

10,000 Woman Have Gone Missing In J&K From 2019 To 2021: Centre

- Have Taken Various Steps For Safety Of Women: Union MoS Home;
- Excessive Use Of Social Media Main Reason: Officials

Agencies

Srinagar: In a shocking revelation, the Union government on Friday disclosed that almost 9,765 women have gone missing from J&K in three years (2019 to 2021) with officials citing excessive use of social media as the main reason behind the missing cases. The government of India gave the figures in parliament on Friday in response to a question in Rajya Sabha.

The Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra informed the parliament that 9,765 women have gone missing from their homes in Jammu and Kashmir between 2019 to 2021.

In these three years, there were 1148 cases of missing girls below the age of 18 and 8,617



women aged above 18 who have disappeared.

While giving yearly data, the MoS Home said that 355 girls and 2,738 women went missing in the year 2019, followed by 350 girls and 2,701 women in 2020 and 443 girls and 3,178

women in 2021.

As per available data just around 3300 women had gone missing in J&K from 2016-2018 while the number has tripled in the next three years from 2019-2021.

As per the data, 943 women went missing in J&K in the year 2016,

1,044 in 2017 and 1,335 in 2018.

Meanwhile the Government of India said that they have taken a number of initiatives for the safety of women across the country.

"The Criminal Law (Amendment), Act 2013 was enacted for effective deterrence against sexual offences. Further, the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018 was enacted to prescribe even more stringent penal provisions including death penalty for rape of girls below the age of 12 years. The Act also inter-alia mandates completion of investigation and filing of charge sheet in rape cases in 2 months and trials to be completed in 2 months," MoS home said in Rajya Sabha.

"Emergency Response Support System provides a pan-India, single internationally

recognized number (112) based system for all emergencies, with computer aided dispatch of field resources to the location of distress and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has launched a cyber-crime reporting portal on 20th September, 2018 for citizens to report obscene content besides that MHA has launched the "National Database on Sexual Offenders" (NDSO) on 20th September 2018 to facilitate investigation and tracking of sexual offenders across the country by law enforcement agencies," he said.

"MHA has launched an on-line analytic tool "Investigation Tracking System for Sexual Offences" for Police on 19th February 2019 to facilitate them to monitor **More on P6**

Yaum-e-Ashura Being Observed Today

Procession To Be Taken Out From Botakadal Upto Zadibal



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Tens of thousands of Shia mourners are expected to participate in Ashura procession being taken out from Botakadal area of the old city to Zadibal Imambargah on Saturday amidst stringent security measures.

Elaborate arrangements have been made to ensure smooth passage of mourners who will participate in the Ashura procession," officials said.

Speculation was rife that the authorities may allow

Ashura day procession on its traditional route following the peaceful conclusion of the 8th Muharram procession on Thursday.

Authorities here allowed the 8th Muharram procession from Gurubazar to Dalgate after lifting a 34 year old ban imposed on it following the outbreak of insurgency in Kashmir in 1989.

Shia leaders had expressed gratitude to LG led administration for what both sides called a "historic decision" urging **More on P6**

SIA Files Chargesheet Against Two Jama'at Members

Agencies

Srinagar: The Special Investigation Agency (SIA) Kashmir on Friday filed a chargesheet against two banned Jama'at-e-Islami members, one among them dead, in a case registered under the unlawful activities prevention (UAPA) Act.

The chargesheet was filed in case FIR No. 17/2019 u/s 10 UA (P) Act of Police Station Batmaloo, registered on 1 March 2019 and later transferred to SIA Kashmir in December 2021, an official spokesperson said.

SIA, he said, filed the chargesheet on Friday before the Special UAPA (TADA/ POTA) Court, Srinagar against Ab Salam Dagg of Bagji Islam Lal Nagar Chanapora Srinagar and abate chargesheet against Mohammad Shafi Dar of Barzulla Baghat Srinagar, who has expired.

During the course of the investigation, the SIA Kashmir has also identified 188 properties which were either in possession or registered in the name of unlawful association Jel-JK, out of which identified 188 properties, out of which 58 properties, **More on P6**



Hundreds of mourners in the interiors of Dal Lake on Friday took out a procession in boats on the ninth day of the holy month of Muharram. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Amit Shah Slams Oppn Alliance INDIA

Says Nothing Will Happen By Change In Name

Press Trust Of India

Rameswaram: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday slammed the Congress and its allies, including the DMK, saying nothing would happen by changing the name of their alliance to INDIA.

The senior BJP leader was addressing a rally here, ahead of kick-starting Tamil Nadu BJP President K Annamalai's statewide 'En Mann, En Makkal (My Land, My People)' padayatra.

"When Congress and its allies, including the DMK, go to the people seeking votes, the public would remember the corruption, including the 2G scam and CommonWealth Games scam during the UPA

regime," Shah said. "Congress-DMK and allies opposed the removal of Art 370; is Kashmir ours or not," he asked.

Taking forward Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Tamil pitch, he said Modi honoured Tamil culture by installing the 'sengol' in the new parliament building. Shah hit out at the DMK regime, calling it the most corrupt in the nation and said the BJP yatra is an attempt to usher in politics of development and good governance in Tamil Nadu.

He named Congress and its allies one by one, including the DMK, Trinamool Congress and Shiv Sena (UBT), and accused them all of trying to empower their families and not the nation. **More on P6**

Unauthorised Absence Gravest Misconduct By Forces Member: HC

Upholds Dismissal Of Personnel By CRPF In 2018

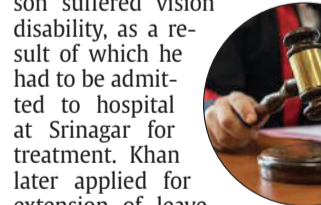
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Srinagar: Absence from duty without leave for a member of the Force is a gravest misconduct, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh has said while upholding termination of services of a paramilitary CRPF personnel.

A bench of Justice Sanjay Dhar made the observations while dismissing a petition filed by the CRPF man, Reyaz Ahmad Khan, challenging an order by the paramilitary force dated 31 July 2018, by virtue of which he was dismissed from service.

According to Khan, he was appointed as a Constable in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and was posted in 231 Bn. Khan said that leave was

sanctioned in his favour from 10 April 2017 to 9 May 2017 but after the period of leave was over, he was unable to resume his duties. Khan said his son suffered vision disability, as a result of which he had to be admitted to hospital at Srinagar for treatment. Khan later applied for extension of leave which was granted, in the first instance, for eight days and thereafter for another ten days. Ultimately, Khan said that he joined the duties 12 December 2017 and performed his duties there upto 31st July, 2018.



All of a sudden, he said, his services were terminated in terms of order dated 31 July 2018 and even his appeal against the order was dismissed. Among others, Khan had challenged the orders on the ground that he was furnished the notice of show cause in Hindi script which he was not able to understand, as such, he could not respond to the show cause notice.

On the other hand, CRPF said that a Court of Inquiry was also ordered by the Commandant on 17th October, 2017 and it came to the fore that Khan had overstayed his leave with effect from 29 May 2017 without any intimation and permission of **More on P6**

G-20 Meet, 8th Muharram Procession Shows Peaceful Changes: DGP

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh said on Friday that the G20 meeting and the historic Muharram procession taken out after 34 years, speaks volumes about the peaceful changes that have happened with the efforts of Police and other security forces in Jammu and Kashmir.

Singh made these remarks while interacting with a group of Probationary IPS officers from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, Hyderabad at a Police Headquarters here, a police spokesperson said Friday.

The DGP told the visiting officers that J&K Police has faced a very big share of problems over the last three decades and has now emerged as one of the best forces in the country.



Referring to the G20 meeting organised for the first time in J&K and historic Muharram processions taken out after 34 years; the DGP said that conduct of such events speaks about the peaceful changes that have happened with the efforts of J&K Police along with other security forces.

"Over the years different forces have worked tirelessly with an aim to bring peace and stability in the **More on P6**

SHORT TAKES

Woman Dies After Mud House Collapses

An elderly woman died on Friday after her house was brought down by a mudslide in Udhampur district of Jammu region. 65-year-old Kisho Devi was inside her mud house in Katwalt village in Ramnagar tehsil when a mudslide hit her house on Friday morning, burying her alive under the debris, reports said. Instantly, an operation was launched by locals and the police to rescue the elderly woman. She was recovered in an unconscious state and shifted to **More on P6**

4 Arrested For Grenade Attack

Police on Friday claimed to have arrested four militant associates for their involvement in a grenade attack in South Kashmir's Kulgam district last year. On May 24 2022, a grenade was hurled on a police party at Main Chowk Yaripora, which missed the intended target and exploded in the crowd leaving 13 persons injured, a police spokesperson said Friday. Accordingly, he said, a case FIR No. 24/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered **More on P6**

Mechanic Dies In Tyre Blast

A mechanic died on Friday of fatal injuries caused by a tyre explosion in South Kashmir's Pulwama district. 32-year-old Zubair Ahmad Dar was critically injured after the tyre of a vehicle he was trying to inflate exploded at an automobile workshop in Sangam on Wednesday, a local news agency KNT reported. A resident of Senzan Shahoora village of Pulwama, Dar was instantly removed to the hospital for treatment. However, after battling with life for two days, **More on P6**

Truck Crushes Woman To Death

A woman died allegedly after being hit by a speeding truck on Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district on Thursday, officials said. The incident took place at a toll plaza on the highway in Banihal, they said. The victim was identified as Aamina Begum of Lumbar area of Banihal belt, they said. The video of the accident also made rounds on the internet, prompting authorities to order an inquiry into it. The Deputy Commissioner **More on P6**

Minor Drowns In Sopore Nallah

A minor girl on Friday died after drowning in a nallah in Sopore town of North Kashmir's Baramulla district. Five-year-old girl (name withheld) lost balance and slipped into Nallah Kurd at Heb Dangerpora village of Sopore on Friday evening, reports said. The villagers and police quickly launched an operation to rescue the minor. However, after hectic efforts, the lifeless body of the girl was retrieved from the nallah. A pall of gloom descended **More on P6**

Five Gamblers Arrested In Sopore

Five gamblers were arrested in an input driven raid in Sopore town of North Kashmir's Baramulla district, police said Friday. Acting on specific information about gambling activities, a team from Police Station Tarzoo raided Ningli Nursery and arrested five gamblers, who tried to flee, a police spokesperson said. Besides playing cards, he said, an amount of Rs 22,500 was recovered from their possession. The accused have been identified as Ishfaq Ahmad Malla, **More on P6**



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Novel Antibiotic To Treat Serious Bacterial Infections Being Developed

Press Trust Of India

Researchers are developing a new broad-spectrum antibiotic compound aimed at treating serious infections caused by multidrug-resistant bacteria, especially in high-burden countries, including India. The compound, BWC0977, is hoped to treat patients in both critical care and community settings. It has the potential against infections that are becoming progressively difficult to treat due to the increase of antimicro-

bial resistance (AMR) in pathogens, such as *Acinetobacter baumannii* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. Currently, the most difficult-to-treat infections are caused by Gram-negative bacteria, which have become resistant to most available antibiotic treatments, the researchers said. Development of new antibiotics that are effective against such infections is critical to counter the public health crisis in hospitals everywhere, but especially in countries with a high burden of AMR, they said.

"Since 2019, we have been following with interest the development of BWC0977 as a potential treatment for drug-resistant infections caused by the most harmful and deadly bacteria on the WHO priority pathogens list," said Manica Balasegaram, Executive Director at the Global Antibiotic Research & Development Partnership (GARDP). "We are delighted to be able to accelerate the development of this promising antibiotic compound, by supporting clinical and pharmaceutical develop-

ment activities, with the hope of getting it to patients where it is most needed," Balasegaram said. GARDP has joined forces with Bugworks, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company with research and development facilities in Bengaluru, with the goal of formalising it through a collaboration agreement by the end of the year. According to the agreement, GARDP would provide resources and funding for up to USD 20 million to ensure a robust development programme for BWC0977.

