within two days after opening of Tender falling which 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest will be approached. Besides 1<sup>st</sup> lowest will be debarred from participating in tendering process for one year in this division.  
f. Manual offers delivered by post/fax or in person, or offers sent by e-mail or telex shall not be accepted against electronic tenders, even if such offers are received in time. All such offers shall be considered as invalid offers and shall be rejected summarily, without any consideration  
g. In case the L-1 fails deposit the requisite document, the action against the L-1 as per PWD rules leading to blacklisting of contractor.  
h. On Opening of financial bid the L1 has to produce the Original CDR/FDR pledge to the opening Authority before allotting the work along with Cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan  
i. Upload Valid Registration CARD /Renewal, PAN CARD, GST Certificate and latest GST clearance ending previous Month.  
j. It is mandatory for all bidders participating to submit all documents in terms of soft copies in e-tendering website and no documents in terms of Hard Copies shall be entertained. However, lowest bidder will be called for submission of CDR/FDR as well as Treasury Challan and CDR/FDR of the other participating tenderers/ bidders will be released only after surrender of Treasury Challan.  
k. Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who's declared 1<sup>st</sup> Lowest (L-1) after opening of financial bids.  
l. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.  
m. The bidders are advised to get the genuineness of their enlistment cards from the issuing authorities. This is mandatory and bidders are liable to be rejected in absence of the genuineness of enlistment card  
n. The contractor may purchase required material of quality and specifications prescribed, to be certified by Engineer in-charge  
o. The steel/key construction material shall be allowed only of approved brand by the government.  
p. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical Bids.  
q. The tenderers are directed to submit their tender online; in case the last date of opening of tenders happens to be a holiday/hartal the same shall be opened on the next working day.

No. 3316-26  
DIPK-5615/23 DT: 22-07-2023

Executive Engineer  
R&B Division Kupwara.



## District Srinagar Squash C'ship 2023-24 Concludes



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The two-day long District Srinagar Squash Championship 2023-24 concluded on Saturday at Squash Complex, Gindun Stadium, Rajbagh here. Muzaffar Hussain Wani (JKAS) presided over the function as chief guest while Kabra Altaf, Member J&K Sports Council

was the guest of honour. The championship was organised under the My Youth My Pride Initiative by District Srinagar Squash Rackets Association in collaboration with J&K Squash Rackets Association. The J&K Sports Council sponsored the event. The championship was held from July 20-22.

## YSS Holds Various Sports Competitions In Anantnag



Observer News Service

**ANANTNAG:** The Department of Youth Services & Sports conducted various sports tournaments at District and Zonal Levels on Saturday. The department organised Volleyball, Kabaddi and Kho-Kho for U/17 Boys and Girls at BHSS Anantnag and GHS Daigam.

At the Zonal level, Doru organized Yoga Camp under the banner

of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in Block Shahabad at HSS Kabamarg in which around 140 students participated and performed various Asanas. Zone Qazigund held a Padh Yatra for CD Block Vessu in which around 175 students participated. The event was flagged off by Police Officers of the said Block. Students during the rally raised slogans under the banner of Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.

## Brathwaite Leads WI To 117/2 At Lunch

Press Trust of India

**PORT OF SPAIN:** Kraigg Brathwaite (49) helped the West Indies make a bold response to India, carrying his team to 117 for 2 at lunch after rain marred the proceedings of the opening session on the third day of the second Test, here on Saturday.

Starting from their overnight 86 for 1, the Windies made the most of a flat pitch that reduced the firepower of Indian bowlers. At the forefront of their charge was Brathwaite, who carried on confidently from his overnight 37.

Kirk McKenzie, starting the day from 14, gave him good company before pacer Mukesh Kumar dismissed him for



32. The left-handed opener edged Mukesh to Ishan Kishan behind the stumps. It was debutant Mukesh's maiden Test wicket. However, rain poured down precisely at that moment and further play was

not possible in the session. Brief scores: West Indies (1st Innings) 117/2 in 51/4 overs (Kraigg Brathwaite (batting) 49, Kirk McKenzie 37; Mukesh Kumar 1/11) Vs India: 438 all out.

## Ashes: Labuschagne Century Gives Australia Hope In Manchester

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**MANCHESTER:** Marnus Labuschagne's century and Mitch Marsh's defence has given Australia hope of retaining the Ashes with a drawn fourth Test on a rain-marred day four in Manchester.

After the first half of the day was washed away by rain, Australia went to tea at 5-214 in their second innings, needing 61 more to make England bat again.

England were able to land a crucial blow before the break, however, when Joe Root had



Labuschagne caught behind trying to cut on 111.

And while England are still firmly on top, Australia do have some hope after a 103-run

stand between Labuschagne and Marsh that lasted 31 overs.

Further rain is forecast for Saturday evening and Sunday morning, meaning a situation that once appeared dire is no longer so grim for Australia.

Australia need to draw the match to ensure they retain the Ashes as current holders - they have a 2-1 lead in the series with one more Test to play.

However, a win for England would set up the first true decider to an Ashes series in 14 years, when the fifth Test starts at The Oval on Thursday. (AP)

## Messi Scores Stoppage-Time Winner In Miami Debut

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**FLORIDA:** Lionel Messi made a rousing debut for Major League Soccer's Inter Miami as he scored a stoppage-time winner to beat Liga MX's Cruz Azul 2-1 on Friday in their Leagues Cup opener in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Messi drew a foul about 25 yards from goal in the dying seconds and stepped up to deliver what everyone came to see as his free kick sailed into the top left corner and sent the crowd into delirium. After the goal, Messi ran toward the right corner of the field with his arms spread wide and then headed to the sidelines on the other side where he shared a hug with his family.

"I knew I had to score, it was the last play of the game and



I had to score so we didn't go to penalties," Messi said on the broadcast through a translator.

"It was very important for us to get this win because it's a new tournament and it's going to give us confidence moving forward."

## Mbappe Excluded From PSG's Asian Tour Squad

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**PARIS:** Kylian Mbappe has not been included in Paris St Germain's squad for their Asian pre-season tour amid reports that he has been put up for sale by the Ligue 1 side. Relations between Mbappe and PSG have been tense since the French forward said last month he would not renew his contract which expires at the end of next season, when he could leave Paris for free.

PSG President Nasser Al-Khelaifi has said they will not let him go for free after the club spent 180 million euros (\$200 million) to sign him. According to media reports the Parisian club will put up the 24-year-old for sale as of now



as they believe he has already agreed on terms to join Real Madrid for free next summer.

PSG representatives did not immediately reply when contacted by Reuters for comment.

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