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From The Principal District Judge, Srinagar
 Present : Mr. Jawad Ahmad
 Mohd Maqbool Sheikh S/o Wali Mohammad Sheikh R/o Mir Behri Nand Pora Dal Sheikh Mohalla Sgr
 V/S
 1. Mehra W/O Ghulam Mohdeem Sheikh D/O Wali Muhammad Sheikh R/O Tanga Khuni Rainawari Guripora Sgr
 2. Mohammad Amin S/O Wali Mohammad Sheikh R/O Sheikh Mohalla Mir Behari Dal Sgr
 In the matter of Application for issuance of Succession certificate in favour of the petitioner(s)
Notice To Public At Large
 Where the petitioner(s) FILED ABOVE TITLED PETITION BEFORE THIS COURT OF ISSUANCE OF SUCCESSION certificate in favour of Petitioner(s) in respect of Rs 155640 as debits and securities in name of Deceased Namely: Late Zoon Begum W/o Late Wali Mohammad Sheikh R/o Sheikh Mohalla Mir Behri Dal Sgr who died on 31-03-2022. The petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed on 03-08-2023
 Public Notice is hereby issued, informing all and sundry through the drom of this proclamation that at any anyone has any objection for issuance of succession certificate, he/she / they shall appear before this court either personally or through counsel or any authorized agent and file objections on or before 25-03-2023. Failing which the petition will be taken up and appropriate orders will be passed in the same
 In case, the date fixed is declared as holiday the matter shall be taken on the next working day.
 Given under my hand and seal of this court on 03-08-2023
 Jawad Ahmad
 Principal District Judge, Srinagar

Department of Wildlife Protection Office of the Wildlife Warden, Shopian Wildlife Division Mini Secretariat Arahama Shopian, e-mail: wildlifeshopian@gmail.com

e-TENDERING
 Tender Notice: Fresh e-NIT No: 19 of 2023-24 dated: 27.07.2023

For and on behalf of Hon'ble Lt. Governor UT of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K / Central Government organizations for the below mentioned works:

S. No.	Name of the Work	Adv. Cost (in Lacs)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender document (in Rs)	Time of Completion (25) calendar days	Receiving/Opening Authority
01	Construction of Crate wire Bunds at various Places using black annealed wire crate mesh to check soil erosion at Bangi Pather Nallah, Hajin Block Khangund Range, Tral WLS	1.66787	2% (two percent) of Advertized cost at the time of submission of Bid/tender	DEE	Rs.200/-	(25) calendar days	Tender Opening Committee
02	Construction of DRSM works at various Spots i.e., Ramdar, Bangi pather and Astanard Hajin Block, Khangund Range Tral WLS	2.97060	online & 3% (Three percent) performance security of the allotted cost to be submitted within three days from the date of opening of financial bids by successful bidder	DEE	Rs.200/-	(30) calendar days	Committee
03	Construction of DRSM works at various Spots i.e., Pawan Aripal and Dubnard zoistan, Khangund Block, Khangund Range Tral WLS	1.98424	Plugged to Wildlife Warden, Wildlife Division Shopian.	DEE	Rs.200/-	(28) calendar days	
04	Construction of Crate wire Bunds at various spots using black annealed wire crate mesh to check soil erosion at Zeethnard Nagwadi Pinglish, Shikargah Tral Range, Tral WLS	1.66787		DEE	Rs.100/-	(20) calendar days	
05	Digging of Bore Well by means of mechanical means, at Khangund Nursery Khangund Range Tral WLS	3.50000		DEE	Rs.300/-	(30) calendar days	
06	Construction of DRSM works at various Spots i.e., Zeethnard Nagwadi and Yashnardi Nallah Shikargah Tral Range, Tral WLS	1.87017		DEE	Rs.200/-	(20) calendar days	
07	Construction of Inspection path with standard specification (1.5 mtr wide), Chesnag to Twiltrag, Shikargah Tral Range	1.35663		DEE	Rs.200/-	(15) calendar days	
08	Planting of poly raised conifer saplings in staggered pits of standard size (Rate excluding cost of plant) Sarbal Spot II HWLS in pits of standard size (Rate excluding cost of plant) Sarbal Spot II HWLS	1.46		Valid Forest Registration of J&K Forest Department. (Territorial) / Horticulture Deptt Should be valid for current financial year	Rs.200/-	(10 days) planting will be done in planting season	
09	Electrification of the Range Office Tral	0.90		DEE/CEE	100/-	(15) calendar days	

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

Position of funds: Committed
Position of AA / TS: Accorded
Compulsory Note & Instructions:-
 Hard copy of all the documents uploaded at the time of submission of tenders should be submitted in the office within seven (03) days from the date of opening of Technical Bids without fail along with the copy of Registration Card of required class duly renewed for the year 2023-24, valid GST Registration / Latest Return, PAN Card and other relevant documents duly renewed.

- a) All contractors/bidders intending to participate in this tender are advised to inspect the location and nature of works or contact the office of the Wildlife Warden, Wildlife Division Shopian in case of any clarification before participating in the tender.
- b. All contractors / bidders have to submit Earnest Money Deposit and Performance Security in shape of CDR/FDR as per Circular issued by the Chief Engineer, PW(R&B) Department, Kashmir vide No: CE/RBK/HD/32857-92 Dated: 01-01-2022. The bid/tender without accompanying Earnest Money Deposit shall be out rightly rejected.
- c) The allotment / Letter of intent (LoI) shall be made strictly & only within or as per the approved, allotted & released budgetary allocation at the time of issuance and shall be valid for the current financial year only.
- d) Works not completed within the stipulated time of completion shall attract fine under rule and no liability shall be accepted / carried forward.
- e) All the documents listed below should be scanned in 100 dpi and uploaded with the bid, providing of Aadhar Card and Contact Number with Contractor's Registration Card is mandatory.
- f) The Contractor / Bidder / Agency shall upload Verification Report of Registration Card duly signed by Issuing Authority of the Registration Card or the Competent Authority.

- The online bids must be accompanied with the following documents:-
 Part-I Technical Bid
 (Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid)
 1. Registration Card of required class duly renewed for the year 2023-24 along with verification certificate.
 2. Cost of Tender Documents (Non-Refundable) in the shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt for particular work to be deposited into Major Head 0406-Forestry and Wildlife remitted between Tender Inviting Date and Tender Closing Date only in any Treasury of J&K UT.
 3. Earnest Money Deposit in shape of CDR/FDR as per Circular issued by the Chief Engineer, PW(R&B) Department, Kashmir vide No: CE/RBK/HD/32857-92 Dated: 01-01-2022.
 4. The GST Registration with GST Clearance ending March-2023
 5. PAN Card / Aadhar Card / in use Contact Number.
 Part-II Financial Bid
 1. Statement of Advertised Quantity & Consideration Rates on item rate basis to be offered by the Contractor / Bidder towards Department [single amount to be quoted by the bidder/contractor on estimated amount] of the advertised quantity in BoQ.
 2. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria specification, Drawings, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen /downloaded from the website <https://jktenders.gov.in> as per the schedule of dates given below:

Publishing Date	28/07/2023 @ 16:00 Hrs
Downloading Start Date	29/07/2023 to 03/08/2023
Bid submission Date Start	29/07/2023 from 16:30 PM
Bid submission End Date	03/08/2023 upto 02: 00 PM
Date of opening of Technical Bid	04/08/2023 at 10:50 PM (In the Office of Regional Wildlife Warden, Srinagar)
Date & time of opening of financial bids (online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation
Last Date for Submission of Original Challan and CDR/FDR and other documents (Hard Copy)	Three working days from the date of opening of tenders

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in>.

- Terms and Conditions**
 1. Bids uploaded must Treasury Challan /Receipt in shape of Government Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) for the amount shown against the work to be deposited in any Treasury of J&K UT under Account Head : 0406-Forestry and Wildlife and Earnest Money Deposit in shape of CER/FDR as per Circular issued by the Chief Engineer, PW(R&B) Department, Kashmir vide No: CE/RBK/HD/32857-92 Dated: 01-01-2022 pledged to Wildlife Warden, Wildlife Division, Shopian remitted / pledged between Tender Inviting Date and Tender Closing Date only.
 2. The technical bid uploaded should contain the cleared scan copies of the following documents.
 a. Scanned copy of Tender Fee in shape of Govt. Treasury/challan.
 b. Scanned Copy of CDR.
 c. Scanned copy of Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/other authorized Govt. dept. duly renewed for the current year.
 d. Scanned copy of the Active GST Number and has filed the most recent Monthly/Quarterly GST return. The same will be checked by this office from GST common portal of State taxes department/Peridot app.
 e. Scanned copy of the PAN Card.
 f. Latest Income Tax Return and Valid Sales Tax Clearance Certificate (Form GSTR-3B)
 g. Copy of Aadhaar card.
 h. An Affidavit with points: - 1. Correctness of Documents submitted 2. Not Being Black Listed by any institution.
 i. Complete address with Whats App No. and email.
 3. The original copies of documents, EMD @ 3% of Tender Cost, additional security (if any) and relevant documents be submitted to the tender inviting authority within 07 days after opening of financial bid by L1 bidder, otherwise the tender will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further/future tendering process in the Division for a period of One year.
 4. In case the cost of lowest bidder is found below the advertised amount, the bidder has to deposit an additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR before issuance of award of contract to the tune as per below details:-

No: WLW-Spn/Estt/2023/881-83
 DPK-6001/23 Dated: 28.07.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
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 Rouf Ahmad Bhat
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 I have applied for the issuance of Fertilizer License for my business unit located at Hamray Tapper Highway. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Plant Protection Officer Lalmandi Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
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 S/o Haji Gh Ahmad Tantary
 R/o Palhallan Pattan fko_r

In The Court Of Chief Judicial Magistrate Shopian
 In the case of Mukhtar Ahmad Dahal S/o Mohd Khalil Dahal R/o Batpora Shopian Applicant
 VERSUS
 1. Registrar Births And Deaths Shopian (Chief Executive Municipality Officer Municipality Shopian)
 2. Public at Large (Non-applicant)
Notice To Public At Large
 Whereas, the above titled petition has been filed by the applicant in this court for seeking directions to the nonapplicants for registration of particulars of the applicant's Daigter namely Aayat Farhan D/O Mukhtar Ahmad Dahal R/o Batpora Shopian who was born on 03-04-2011 at Home Whereas, through the medium of this proclamation, the public at large is informed that in case, any one has any objection in issuance of direction with respect to the registration of the death certificate of the applicants, they/she/he shall file the same before this court in person or through counsel within 15 days from the date of issuance of this publication. If the date fixed is declared holiday the matter will be taken upon the next working day.
 Given under my hand and seal if this office on 28-07-2023
 Chief Judicial Magistrate Shopian fko

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 Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. New Campus Bemina. Srinagar, if any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period no objection will be entertained.
 Name: Umer Mehraj Pinchoo
 F/N: Mehraj Ud Din Pinchoo
 M/N: Zareefa Begum
 DOB: 05-06-2003
 Residence: Kulhama, Nadihal, Bandipora nj

Public Notice
 This is to inform the general public the name on my passport bearing passport no.J7893210 has been wrongly mentioned as Rahti Begum instead of Rahma Begum. Now I want to apply for its correction.If anybody has any objection he/she may contact Regional Passport office Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.No objection shall be entertained thereafter.
 Rahma Begum wife of Khazir Mohd Bhat
 R/o Dawlat Pora Kupwara nj

GMC Organizes Service Camp For 9th Muharram Procession At Shamaswari, Fateh Kadal

Observer News Service

Srinagar: On the eve of 9th Muharram, Gandhi Memorial College, Srinagar today organized a free service camp for mourners' procession at Shamaswari, Fateh Kadal. On this occasion, juice, water and free medicines were distributed among the participants of the procession. The Principal, Prof

(Dr) G M Lone personally supervised the proceedings of this service camp. The NSS Wing, NCC, College Health center, Physical Education Department and Faculty members engaged themselves in providing various services to the mourners with the larger objective of fostering compassion, unity, and solidarity among participants and the community.

KU Gears Up For 20th Annual Convocation

Observer News Service

Srinagar: To ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the 20th Annual Convocation of the University of Kashmir to be held in near future, a meeting of the university's Steering Committee constituted for overseeing the preparations for the event was held here on Friday.

In a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Prof. Nilofer Khan who chaired the meet-

ing impressed upon the various committees constituted for various purposes to work on their respective responsibilities in advance to make this high profile event a grand success.

She said, "This is a grand celebration when our students receive the fruit of their hard work and we must gear up for its smooth conduct."

The convocation is likely to be held in the near future and in this regard the university's administration has already started making preparations.



Child taking a nap in fathers lap during 9th Muharram procesion at Dal Lake in Srinagar on Friday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Auqaf Jamia Pays Tributes To Martyrs Of Karbala

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Anjuman Auqaf Jamia Masjid on behalf of its head Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, who is under house since Aug 5 2019, has paid glorious tribute to the Martyrs of Karbala especially Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS)- the beloved grandson of the beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW) - for their great and historic sacrifices.

The Anjuman in a statement said to safeguard the thought (belief), teachings and basic tenets of Islam, Hazrat Imam Aali Muqam (AS), on 10 Mu-

harram-ul-Haram 61 Hijri, along with his brave associates expressed such valor and sacrifice which will continue to guide the entire humanity till the last day.

"Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) by refusing to surrender before tyrants (falsehood) set an example which acts as torchbearer for those striving for truth (Haq), till the Day of Judgment, the Anjuman said, adding that the exemplary sacrifices of the Martyrs of Karbala will always guide the Muslims as Imam Aali Muqam's (AS) martyr-

dom in the scorching desert of Karbala is a glorious chapter in the history of Islam and humanity."

It added that it was a tradition since centuries of the Mirwaizeen to visit Alam Sahib Shrine in Narwara and highlight the significance of Muharram-ul-Haram and pay tribute to Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) and the Martyrs of Karbala. "Mirwaiz Umar Farooq too used to visit the shrine and throw light on Ashura but due to his continuous house detention, all this could not be possible this year as well."

City Mayor Pays Glorious Tributes to Shohada-e-Karbala

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Mayor of Srinagar, Junaid Azim Mattu Friday paid glorious tributes to the martyrs of Karbala, and highlighted the spirit and essence of Karbala and the sacrifice of Imam Hussain (AS). The Mayor said, "The day of Ashura is a day of great significance for Muslims all over the world. It is a day to remember the sacrifice of Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions, who

stood up against tyranny and injustice. The spirit of Karbala is a reminder that we must always stand up for what is right, even in the face of overwhelming odds and injustice."

The Mayor also said that the sacrifice of Imam Hussain (A.S) is a lesson in courage, resilience, and faith. "Imam Hussain (A.S) and his companions showed us that it is possible to stand up to oppression, even when it means sacrificing our own lives. Their sacrifice is an inspiration to us all," he added.

He called on all Muslims to commemorate the day of Ashura with prayers, fasting, and reflection. "Let us remember the sacrifice of Imam Hussain and his companions, and let us resolve to live our lives in accordance with their teachings," Mattu said.

"The spirit of Karbala is a powerful one. It is a spirit of resistance, of courage, and of sacrifice. It is a spirit that has inspired Muslims for centuries, and it continues to inspire us today," he added.

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HIGHWAY STATUS

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

HIJRI CALENDAR
 10 Muharram
 1445

PRAYERS	
FAJR	4:00
ZUHR	12:37
ASR	5:33
Magrib	7:40
ISHA	9:14

This Day In History

- 1693- War of the Grand Alliance: Battle of Landen/Neerwinden - France wins
- Pyrrhic victory over Allied forces in the Netherlands.
- 1696- Louis XIV. King of France, & Victor Amadeus II, Duke of Savoy, sign Peace of Turin,
- a turning point in the War of the League of Augsburg
- 1783- Skaptar Volcano on Iceland erupts killing about 9,000
- 1786- 1st newspaper published west of Alleghenies, Pitts Gazette
- 1858- Treaty of Amity and Commerce/Harris Treaty signed between US & Japan opening Japanese ports to trade
- 1899 -The First Hague Convention is signed.
- 1913- Albania becomes sovereignty under prince Wilhelm von Wied
- 1914- Russia mobilize troops along Austrian boundary
- 1914- In response to Austria's declaration of war on Serbia, Russian diplomats and general urge Russian mobilization, but the Tsar calls for partial mobilization
- 1921- Adolf Hitler becomes leader of the National Socialist German Workers Party

From KO Archives

Dramatic Encounter Rattles City Centre

1 Killed, scores hurt as militants target security forces in Budshah chowk

Observer News Service

Srinagar - Militants struck the busy business hub of the capital city this evening setting off a fierce gunbattle with security forces in which an unspecified number of people, including five media persons and half a dozen security personnel, were injured.

The militants hurled a grenade at a Maruti Gypsy of BSF (JKOIE-3903) setting it on fire and later opened fire at a BSF armoured vehicle at the KMD bus stand in the close vicinity of Akhara building at around 5 pm, official sources said adding the militants then barged into the Bengal-Gujarati hotel and began firing at security personnel outside. The security forces hit back triggering an exchange of fire and the gunbattle continued till late hours Friday.

Six mediapersons—four cameramen and two press photographers—were injured in the incident while performing. Three BSF personnel, a police constable and five civilians were also injured in the initial exchange of fire which erupted when the area was teeming with people most of them heading homes after office hours and some busy shopping. The injured civilians included a woman and son of a Congress worker.

At least two militants remained holed up in Auqaf building and an adjacent one. The buildings are located near the Aknara building which houses the hol mace of Hindu diety Shiva besides large number of BSF troopers.

Later both the buildings were surrounded by security forces and intermittent firing between the two sides continued as the troops were making efforts to neutralize militants till late in this evening. Al-Mansoorian and Jamiat-ul-Mujahideen militant outfits claimed responsibility for the dramatic attack in separate statements to a local news agency but gave no further details about the intended target or about the number of militants involved in the strike.

A police vehicle which was passing the area at the time of the firing was hit by a stray bullet in the petrol tank setting it on fire. The vehicle was gutted in the fire but the driver managed to jump out of it in the nick of time, the sources said. Fire brigade personnel rushed to the scene immediately to douse the flames.

The heavy exchange of fire led to the closure of all shops and business establishments in the area and adjacent busy business centres of Lal Chowk, Koker Bazar, Gawkadai, Red Cross Road and Amirakadal.

The busy roads wore a deserted look with only security personnel moving the scene of the gunbattle as reinforcements were called in. Movement of traffic came to a standstill in the area.

"This was a fidayeen attack. A group of militants fired at the paramilitary pickets in Akhara building and simultaneously a grenade was launched at a police jeep in the same area," Inspector General of Police Javid Makhdoomi said.

"It was a coordinated terror act. The security forces foiled the attempt of the militants to enter the Akhara building, which houses a temple of Lord Shiva called Chhatri Mubarak."

(Kashmir Observer, 29 July, 2005)

G20 NORTHERN RAILWAY 75 Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr.DEN-IV/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date- **22.08.2023** up to **15:00 Hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. In place of Earnest money deposit, "Bid Security Declaration" is to be submitted or prescribed format as available in document section on the portal.

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System	
Open	Works	Single Packet System	
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date / Time	
27.07.2023	08.08.2023	22.08.2023 / 15:00 Hrs.	
Sr. No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender	
1	140-2023-24-UHP-DRM-FZR	Through Fitting renewal (12.143 Km) of the existing 52 kg/60Kg PSC sleepers at KM 13.795 to 14.819, KM 14.67 to 15.213, KM 15.207 to 15.432, KM 15.503 to 18.150, Km 18.891 to 19.973, Km 20.558 to 21.015, KM 23.913 to 24.075, KM 25.012 to 25.172, KM 25.384 to 25.804, KM 26.784 to 27.014, KM 35.148 to 35.513, KM 35.392 to 36.666 KM 37.795 to 39.189, KM 39.245 to 39.493, KM 39.41 to 40.25, KM 40.37 to 40.886, KM 42.297 to 42.853 on JAT-SVDK Section under ADEN/UHP.	
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21,99,840,48/-	4,4000/-	60 Days	08 Months
Similar nature of work:- "Nil"			

Note 1.: Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.
 Tender Notice No:- 140-2023-24-UHP-DRM-FZR Date:- 28.07.2023 2350/23

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

Whereas Mr. Junaid Ahmad Wani, 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 Notice dated **28-09-2022** thereby calling upon the Borrower namely **Mushtaq Ahmad Malik etal** to repay an amount of **Rs. 1272682.72 (Rupees Twelve Lac Seventy Thousands Six Hundred Eighty Two & Paise Seventy Two Only)** being the balance outstanding as on **31-07-2022** in the accounts 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/s having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower 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 the **25th day of July of the year 2023.**

The said borrower/s 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 in aggregating to **Rs. 1272682.72 (Rupees Twelve Lac Seventy Thousands Six Hundred Eighty Two & Paise Seventy Two Only)** together with future interest thereon from **01-08-2022** and other charges incurred or to be incurred. **The borrowers 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 Immovable Property
 (15 kanals 07 marlas, under survey no.401 (3 kanal 15 marlas), under survey no.642/207, (1 kanal 2 marlas), under survey no.39 (2 kanal 17 marlas), under survey no.643/32, (4 kanal 3 marlas), under survey no.644/402 (1 kanal 10 marlas), under survey no. 645/284, (2 kanal), khata no.325, khawat no. 84 situated within patwar muza Tanjimullah Tehsil and District Anantnag.

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Subject: - **Conduct of the Common Entrance Test tentatively on 20.08.2023 for admission to Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing Course - 2023 in the Colleges/Institutions of the UT of J&K.**

Reference: - i) Notification No.029-BOPEE of 2023 dated 18-05-2023.
 ii) Notice No. 011-BOPEE of 2023 dated 15-06-2023.

Notice No 023-BOPEE of 2023 Dated 28-07-2023

In pursuance of Notification No: 029-BOPEE of 2023 dated 18-05-2023 read with Notice No. 011-BOPEE of 2023 dated 15-06-2023, Online Application Forms were invited from the eligible applicants for admission to Post-Basic B.Sc. Nursing Courses-2023, in the Paramedical Institutions of the UT of J&K. It is hereby notified that the Board shall conduct the Common Entrance Test for the said Course tentatively on 20-08-2023 at Srinagar and Jammu centers respectively as per the choices filled by the aspiring candidates during filling/submission of their Application Forms.

Further all the aspiring candidates are advised to visit the official website of the Board viz. www.jkbopee.gov.in for latest updates regarding downloading of the Admit Cards and other related information in this regard. '.

The other Terms and Conditions shall remain the same as notified by the Board vide Notification No. 029-BOPEE of 2023 dated 18-05-2023 and e-information Brochure.

Note:

- The duration of the Entrance Test shall of two (2) hours comprising of 120 Questions of Multiple Choice Type and each Question shall carry One (1) Mark and there will be 0.25 Negative Mark(s) for each Wrong Answer(s).
- The prescribed Syllabus for the Entrance Test for the said course is available in e-Information Brochure which is available on the Official website of the Board viz. www.jkbopee.gov.in

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 Controller of Examinations
 J&K BOPEE

No. BOPEE/Exam-17/2023 DIPK-NB-2301/23 Dated: 28-07-2023

Vaeth (Vitasta) is unequivocally called the emblem of Kashmiriyat. This river is the jugular vein of Kashmir, and one of the oldest companions of a glorious civilizational heritage which is testimony to an unparalleled legacy of thousands of years. The great river bears witness to different eras of Kashmiriyat, as it has withstood many ebbs and flows alongside its custodians. The river has cradled great sons of the soil like Lalitaditya, Bud-Shah the great and many others. It adds aura to the idyllic cities, towns and villages situated on its banks. It plays a pivotal role in our progression as our economy is chiefly agro-based.

With all its glory and importance, it is however, in a state of wrath. It is appalling to learn that Vitasta (River Jhelum) has begun to intimidate its own caretakers and guardians because they have been fiddling with mother nature unabatedly.

Hydaspes very often swells up to incessant and torrential rains during summer seasons, and consequently, threatens Kashmiris of catastrophic fury. Kashmir valley has experienced the wrath of Jhelum in the past, at many occasions. Since the valley is a cold region, abundant rains and snow are indispensable for its sustenance. So, prolonged snow spells and pretty large amounts of rains are quite common during winter and spring seasons. But, summer months often provoke the Jhelum to spate and anger when it rains heavily. Monsoon winds coupled with occasional western disturbances often create frenzied visuals in the Vaeth. The havoc wreaked by relentless spells and showers in 2014, is still fresh on the canvas of our reminiscences. The fury of nature then had turned the valley into an ocean where commoners were terribly battling to survive.

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Recent torrential rains in the Himalayan regions of India like Uttarakhand and UttarPradesh are enough to send shivers down our spine.

Though rains in the plains of Kashmir during June and July 2023 have been intermittent and scattered but the discharge in Hydespas (River Jhelum) and its other tributaries has been exceedingly high and horrifying. I won't deny the copious amounts of rains at higher altitudes of our valley which have been instrumental in the surge of the river.

The Enraged Vaeth

Mushtaq Hurra



But, the scary discharge levels in the river Jhelum were quite unusual and unanticipated.

The disproportionate gush in the river should not be attributed to rains alone but there is also probably an underlying phenomenon which infuriates the river. Rise in surface temperature of the planet, called global warming, is a bug responsible for this execrable change. Incendiary temperature at regional and global level, is aggravating the crisis. Our own valley of Kashmir is entrapped in this ghastly calamity.

Very recently, we had to combat a nerve-racking heat wave which forced authorities to extend summer vacations from ten to fifteen days. The unpleasantly warm weather had almost turned hostile to us. Scorching and sweltering weather didn't only give us prickly heat, but caused extensive damage to our glacial wealth. Our water treasures viz glaciers are already under the threat of terrible recession due to soaring temperatures in our valley. Last ten days of June 2023 gave some scary visuals to the neighbours of river Jhelum with its

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swirling cascades and rise. Flashfloods are ravaging habitations.

River Jhelum is the chief source of irrigation and drinking water for major areas of the valley. So, sufficient flow in it is significantly important for our survival. But, the unusual discharge in its basin has become a double edged sword for us. On the one hand, it poses terrible threat to life and property, and on the other hand, it hollows us silently. The alarming recession rate of our glaciers is a serious cause of concern for all of us. Going by this rate, our aquatic resources are sure to dry up very soon. Our progeny and future generations will curse us for being callous and insensitive towards the grave issue. We can't afford to be complacent and callous. We must take concrete steps to minimise the recession rate of our glaciers.

Since our valley is an eco-sensitive region, so we must be extra cautious towards our environment and its different components. We have begun to fiddle with eco-sensitive regions. Polythene bags, wrappers of junk foods, plastic bottles and other materials are seen

abundantly piling up in forests, water bodies, glacial sites and other eco-sensitive spots. Nature invites us to explore its hidden treasures, but unnecessary human intervention and meddling is proving costly for us. We definitely can't eliminate the plastic from our lives, but we can certainly safeguard and conserve our natural resources and treasures from its ill effects. Though management of non-biodegradable waste viz plastic products is a daunting challenge for the entire humanity, but there are certain ways to combat it.

Plastic alone is not the fons-et-origo of the drastic climate change. Deforestation is another detrimental factor which has caused severe damage to our environment. Plundering the green-gold has become a norm in our part of the globe. Both commoners and people at the helm chop trees in one or the other pretext. If axing trees to meet different human requirements and necessities becomes inevitable at times, then we must not forget to plant new trees against the chopped ones. It will help us to maintain the ecological balance of the susceptible and eco-sensitive regions like Kashmir. Ironically, we pay no heed to it. Even Islamic teachings stress upon the conservation and management of the environment. Sustainable development of natural resources is inevitable to sanctify the truth of "Live and let live."

Emission of greenhouse gases is yet another detrimental factor for the obnoxious climate change. Impact of global warming on climate stirs the souls of sensitive people. Europe is bracing up for its hottest ever temperatures. Sicily and Sardinia in Italy are sizzling at 48 degrees centigrade. The whole world is caught up in the cruel pangs of the warming. Our valley is now no exception to it. Number of petrol and diesel vehicles has increased manifold. Consequently, the temperatures are soaring. And the mounting mercury infuriates the Vitasta and other rivulets. A potential flood threat is still looming large on us. But, we are in a deep slumber. The crisis may go from bad to worse, if a pragmatic approach is not adopted by both commoners and people at the helm.

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Nep2020: Leading India Into A Knowledge Revolution

Dharmendra Pradhan

Knowledge is power. India's rich knowledge capacity is evident in the Vedas and Upanishads, serving as vast sources of wisdom for centuries. With our ancient Indian universities such as Nalanda and Takshashila, India has been an International Knowledge hub of the past. Over time, India's knowledge prowess and wealth attracted many, including the Mughals, Mongols, British, Dutch, and Portuguese, who invaded India in various periods of time in history resulting in a significant destruction of India's knowledge treasures. But it is well known and accepted, that while the invaders could loot our lands and destroy our universities, they remained defeated by the Gurus and Yogis of our land.

While Britain led the world during the second Industrial Revolution, it was the United States that led in the third. Today, as India surpasses Britain to become the fifth largest economy globally, the time is ripe for it to once again become the epicenter of knowledge and lead the world into the 4th Industrial Revolution marked by exponential growth in new and emerging technologies.

Amidst these expected changes, in 2014, Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi set forth a vision to transform India's education system into a global knowledge powerhouse of the 21st century. With over 260 million school-going children and over 40 million students in higher education, India's education system is one of the largest globally. After extensive discussions with stakeholders, including public, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 was launched after a gap of 34 years. As we approach July 29th, 2023, we celebrate NEP's third anniversary with a 2-day Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam - a 'Maha Kumbh' on Education.

Last three years of NEP has seen significant achievements. For the first time in India's history, Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) is integrated into the formal schooling system, recognizing the evidence that over 80% of the child's cumulative brain development happens

before the age of 8. Additionally, a play-based pedagogy is emphasized in the development of the first National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage (NCF-FS), catering to children aged 3-8. This framework incorporates diverse activities like conversations, stories, music, arts, crafts, games, nature field trips, and interactive play with materials and toys. An exemplar of this approach, the Jadui Pitara (Magic box), has been created for schools to adopt.

Textbooks for classes 1 and 2 based on NCF-FS are released, complementing the national NIPUN Bharat Mission to achieve foundational literacy and numeracy by 2026. Around 150 new

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textbooks will be made available, aligning with the upcoming National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE). These will be the books of the Amrit Kaal and will be developed in at least 22 Indian languages, promoting the vision of multilingual education under NEP2020. Digital versions of textbooks are being made accessible through PM e-vidya, ensuring equitable and on-demand access. PM SHRI Schools for Rising India representing the true spirit of NEP are also being set up across the country.

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Furthermore, a unique National Credit Framework (NCF) has been introduced that credits formal and informal learning, spanning school, higher, and skill education & training. NCF enables multiple entry and exit at various levels, allowing students to re-enter the higher education system any time in their life. Credits will accumulate in a student's Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) for recognition.

Technology is enabling students to pursue degree programs online, offering increased flexibility to learners and enhancing access to quality

education, especially in remote areas. Credits can now also be earned through online courses on the SWAYAM portal and soon, a Digital University-one of its kind will be set up in India.

The digital ecosystem for skilling has also been further strengthened with a unified Skill India Digital platform for enabling demand-based skilling, linking with employers, including MSMEs, and facilitating access to entrepreneurship schemes. We are also working on to facilitate global mobility of skilled candidates. 30 India International Skill Centres are being set up aimed at imparting international standard skill training to the youth and enhancing overseas opportunities for the skilled workforce. Over 330 new age courses specifically tailored to meet the needs of Industry 4.0 have been developed.

To overcome language barriers in learning,

many Higher Education institutions are now offering technical programs in many Indian languages. AI translation tools are facilitating the translation of textbooks into different Indian languages. Major entrance exams like JEE, NEET, and CUET are now available in 13 languages.

In the realm of internationalizing education, India's institutions are setting up campuses overseas. While IIT Madras is going global with its planned campus in Zanzibar-Tanzania, an MoU to set up IIT Delhi in the UAE was also signed in the presence of PM Modi himself earlier this month. Notable foreign universities are also setting up their campuses in GIFT City in Gujarat, and there are ambitious plans to further expand the presence of other Indian institutions, including a school board, overseas in the near future.

The dream of Viksit Bharat under the Amrit Kaal can only be achieved by fulfilling the aspirations of the Amrit Peedhi. With about 65% of our population in the working age group, we must create frameworks for an age in which lifelong learning and skilling are expected to be the order of the day.

Driven by the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, India is on its way to becoming a de-facto leader of the 21st century. And NEP plays a vital role in connecting this transformation to the present reality. By emphasizing rootedness in India's Knowledge Systems with an outlook to make global citizens, it has the potential to be a guiding philosophy for creating a knowledge-based society anywhere globally, especially for the poor and emerging economies that are looking to break free from the shadows of colonization. As NEP enters into its fourth year, its success will mean a Viksit Bharat (Developed India) by 2047 and a global world order centered on knowledge sharing and peace.

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Hussain Ibn Ali

Humanity's Lore

Mohammed Saleem

Humanity is defined as the quality or state of being kind to others – humans or even animals. An approach derived from appreciation of human values and of unique ability of the humans to express it.

In Islamic sense, it primarily stems from the divine direction – *inni akhlafullaha rabul aalameen (Holy Qur'an, 59:16)* "... Surely, I fear Allah, the Lord of the worlds". Precisely, the sense of humanity demands capacity of a person to offer care, respect, express hospitality, exhibit love and tolerance, extend forgiveness and express ability to promote equality. Philosophers say, that in lighter sense humanity means happiness and in wider sense it can be obtained by virtues, that is full understanding of our morals and strengths. But for the infallible Imams (a.s.), it is their divine *fkr o amal* and simple manifestation to guide us.

The lives of the infallible Ahlul Bayt, a.s., are not mere lives but a set of ideals – *Eisaar, Sabr, Ehtiram, Ibadat, Ikhlaf, Insaaf, Haya, Masawaat etc. (sacrifice, patience, respect, prayer, manners, justice, haya, equality, etc.)* to guide the adherents of faith to shape an ideal society based on these values. Remembering the martyrdom of Hussain Ibn Ali, a.s. at Karbala, guides us to follow the right path and to avoid the ignorant, for a just & fair social order signifying humanity.

While nurturing these virtues of humanity and sacrifice, the grandson of Prophet Muhammed (s.a.w.a) Hussain Ibn Ali (a.s.), avoided foreseeable blood shed at the holy land of Madinah and moved towards Makkah and then to Kaufaturng Hajj into Umrah. To understand the aforesaid ideals and wisdom (*hikmah*) of Hussain Ibn Ali (a.s.), a brief glance at the historical events would lend credence to it.

The history goes – Hussain Ibn Ali, a.s., left Madinah in a state of hope and apprehension like Prophet Musa, a.s., who in hope and fear, when unjust Bani Israelites were planning for his murder, had left Egypt to Madinah as ordained by Allah (*Holy Qur'an, Sura al-Qasas, 28: verse 21*) – "So he (Musa) left therefrom, fearing, awaiting (and) he said, My Lord! Save me from the unjust people". An acclaimed Islamic scholar, Tabri in his book *Tareekh e Islam* (vol. 6) writes that when Hussain Ibn Ali (a.s.), left Madinah on 28th Rajab, 60 Hijri, Sunday evening, in a similar state of hope and apprehension, same verse of holy Qur'an (28:21) was on his lips, seeking refuge of Allah from the unjust people to avoid foreseeable blood shed at Madinah. A similarity of situation and the will of Allah. Hussain Ibn Ali, a.s., in a state of loneliness and estranged world, never intended to stir conflict in the turbulent land of his grandfather but to remain silent, sensing the fragile and unjust situation, barely 50 years after the Prophet's passing, so that blood of the innocents is not shed. He preferred silence over conflict & affliction, leaving no chance to the future historians to allege that Imam got into an avoidable conflict and wasted sanctity of Madinah. Simultaneously, by remaining silent, Hussain Ibn Ali

(a.s.), didn't want to affirm the arrogance and unjust dictates of Yazid so that anti Islam barbarous acts would get unduly established. In this pursuit his other companions of Madinah like Abdullah Ibn Abbas, Abdul Rahman Ibn AbiBakr and Abdullah Ibn Zubair participated, being familiar with the habits and style of Yazid & thus wouldn't consider legitimacy of Yazid. This made smooth sailing for Yazid difficult, threatening his fragile empire and empty grandeur.

Yazid sent a letter to Walid, his cousin, formally informing about the demise of his father, Muawiya, on 22nd Rajab 60 Hijri. Then he wrote a second letter asking him to coerce Hussain Ibn Ali, a.s., and his companions for allegiance (*baiyyat*) of Yazid and in case of their defiance be harsh. He, as required by the so-

A small caravan, including women and children left on that common highway to Makkah which Abdullah Ibn Zubair skipped and rather chose some uncommon route. The Imam (a.s.), thought that none should perceive that he left for war, accompanying the decedents of Abu Talib including women and children, and none should say that he fled deceptively. That is why he chose the highway.

The Imam (a.s.), left from Madinah to the sacred land of Makkah where Hajj had to be performed after some months and possibility of meeting entire Muslim ummah on this sacred & peaceful land. On 3rd Shaban, 60 Hijri, Thursday, the Imam, a.s., reached Makkah and stayed at Shaab e Ali. And people came in groups to meet and thus Imam attained focus and by then Abdullah Ibn Zubair had also reached. Already having seen, sensed again the

ingly stood against him at Karbala, a twist apparently unperceivable. But all was designed.

After 150 days of tiring journey that saw his caravan cross over 900 miles, the Imam (a.s.), finally reached Karbala, also called *Nainawa, Ghazarya, Shabte Furat*, on 2nd Muharram 61 Hijri (2nd October, 680 AD), Thursday.

Wrote a letter to Habib Ibn Mazahir, who along with Muslim bin Aqel joined on 5th or 6th Muharram. Then followed initial defiance & subsequent martyrdom of Hurr, by some historians was the first martyr. In the small army of the Imam, a.s., comprising around 70 persons, were very elderly like Muslim Ibn Owsaja and Habib Ibn Mazahir. The army of Yazid would number between 35,000 to 1,00,000 as numerously written. On 10th Moharram night, the Imam, a.s., and his companions including children, and an African *Kaneez, Hazrat Fiza (ra.)*, all showed gracious contentment. Hussain Ibn Ali (a.s.), put off the candle during the Ashura night, so that anyone desiring to leave could.

But none left. The night passed in prayers. The dawn of Ashura saw the gloomed sky, the day saw the offering of sacrifices one by one, from six month old Ali Asgar Ibn Hussain, a.s., to 75 year old Habib Ibn Mazahir. Then came *Zuhur* (noon time) when Hussain Ibn Ali (a.s.), stood for the prayer and lost his devout companions shielding him and finally around *Asr* (afternoon) the Imam was martyred most inhumanely with hundreds of body wounds with sacred head severed. Thus began another epoch of trial and tribulations for the surviving Bani Hashim women, children and ill ones to cross numerous cities from Karbala to Syria and finally to Madinah, covering nearly 1414 miles. The legendary daughter of Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.), sister of Hussain Ibn Ali, a.s., Hazrat Zainab, s.a., enroute delivered the sermons and at the Yazid's Court at Syria (*Shaam*) which shook the tyrants.

The faith that once was groomed and nurtured after centuries of age of ignorance in the Arabian peninsula, saw its doomed canvass painted with blood of the pious and saintly, which renewed the Islamic message of humanity & peace. Historically seen, Hussain Ibn Ali, a.s., could have sought the support from the neighbouring kingdoms "and even escaped to a fortress in the desert that had defied the power of Caesar and Chosroes and confided in the fidelity of the tribe of Tai, which would have armed ten thousand warriors in his defence", Writes Gibbon (*Decline & Fall of the Roman Empire*). But the Imam (a.s.), never wanted war but something beyond before the will of Allah. He chose victory of right over wrong, of fair over unfair, of just over unjust, of devout over deviated, of compassion over arrogance, of sacrifice over forbid, of benevolence over greed, of knowledge over ignorance. The message of humanity lives on even after 1400 years with its beauty of intention & expression.

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THE LIVES OF THE INFALLIBLE AHLUL BAYT, A.S., ARE NOT MERE LIVES BUT A SET OF IDEALS - EISAAR, SABR, EHTIRAM, IBADAT, IKHLAQ, INSAAF, HAYA, MASAWAAT ETC. (SACRIFICE, PATIENCE, RESPECT, PRAYER, MANNERS, JUSTICE, HAYA, EQUALITY, ETC.) TO GUIDE THE ADHERENTS OF FAITH TO SHAPE AN IDEAL SOCIETY BASED ON THESE VALUES. REMEMBERING THE MARTYRDOM OF HUSSAIN IBN ALI, A.S. AT KARBALA, GUIDES US TO FOLLOW THE RIGHT PATH AND TO AVOID THE IGNORANT, FOR A JUST & FAIR SOCIAL ORDER SIGNIFYING HUMANITY



called sovereign order, sought advice of Marwan, the former Governor of Madinah, who said that Abdullah Ibn Abbas and Abdul Rahman Ibn Abi Bakr will neither offend nor participate in *khilafat*. But a message be sent to Hussain Ibn Ali, a.s., and Abdullah Ibn Zubair and if they disagree for *baiyyat*, then kill them. Walid sent a young boy,

insensitivity of time, the Imam didn't let anyone know in advance about his migration. On arriving at Makkah, the Imam, a.s., remained silent. But farway

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Abdullah Ibn Amr Bin Osman, as messenger to Masjid e Nabvi and Hussain Ibn Ali, a.s. Abdullah Ibn Zubair heard the message and sensing the ill will of Marwan decided appropriate to migrate from Madinah. The Imam (a.s.), didn't sleep the whole night of 28th Rajab 60 Hijri, offered *fatihah* on the grave of his brother, Hassan, a.s. (*Jannatul Bagee*), on the turbat of his mother, Hazrat Fatima Zehra, s.a., and the holy Masjid Nabvi, mausoleum of his grandfather, the Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.a). Past twilight, by early dawn, the Imam (a.s.), sad and dismayed, bade farewell to his dear homeland and to the devout followers.

from Makkah, in Kufa public were in ferment on Yazid's unruly and wild behaviour demeaning religious obligations and the like. They invited the Imam, a.s., in one voice and one heart, writing most affectionate and benevolent letter, delivered through Abdullah bin Asabi Hamdani and Abdullah bin Dhal to the Imam, on 10th Ramazan. Then followed the invitations in hundreds. In the meantime, some kind-hearted Governor of Kufa, Numan bin Bashir, was unceremoniously removed by Yazid and replaced by Abdullah Ibn Ziyad. Then strangely, those Kufans who wholeheartedly invited the Imam (a.s.), overwhelm-

KIMS Doctors Achieve Breakthrough, Saves Young Girl's Life with Complex Spine Surgery

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

Bhubaneswar: Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), Bhubaneswar has successfully given a new lease of life to a teenage girl from Bhadrak, who was battling a spinal deformity known as Scoliosis. The abnormal curve in her spine gave it an 'S-shaped' appearance, threatening her promising future. However, thanks to the expertise of the doctors at KIMS, her spine was meticulously corrected in a recent complex operation, and she is now on the path to a full recovery, ready to embrace a normal life once again.

This ground-breaking surgery marks the first time a private hospital in Odisha has performed such a complex procedure, reaffirming KIMS's position as a leading provider of advanced healthcare in the state. The operation was skilfully carried out by Senior Consultant and Orthopaedic and Spine Surgeon, Dr. Jitendra Kumar Rout along with Anaesthetist Dr Sanjeev Giri and Dr Rajmohan. Dr. Rout ensured that the young girl could return to her studies, play with her friends, and enjoy life without hindrance, were also took a major part in the surgery. Dr. Rout explained that the

spinal deformity the girl suffered from is known as "idiopathic scoliosis," a condition that typically develops between the ages of 10 and 15 and if left untreated, can lead to severe deformities and significantly impact self-confidence and self-esteem. Such patients often become targets of ridicule due to their appearance. Correcting the deformity at an early age is crucial, as it becomes more challenging to treat an advanced age.

The girl's family visited several hospitals for treatment, including AIIMS, but had lost hope until they arrived at KIMS. After studying the case in detail, the medical team proceeded with the life-changing surgery, which was covered under the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) scheme.

Notably, Dr. Rout, who is also the Secretary of the Spine Society of Odisha, accomplished the challenging operation in an impressive four hours, a procedure that typically takes 7-8 hours. The success of the surgery was further aided by the use of an advanced 'intraoperative neuro monitoring' machine, which promptly alerts the doctors to any potential complications during the procedure.

Chief Secretary Launches Artificial Intelligence Framework Of J&K

Says that the step will realise vision of technologically advanced, digitally empowered J&K

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar: In a momentous stride towards fostering technological progress and socio-economic development in J&K, Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta launched the Artificial Intelligence Framework of Jammu and Kashmir as part of Digital J&K Mission.

Commissioner Secretary, Information Technology, Prerna Puri; Director Information, Minga Sherpa; Additional Secretary, Information Technology Department and other senior officers of the department were present on the occasion.

Speaking after the launch, the Chief Secretary said that this pioneering framework sets a precedent in Jammu and Kashmir with an objective of harnessing transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in various sectors and elevate the lives of the citizens here. He added that unveiling of AI Framework marks a defining milestone in our vision to embrace cutting-edge technologies and enhance governance, public services, and economic

growth which is one of the remarkable achievements in last couple of years.

Highlighting that the J&K has shown phenomenal growth in IT services, Dr. Mehta said that standout transformation is being witnessed across Jammu and Kashmir with the initiation of Digital J&K Mission. More than 602 services are being provided to citizens through online mode. He remarked that J&K has been ranked number one amongst the all Union Territories in NeSDA rankings of DARP (which reflects the improvement in the overall governance system across Jammu and Kashmir with the help of digital technologies).

The Chief Secretary further said that the Governance system in J&K has been transformed from the Panchayat level upto the Administrative level with impetus on involving all the citizens from the grass root level into the system. He added that with the unique platform of Jan Bhagidari (Empowerment) Portal, an accountable, transparent

governance system has been established in Jammu and Kashmir which enables citizens to participate in monitoring of development progress.

Dr. Mehta further said that with the launch of Artificial Intelligence Framework, Jammu and Kashmir will emerge as a leader in AI, fostering social innovations as well as realizing vision of a technologically advanced and digitally empowered Jammu and Kashmir. He added that this transformative framework will empower our government, citizens, and industries to unlock the full potential of AI and drive sustainable development across the region.

On the occasion Commissioner Secretary Information Technology department, Prerna Puri gave a detailed presentation on AI Framework of J&K and spoke on length about the broad objectives of this framework and the anticipated outcomes for the UT in running its affairs more effectively with the hallmarks of transparency and accountability.

KendriyaVidyalaya Srinagar Celebrates Three Years of NEP -2020

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar: A press conference was hosted today at Kendriya Vidyalaya-1, Srinagar to commemorate the 3rd anniversary of the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) and present the exemplary progress made in its implementation. The event served as an opportunity to reflect on the transformative impact of the policy and discuss the institution's progressive initiatives in alignment with the NEP-2020.

Assistant Commissioner KVS, Shri Islam Khan, In charge Principal KV No. 1 Srinagar, Shri M. Thahiruddeen and In charge Principal KV No. 3, Shri. Kanti Prasad graced the occasion. The programme was attended by distinguished academicians and members of the media, all of whom gathered to acknowledge the significant strides made in the education sector over the last three years.

Addressing the gathering, Assistant Commissioner KVS, Shri Islam Khansaid that the NEP-2020 has been a beacon of positive change in our education system. It has laid the foundation for a forward-thinking approach that nurtures creativity, critical thinking, and practical skills, preparing our students to face the challenges of the 21st

century.

Shri Khan delivered a presentation highlighting the implementation and informed that KendriyaVidyalaya has successfully implemented the NEP -2020 in various ways throughout its 1250 KendriyaVidyalayas across the country and 3 KendriyaVidyalayas located abroad. In alignment with the recommendations of NEP-2020, the age of admission in class 1 was revised to 6+ years from the academic year 2022-23 in all KendriyaVidyalayas.

Recently, training has been imparted to the selected PRTs/HMs to continue the NIPUN initiatives for the students of class 3 during the session 2023-24. In the year 2023-24, one section of Balvatika-3 is being started in 450 KendriyaVidyalayas, thereby increasing the number of KendriyaVidyalayas having Balvatika classes to 500 during 2023-24.

VidyaPravesh has been implemented in all KendriyaVidyalayas across the country from the academic year 2021-22. KVS is following the NCF (FS) based pedagogy prepared by NCERT, among other initiatives.

Furthermore, media persons raised various questions that were addressed by Shri Islam Khan, along with Shri M. Thahiruddeen, and Shri Kanti Prasad.

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10,000 Woman

and track time-bound investigation in sexual assault cases in accordance with Criminal Law (Amendment) Act 2018, in order to improve investigation, MHA has taken steps to strengthen DNA analysis units in Central and State Forensic Science Laboratories. This includes setting up of State-of-the-Art DNA Analysis Unit in Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Chandigarh. MHA has also sanctioned setting-up and upgrading of DNA Analysis units in State Forensic Science Laboratories after gap analysis and demand assessment and MHA has notified guidelines for collection of forensic evidence in sexual assault cases and the standard composition in a sexual assault evidence collection kit. To facilitate adequate capacity in manpower, training and skill building programs have been undertaken for Investigation Officers, Prosecution Officers and Medical Officers. Bureau of Police Research & Development has distributed 14,950 Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits to States/UTs as orientation kit as part of training," he added.

"MHA has also approved two projects for setting up and strengthening of Women Help Desks in Police Stations and Anti-Human Trafficking Units in all districts of the country and the Ministry of Home Affairs have issued advisories from time to time with a view to help the States/UTs to deal with crimes against women, which are available at www.mha.gov.in. while the Ministry of Women & Child Development has set up 733 One Stop Centres in the country. These centres provide integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence and in distress, under one roof and provide an integrated range of services including medical aid, legal aid, temporary shelter, police assistance, psycho-social counselling," MoS said.

Experts said that excessive influence of social media leading to elopement with strangers is the main cause for the rise in missing cases among the female population while few cases are also related to kidnapping and other issues. They said most of these women are brought back after cases are being registered and eloping with strangers whom they meet on different social media platforms is the main reason in most of the cases.

Yaum-e-Ashura Being

it to lift the ban on Ashura procession on its traditional Abiguzar-Zadibal route as well.

However, according to the sources, the administration did not want to take any chance as the traditional route starts in the civil lines and passes through almost the entire downtown. "Additional security arrangements will remain in place for Ashura given the huge gatherings," an official said.

Ashura marks the martyrdom anniversary of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS), the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh). Imam Hussain was martyred along with his kin and companions in the deserts of Karbala some 1400 years ago.

Vice-President of J&K Anjum-an-e-Sharieh Shian, Darul Mustafa Budgam, Agha Syed Mujtaba Al-Mosavi told Kashmir Observer that the authorities have not granted permission to take out Ashura procession on its traditional route from Abiguzar to Zadibal Imambargah.

"We pressed for the permission of the 10th Muharram procession on the traditional Abiguzar route. However, as per the traffic advisory, Ashura procession will be taken out from Botakdal to Zadibal as usual," he said.

Mujtaba said allowing 10 Muharram procession through non-customary route was meaningless as tens of thousands of mourners from across the Valley used to participate in Ashura procession from Abiguzar that would pass through downtown Srinagar before culminating at Zadibal.

Ittihadul Muslimeen president Maulana Masroor Abbas Ansari meanwhile had urged authorities to allow Ashura procession as

peaceful 8th Muharram has dispelled the impression that anything untoward will happen if ban on Muharram processions is lifted.

"Kashmiris have never allowed sectarianism and that Sunni brethren were seen distributing water and other refreshments among Shia mourners a day earlier on 8th Muharram" Ansari said while addressing a gathering in Zadibal on 9th Muharram.

He expressed gratitude to the administration for lifting the ban on 8th Muharram but gave credit for it to those people who bore the brunt for keeping the tradition of taking out Alam Sharif on this route alive all these years.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY

To ensure smooth flow of traffic, the traffic department issued an advisory for Ashura. According to the advisory, the Youm-e-Ashura will be observed on 10th Muharram (29th July-2023).

"The main Zuljinah procession shall be taken out from Bota Kadal up to main Imambara Zadibal, which effects traffic movement in Zadibal and adjacent areas," it reads, adding that "In order to have smooth movement of traffic and for convenience of general public/motorists, the following traffic advisory is issued: Traffic moving towards Zadibal will be diverted at Firdous Cinema, Mill Stop, Lal Bazar, Bota Kadal & Chattipadshahi."

It further states that "Motorists intending to go towards Soura from Lal Chowk or vice versa shall adopt Dr. Ali Jan Road and Motorists moving towards Lal Chowk from Zakoora or vice versa shall adopt Foreshore Road."

"The vehicles coming from Gojwara towards Zadibal will be diverted at Firdous Cinema towards Dr. Ali Jan road via Sazgaripora and the vehicles coming towards Badamwari from Lal Chowk via Rainawari will be diverted at Chattipadshahi towards Kathidarwaza," the advisory further reads adding that "motorists from the Lal Bazar area will use the Kanitar-Hazratbal-Foreshore road. The General Public is requested to kindly avoid unnecessary movement towards the areas where Youm-e-Ashura processions are being taken out to avoid any inconvenience."

LG Pays Tribute

Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and work unitedly for peace, progress and prosperity of the people," he added.

Friday Prayers

Friday prayers at the historic Jamia Masjid.

SIA Files Chargesheet

spread across the valley, have been notified (under section 8 of UAPA) by the District Magistrates, the statement said adding that this non-investigative action was aimed at disrupting the financial resources and support network of the unlawful association, which has been found involved in various unlawful activities. (KDC)

Amit Shah Slams

"Sonia Gandhi wants to make her son Rahul the Prime Minister, M K Stalin wants to make his son Udhayanidhi the Chief Minister." The BJP top leader also criticised West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, RJD leader Lalu Prasad Yadav and Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray as leaders who desired to see their heirs in leadership positions.

"However, Modi is the only leader who is working for the nation's development," he said. Shah also raised the issue of an accused person who is in jail continuing as a minister in Tamil Nadu. "Stalin should be ashamed of retaining V Senthil Balaji, arrested in an Enforcement Directorate case and in jail, in the cabinet," the union minister said.

"Can a person in jail continue as a minister," he asked. "Should Senthil Balaji not have

resigned? Even if Senthil Balaji resigns, Stalin will not accept it because he is afraid that all secrets will be disclosed."

The union minister said a single tweet of BJP state chief Annamalai has rattled the DMK regime, a reference to the state BJP leader's allegations of corruption vis-a-vis the 'DMK Files'. "Imagine what will happen when Annamalai takes the yatra across the state," he said. Shah exhorted the people to elect nominees from BJP and its allies as MPs to ensure that Prime Minister Narendra Modi wins a third successive term.

The top BJP leader later flagged off the 'En Mann, En Makkal' (My soil, my people) padyatra by state BJP president K Annamalai. It is a "march spreading the spirit of unity and progress fostered by Modi Ji," he said in a tweet.

The union minister held Annamalai's hand and raised it amid enthusiastic chants by party members.

The stage put up for the launch of the padyatra was modelled on the newly inaugurated Parliament building.

The yatra, which will go on for six months, marks the start of BJP's poll campaign ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election

The yatra will cover all 234 assembly constituencies in the state.

In his address, Annamalai likened the yatra to a 'yagna' to reach out to the people about the welfare schemes of the BJP-led Centre under PM Modi's leadership and the "never-seen-before" financial allocations by the Centre to Tamil Nadu.

He spoke about the celebrated visit of Swami Vivekananda to Rameswaram in the late 19th century and the spiritual glory of the land. Annamalai praised the leadership of Prime Minister Modi and asserted that this is the rule of "common men" and Modi is an "ordinary man who made all Indians proud through his work".

"This is the yatra of party workers with the blessings of NDA leaders," he said and named the leaders of the alliance including AIADMK leader R B Udhayakumar who was present there.

"Modi is a Tamilian at heart, and he has made Tamilians proud world over and taken Tamil culture and Tamil classic Tirukkural across the world, which echoed in the United Nations as well," Annamalai said.

He ridiculed the opposition alliance INDIA, and mocked Rahul Gandhi saying he would be Prime Minister only during the weekend and other leaders would alternate as PM during weekdays.

AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami, who is also the Leader of the Opposition in Tamil Nadu, did not take part in the padyatra launch event though he was invited by the BJP.

Former Minister and senior AIADMK leader R B Udhayakumar represented his party and described Amit Shah as the "Iron Man of India" and hailed Annamalai as "Karumbu Manithar" (sweet man like sugarcane).

"I have come here to convey the greetings of the Iron Man of Tamil Nadu Edappadi K Palaniswami," Udhayakumar said. The AIADMK leader said both PM Modi and Amit Shah had great respect for late party patriarch J Jayalalitha.

Democracy and development are the keywords for the NDA, he said. As many as 11 new medical colleges were sanctioned by the BJP regime at the Centre for Tamil Nadu during the AIADMK regime, he recalled.

Annamalai's predecessor in the party L. Murugan, now union minister, during his stint as BJP state chief had undertaken the 'Vel Yatra', (Vel refers to the spear, the weapon of Lord Muruga) ahead of the 2021 Assembly election. Four BJP leaders won in the Assembly polls and entered the Assembly after a gap of about 20 years at the time.

Tamil Nadu temple town, the present yatra is from Rameswaram and its traditional connect to Kashi has been praised (Kashi Tamil Sangamam) by Prime Minister Modi.

Annamalai's yatra follows the release of two 'files' on the ruling DMK, alleging corruption, which was dismissed as false and defamatory by leaders of the Dravidian party.

Leaders of the BJP's other alliance parties including G K Vasan (Tamil Manila Congress-Moopanar) and K Krishnasamy (Puthiya Tamilagam) took part in the rally. BJP's P Sudhakar Reddy and CT Ravi were also present.

Unauthorised Absence

the competent authority, which, according to the paramilitary force is a grave misconduct in terms of Section 11(1) of the CRPF Act.

"...the petitioner (Khna) was charged for unauthorized absence of 198 days, which is an offence categorized as 'less heinous' offence in terms of Section 10(m) of the CRPF Act. Such an offence, as per Section 10 of the Act, is punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to three months' pay, or with both. The question that arises for determination is as to whether a person, who has been charged and found guilty of offence under Section 10(m) of the CRPF Act, is liable to be awarded punishment of dismissal from service," the court said and later responded the question in affirmative.

"...The petitioner being a member of CRPF could not overstay without permission. Absence from duty without leave for a member of the Force is a gravest misconduct," the court said, adding, "Thus, the Disciplinary Authority was right in awarding punishment of dismissal from service. The punishment awarded against the petitioner is by no reason disproportionate."

G-20 Meet, 8th Muharram

region. Much has been achieved and more efforts are on to consolidate the peace further," he said.

He said that it was always a big challenge for the police to fight against terrorism as they come from the same society. He said that it is sheer courage and valour of police that by and large today a policeman is seen as peacemaker and as a hero.

Appreciating the support of people, Singh said Pakistan has made all attempts including a venomous narrative to lure the people and disrupt the peace in Jammu and Kashmir

"All conspiracies have been defeated by strenuous efforts of J&K Police along with other security forces and the support of the people," he added.

The group of 22 IPS probationary officers, including two women officers & two officers from Nepal & Maldives are on a study-cultural tour to J&K as a part of Bharat Darshan programme and of their basic training. The officers were given the first hand experience about the functioning of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

Speaking on the occasion, Special DG CID, R R Swain gave a detailed view about the working of Intelligence Wing, particularly about gathering of information and acting upon them.

He defined the working of terror groups, their modus operandi besides the support that is being provided from across the border and within that includes logistic and financial support for terrorism and discussed the steps taken to break the terror eco-system.

He also spoke about the situation on Border, LOC and the challenges for the Police.

Besides Swain, Special DG Crime A. K. Choudhary, ADGP Armed SJM Gillani, ADGP Headquarters/Coordination PHQ I. M. K. Sinha and ADGP Kashmir Zone Vijay Kumar also shared their vast experiences of working in J&K with the officers.

Woman Dies After

the hospital for treatment. However, the

doctors there declared her dead.

Meanwhile, heavy rains lashed several districts of Jammu region resulting in a footbridge being washed away in a flash flood in Doda and the roof of another house collapsing in Poonch district, officials said.

A link road connecting Rajouri, Reasi and Ramban district was on Friday closed due to a massive landslide following heavy rainfall in the area, they said.

Heavy rains lashed Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban, Udhampur, Kathua, Samba, Poonch, Reasi, Jammu and Rajouri districts triggered flash floods, they said.

In Doda, a footbridge was washed away in flash flood in Kaljugasar area of Gandoh, they said.

Similarly, a roof of a house collapsed in Mendhar with a narrow escape for three members, they said.

There was a major landslide in Chasana area of Reasi district, blocking Budhal-Reasi road, they said.

An advisory has been issued asking people not to travel on the road till it is restored, they said.

The road connects Rajouri with Reasi and Ramban districts via Mahore and Gool areas.

Heavy traffic jam was witnessed on the Jammu-Pathankot highway and there was a long queue of vehicles at Lakhampur, the gateway of Jammu and Kashmir.

Truck drivers said they were facing massive jams for the past few days after damage to the Taranah bridge and traffic was diverted to the link road of Hiranagar.

Flash floods caused severe damage to the bridge on the Taranah nallah prompting authorities to shut it last week.

Water levels in several rivers including Tawi, Chenab, Basantar and Ujh are rising due to heavy rains in hilly areas, they said.

4 Arrested

in Police Station Yaripora and investigation of the case was set into motion.

During the course of investigation, the spokesperson said that police and Army's 1RR arrested four militant associates/conspirators for their involvement in the attack.

He identified them as Nasir Nabi Dar, Mohd Abbas Dar, Aaqib Majid Ganie and Zahid Ali Bhat.

"Incriminating materials, arms & ammunition including a pistol, 02 pistol magazines, 14 pistol rounds and a hand grenade were recovered from their possession. Investigation of the case is going on," the spokesperson added.

Mechanic Dies

he succumbed to his injuries on Friday.

Truck Crushes

(DC) of Ramban issued an order directing authorities to probe the matter.

The people of the area, who were demanding an overhead bridge on the spot for the past three months, held protest demonstrations against NHAI.

The DC also asked NHAI for the construction of an overhead bridge at Lambar near the toll plaza as per the demand of the people.

Minor Drowns

when the news about the tragic death of the minor girl spread in the village.

Meanwhile, police have registered a case under relevant sections in this regard.

Five Gamblers

Javid Ahmad Khanday, Abdul Rashid Malik, Shahzad Ahmad Khan and Sajad Ahmad Parray. "They have been shifted to the police station where they remain in custody," the spokesperson said.

Accordingly, he said, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Tarzoo and investigation has been initiated.

NIT Srinagar Takes Lead In Transforming Education, Successfully Implements NEP-2020

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Director of National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, Prof. Sudhakar Yedla, on Friday announced that the institute has been at the forefront of successfully implementing the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP-2020).

Addressing a Press Conference in Srinagar to mark the third anniversary of NEP 2020 and its implementation in the campus curriculum, the Director wholeheartedly embraced the NEP-2020 over the past three years, effectively implementing its principles with a strong focus on two key aspects: "curriculum" and "governance" reforms.

The announcement was conducted as part of Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam, a nationwide celebration regarding the completion of NEP-2020.

Prof. Yedla was flanked by Registrar, NIT Srinagar, Prof. Kaiser Bukhari, Dean Academic Affairs Dr. Mohammad Shafi Mir and Coordinator NEP2020, Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Ahanger.

The director emphasized that the New Education Policy envisions a comprehensive transformation of the entire education system, encompassing its regulation and governance, with the ultimate goal of establishing a novel framework that offers students holistic and lifelong learning opportunities.

He expressed that education at NIT Srinagar has shifted towards a "learner-centric" approach. As part of this transformation, all B.Tech programs have been restructured, effective from the year 2023, and the Credit system has been rationalized, reducing the minimum number of credits needed to obtain a B.Tech degree to 160. This deliberate adjustment aims to offer students ample room for experiential learning, a valuable opportunity for their academic growth.

Prof. Yedla proudly announced that NIT Srinagar has initiated the implementation of a multi-

ple entry and multiple-exit system at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

"We take immense pride in being one of the pioneering institutions to introduce this system nationwide," he said. The Director also revealed that NIT Srinagar has successfully launched the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) within the National Academic Depository (NAD), with students from the 2022 batch already being registered on the ABC platform.

He informed that their IDs have been generated, and the certificates of B.Tech pass-out batches of 2018 and 2019 have been successfully uploaded on NAD.

Prof. Yedla mentioned that they have embraced the concept of digital learning, enabling students to opt for online courses like SWAYAM, NPTEL, etc., accumulating up to a maximum of 10 credits during their B.Tech. program.

"NIT Srinagar has been utilizing the continuous evaluation system for a considerable period, assessing students' performances to attain the desired learning outcomes," he said.

The Director highlighted that the Institute has aligned its Ph.D. regulations with the NEP-2020, introducing direct Ph.D. admission after a bachelor's degree.

"Student mobility across institutions is a crucial aspect of the NEP, and we have wholeheartedly embraced it. NIT Srinagar has taken a significant step in this direction by signing MoUs with leading institutions in India and across the globe, fostering academic and research collaboration," he said.

The Director mentioned that apart from the mentioned initiatives, NIT Srinagar has been implementing several other academic reforms. Notably, the institute has integrated Enterprise Resource Planning Software (ERP) for streamlined management of students, starting from admission procedures to the conferral of degrees.



MOURNERS CARRYING ALAM-SHAREEF in the interiors of Dal Lake, where a procession is taken out in boats on the ninth day of Muharram every year. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

NIA Court Issues Proclamation Orders Against 2 Militants

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: An NIA court in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday issued proclamation orders against two active militants, a police spokesman said.

The Special Court Kulgam issued the notice in a case related to an FIR registered at the Qaimoh police station in the south Kashmir district, he said.

Before initiation of further proceedings under law against these terrorists, the court has given them a chance

to surrender before it, or the investigation agency, or the police station, by or before September 15, 2023, the spokesman said.

On the request of the Special Investigation Unit (SIU), Kashmir, proclamation orders have been issued against the terrorists namely Yawar Bashir Dar, a resident of Redwani Balla, and Irfan Yaqoob Lone, a resident of Hawoora, he said.

Before issuing the proclamation, the court had already issued open-ended non-bailable warrants (NBW) against these

terrorists. Today, proclamation orders have been read in the conspicuous places of their native villages and copies of proclamations were pasted in conspicuous places of their residential houses and conspicuous place of their villages as well, the spokesman said.

The teams of the SIU Kashmir, along with local police and magistrates, went to their native villages in Kulgam for the execution of proclamation orders and proper SOPs were followed during these proceedings, he said.

Efforts On To Bring Kashmir To Mainstream Filmmaking: Actor Lalit Parimoo

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Efforts are being made to bring Kashmir to mainstream filmmaking which will help generate employment avenues, says actor Lalit Parimoo.

Addressing a press conference ahead of the release of "Lafzon Mein Pyaar", Parimoo said it was good that cinema related activities have resumed in the Valley.

Parimoo, who plays the role of the father of the protagonist, said the shooting for the movie

in Kashmir went on smoothly and there was immense support from the locals.

"Everyone is trying to bring Kashmir back to the mainstream state for filmmaking and to generate more economic and employment through films," he said.

Last year, INOX multiplex was inaugurated in Sonwar area of Srinagar city.

Recently, cinema halls were opened in Shopian, Pulwama, and Baramulla. J-K LG Manoj Sinha has said cinema halls will come up in Ganderbal,

Bandipora and Kulgam districts by September this year.

The "Haider" actor said film production is an economic activity and everyone involved in it thrives from it.

Asked about the sense of fear among the locals in Kashmir even as cinemas have opened up at various places, Parimoo said in Kashmir, theatres have not been working for decades.

"Yes, it will take time for people to accept the opening of cinema halls in Kashmir," he added.

Nearly 9 Kg Narcotics Recovered Along LoC In Rajouri

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Security forces on Friday recovered nearly nine kilograms of narcotics along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, officials said.

The Army, along with the police and the BSF, launched a

massive search operation in the Jhangar area of Nowshera subdivision near the LoC following specific intelligence information, Senior Superintendent of Police, Rajouri, Amritpal Singh said.

During the operation, five packets carrying narcotics that weighed 8.960 kilograms were

recovered, he said.

A case was registered at the Nowshera police station in this regard and investigation was launched, the SP said.

"The recovery of such a huge quantity of narcotics indicates a possible cross-LoC smuggling attempt, which was foiled," he said.

Amarnath Yatra

2,155 Pilgrims Leave For Twin Base Camps From Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A fresh batch of 2,100 pilgrims left Jammu city for the twin base camps in the valley to join the Amarnath Yatra on Friday, officials said.

The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine of Amarnath in the south Kashmir Himalayas commenced from the twin tracks -- the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag and the shorter 14-km Baltal route in the Ganderbal -- on July 1.

A total of 2,155 pilgrims, including 1,660 men and 443 women, left the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas here in a convoy of 95 vehicles. They

are accompanied by Central Reserve Police Force personnel, the officials said.

While 753 pilgrims left for Baltal in a convoy of 37 vehicles, 1,402 pilgrims left for Pahalgam in 58 vehicles, they said.

This year's Amarnath Yatra has received an overwhelming response. As many as 3,69,288 pilgrims have undertaken the yatra so far this year as against last year's 3,65,751, according to official data.

Over 1.35 lakh pilgrims have left the Bhagwati Nagar camp for the valley since June 29, when the first batch of pilgrims was flagged off by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. The yatra will end on August 31.

2 Pilgrims Among Three Injured In Ramban Accident

JAMMU: Three persons, including two pilgrims, got injured on Friday when an escort vehicle of an Amarnath Yatra convoy skidded off a highway in Ramban district, officials said.

The accident took place on the Jammu-Srinagar national

highway in the Gangroo area, they added.

The vehicle was part of the Amarnath convoy to the Baltal basecamp, the officials said.

Two pilgrims -- Adarsh Kumar, Manju Sharma and driver Ankush Sharma suffered minor injuries, they said.

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY

Drug Abuse, Unhygienic Dental Practices Cause Hepatitis Epidemic In Kashmir: DAK

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: On world hepatitis day, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Friday expressed pressing concern over surge in hepatitis cases which has reached to epidemic proportions in Kashmir. "Drug abuse and unhygienic dental practices are responsible for hepatitis epidemic in the valley," said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

Dr Hassan said Kashmir is witnessing an alarming rise in drug abuse cases over the past few decades. "Drug addicts are at a higher risk of contracting hepatitis and have the potential to spread this deadly infection to others," he said.

In a recent study conducted at the Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences Kashmir, 72% drug addicts were found to have Hepatitis C infection.

"Research has found that each drug addict infected with hepatitis virus is likely to infect 20 others and this rapid transmission of the disease occurs within the first 3 years of initial infection," he said.

The DAK President said another reason for high rates of Hepatitis infection is unhygienic dental practices in Kashmir.

"Most of the dental clinics use unsterilized or improperly sterilized instruments. The tools are not cleaned in between patients. The disposable items which are for single-use are reused on patients. Unsterile needles are used in multiple dose medication vials," he said

"Dentists do not change gloves in between patients and use same gloves for every patient that leads to cross-infection."

"Patients are not screened for hepatitis prior to intervention resulting in transfer of these viruses from one patient to another," he added.

Dr Nisar said Hepatitis B and C infections are serious medical conditions and infected patients may not have outward symptoms of the disease for many years. That delayed onset makes screening important. Hepatitis B and C are common causes of Cirrhosis or scarring of liver which can cause liver failure and even cancer.

"While Hepatitis B vaccine was included into the routine/universal immunization programme after 2006, many people above 17 years are unvaccinated. People should get vaccinated against hepatitis B as soon as possible to protect themselves from getting the virus," he said.

Udhampur Landslide

Probe Panel Submits Report, FIR Being Lodged Against Guilty Persons

Observer News Service

UDHAMPUR: The Inquiry Committee constituted by District Magistrate, Udhampur to inquire into the landslide incident at Kaller Himiti has submitted its report along with specific recommendations.

In response to the observations and recommendations, an FIR is being lodged against all guilty persons, while departmental action shall be initiated against the delinquent officials.

Inquiry was ordered follow-

ing a landslide incident that occurred on 18th of July 2023 at an under construction building in W.No - 21, Kaller Himiti, Udhampur. Two labourers had died on the spot, while six others were seriously injured in the incident.

In addition, the District Magistrate, Udhampur has constituted a committee under the chairmanship of Additional District Magistrate, Udhampur to check the permissions of other ongoing constructions being carried out within the limits of the Municipal area.

IUST Students Selected For Summer Camp At Poland

Observer News Service

AWANTIPORA: Three engineering students from IUST were selected to participate in the prestigious Summer Camp at Nicolaus University in Torun, Poland. The students namely Mohammad Saood, Qazi Mohammad Yehya, and Fahad Iqbal Shah are pursuing B. Tech in Computer Science and Engineering from IUST.

The Summer Camp at Nicolaus University provides a global platform for learning, innovation, and cultural exchange, aiming to nurture academic excellence and cross-cultural understanding among students. Sajaad Ahmed Lone, Head Department of Computer Sciences and Engineering said that the students' selection reflects their outstanding academic record and dedication to pushing the boundaries of knowledge in Computer Science and Engineering, and this reaffirms IUST's commitment to nurturing talent and fostering academic curiosity.

During the camp, the students will be attending specialized workshops, seminars, and lectures conducted by renowned faculty members and industry experts from around the world.

'National Convention On Sufism' Seeks To Rekindle Spirit Of Sufism

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 'National Convention on Sufism' organised by Cluster University Srinagar here witnessed a clarion call from scholars to revive the essence of Sufism to bridge the gap between the communities.

Speaking during the technical session of the convention, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University Srinagar, Prof. Qayyum Husain said that Kashmir is known as a bastion of Sufi traditions. "Infact, it won't be an exaggeration to call Kashmir as the cradle of Sufism in South Asia. This tradition has been an integral part of the people's ethos in the valley," he said.

"Principles of Sufism are as relevant today as they were in medieval times because love and compassion, the two main planks of Sufism, will never age. By their humanistic teachings, Sufis bridged the gulf between people of different faiths," said Prof. Qayyum.

In the technical session of the convention, scholars like Dr. Satish Vimal, Dr. Ghulam Nabi Haleem, Prof. Shad Ramzan, Prof. Mushtaq Barq and Prof. P. P. Singh presented their papers on the theme 'Sufism: A Bridge between communities'. The session was chaired

by Prof. Naseem Shifai.

Dr. Satish Vimal spoke about the different dimensions of Sufism while quoting different Sufi saints while as Prof. Shad Ramzan said that the younger generation needs to realise the vastly rich heritage of Kashmir including the Sufi movement.

Dr. Ghulam Nabi Haleem spoke about the tradition of tolerance embodied by personalities like Sheikh-ul Aalam (RA) while as Mushtaq Barq spoke about the distinction between a 'learned sufi' and a 'living sufi' while stressing on the practical aspects of the Sufi tradition.

Prof. P. P. Singh spoke about the affinity of Sikh community with Sufi traditions. He cited the example of Baba Farid who is revered by Punjabi Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs alike.

In her concluding remarks, Prof. Naseem Shifai congratulated Cluster University Srinagar for organising the convention on theme of Sufism and said more such programmes should be organised to rekindle the spirit of Sufism.

The programme was attended by Dean Academic Affairs, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Deans of various faculties, Cultural Secretary of the university. The event was also attended by faculty members and students of constituent colleges.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

e-NIT no: 58 of 2023-24 dated 27/07/2023

For and on Behalf of Managing Director KPDC Kashmir, Tenders are hereby invited from resourceful/reputed Class A Electrical Contractors Registered with competent Authority / PDD/PDC /MES for following work for the following job:-

Name of the work	Est. cost (in Lacs)	CDR Amount (In Rupees)	Cost of tender document (Treasury Challan)	Completion Period	Position of funds
SITC for Aug/Creation of sub Station of Different Capacities at Pahlinaar Wangth, Naranag, Kangan-C under DDC Grants For the year 2023-24	17.90	2% of Advertised Cost	Rs 1000/-	Within 60 Days from the date of issuance of LOA	Authorized (50% Released)

The tender document consisting of terms & conditions, Bill of Quantities and other details can be seen/downloaded from official web site of JKPD or <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per following schedule:

S#	Description	Date	Time
1.	Publish/uploading of e NIT Date	27-07-23	18.00 hrs
2.	Documents Download/Sale start date	27-07-23	18.00 hrs
3.	Clarification Date Start	27-07-23	18.00 hrs
4.	Clarifications Date End	12-08-23	14.00 hrs
5.	Bid submission Start date	28-07-23	09.00 hrs
6.	Bid submission end date	12-08-23	14.00 hrs
7.	Opening date for E-tender	14-08-23	14:00 hrs
8.	Venue of opening e bids	Office of the Executive Engineer ED Ganderbal	

No: EDG/ V/1287-93/TS
Date: 27-07-2023

Executive Engineer
ED Ganderbal

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Enclosures without which tenders is liable for rejection:

- Scanned copies of following documents needs to be uploaded by the bidder while submitting E-tender,
- Treasury Challan to Govt Head 0801 Pledged to Executive Engineer ED-V Ganderbal for an amount of Rs 1000 payable at Ganderbal.
- Earnest Money in the shape of the CDR/FDR 2percent of the advertised cost pledged to Executive Engineer ED Ganderbal.
- Valid Registration license issued from competent authority.
- Latest tax clearance (GST) from commercial tax department.
- PAN registration certificate including Labour license.
- Tender document, as token of acceptance for the terms _ conditions.

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Police Memorial: Four Quarter Final Matches Today



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 19th edition of the J&K Police Martyr's Memorial Football Tournament has entered its quarterfinal stage, with eight teams set to battle it out today, Saturday, July 29.

Three matches are scheduled to be held at Synthetic Turf TRC, while one matchup will be played at Kashmir University.

At TRC, STFC XI will take on J&K Police XI at 10:00 am. The second match at the venue will see ARCO FC lock horns

with J&K Bank XI at 1:00 pm. The final quarterfinal game at Synthetic Turf will witness Kashmir Maharaja FC battle the winner of the FC1 vs. Novelty FC match at 4:00 pm.

Kashmir University is set to host AG's Office XI and the winner of the Downtown Heroes FC vs. JK United FC matchup at 4:00 pm.

The tournament is organised by J&K Police in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Football Association and J&K Sports Council.

Inter School Tug of War Events Held At Bijbehara



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Bijbehara organised Inter School Tug of War competitions on Friday at BHSS and GHSS Bijbehara.

The competitions were held among U-14 and U-17 boys and girls. In these sports events, almost 285 students from High and Middle schools of Zone Bijbehara participated.

In the U-14 Boys Category,

MS HP Tawila emerged as Winner and HS HP Bagh emerged as Runner Up. While in U-17 Boys Category, Public School Bijbehara emerged as winner and SPS Arwani emerged as Runner Up.

In U-14 Girls Category, Public School Bijbehara emerged as Winner and GMS Semthan emerged as Runner up. While in U-17 Girls, Public School Bijbehara emerged as Winner and HSS Arwani emerged as Runner up.

2nd ODI: India Aim To Clinch Series

Press Trust Of India

BARBADOS: The Indian team will be expected to return to its set batting order as it aims to put up a much-improved show with the willow and take an unassailable lead in the three-match series when it faces a below-par West Indies in the second ODI here on Saturday.

With 11 more matches left before the opening World Cup game against Australia in Chennai on October 8 (as per the current schedule), India would aim at a settled combination and hence too much experimentation might not be what the doctor would order.

The Kensington Oval in Barbados is home turf for the late Malcolm Marshall and the 'Big Bird' Joel Garner where visiting side batters would get mentally psyched out even before the 'Big Four' (Andy Roberts and Michael Holding) had the red cherry in their hands.

Gone are those golden days of West Indies cricket and the popularity of cricket in the islands has hit an all-time nadir after its non-qualification for the ODI World Cup in India.

The track used for the second ODI might not be the



same one but nature could be identical and hence Indian team shouldn't mind the challenge of batting first.

Facing Gudakesh Motie's orthodox left-arm spin and Yannic Cariah's leg breaks won't be the most difficult proposition but not the easiest one either.

Match starts at 7 PM IST.

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Australia Trails England In The Final Ashes Test

Agencies

LONDON: Australia lost five more wickets in the afternoon to reach tea at 186-7 in its first innings, trailing England by 97 runs Friday on the second day of the final Ashes test.

Stuart Broad (2-31) needed five balls after lunch to claim the third Australian wicket and leave Australia on 115-3. Broad pinned Usman Khawaja leg before wicket for 47 and, despite the opener reviewing the out decision, the ball-tracker showed it would have hit leg stump. It brought Travis Head to the crease for an afternoon session that was braced to be more dramatic than a slow-moving morning.

Broad was on a roll now



and Head feathered behind an edge to Jonny Bairstow on four to give England another wicket. It was Broad's 20th wicket of the series and left Australia on 127-4, still 156 runs behind England's total of 283.

James Anderson struck when Mitch Marsh played on for 16. Root got in on the act when Carey (10) spliced to Stokes, who claimed his 100th

test catch for England in the process.

England picked up another wicket when Mitchell Starc (7) pulled Wood to Ben Duckett. Earlier, Australia went to lunch at 115-2 in a morning highlighted by a brilliant slip catch from Joe Root.

England took 54.4 overs for its 283 all out. Australia was 130-4 after 54.4 overs. (AP)



Riyad Mahrez Leaves Man City For Saudi Club Al-Ahli

Agencies

MANCHESTER: Riyad Mahrez is the latest Premier League player to head to Saudi Arabia after signing with Al-Ahli.

The Algeria international was a key player in Leicester's shocking title win in 2016 and then won the league four more times with Manchester City. He leaves after a season in which City won the Premier League, FA Cup and Champions League.

"I've made a lifetime of wonderful memories and the manner of our Premier League title

wins and the battles we've had with Liverpool and, last year, Arsenal, underlined our collective desire and mentality to be the best," Mahrez said in a statement on City's website.

Mahrez scored 15 goals in 47 games in his final season with City but no longer started some of the biggest matches. He was an unused substitute in both the Champions League and FA Cup finals. At Al-Ahli, he will join Roberto Firmino, who was formerly one of City's rivals at Liverpool, and former Chelsea goalkeeper Edouard Mendy.

Yorkshire Fined & Docked Points Over Rafiq Racism Case

Agencies

LONDON: Yorkshire have been fined 400,000 pounds (\$514,000) and handed a 48-point deduction in the County Championship by the Cricket Discipline Commission over their handling of racism allegations made by Azeem Rafiq, the commission said on Friday. Rafiq, a former England Under-19s captain of Pakistani descent, told a British parliamentary committee in 2021 of "inhuman" treatment at Yorkshire and said he had been a victim of institutional racism at the club.

Yorkshire, who have also been handed a four-point

deduction in the Twenty20 Blast, have accepted the sanctions, which have been imposed by an independent panel consisting of CDC chair Tim O'Gorman, Seema Patel and Mark Milliken-Smith KC. Of the fine amount, 300,000 pounds is to be suspended for two years, the CDC said.

The CDC sanctioned six former Yorkshire players in May after they were found to have used racist slurs.

The points deduction will leave Yorkshire at the bottom of Division Two of the County Championship, in eighth place trailing below Derbyshire, Gloucestershire and others.



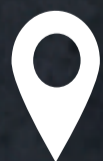
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