

## NIDM Report Lists Various Factors For 2014 Devastating Floods

'Rapid Urbanization, Poor Management Of Flood Spill Channels, Wetlands Encroachment Aggravated Flood Situation'

Auqib Javed

Srinagar: Rapid urbanization, population growth, loss of wetlands, deforestation, and unrestrained land use and land cover changes have made Kashmir Valley prone to floods, according to a report from the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM). The report titled as "Kashmir Floods 2014-Recovery to

Resilience". NIDM emphasized that the flood of 2014 in Kashmir was the worst flood in the last hundred years. The unprecedented rainfall was apparently the immediate cause of flooding in the Kashmir valley.

"However, it was aggravated by many other factors, for example, rapid urbanization, development activities like construction of railway



line across the Valley, poor management of flood spill channels, encroachment of wetlands and land adjoining

river banks, the disappearance of wetlands, etc," the report said, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer.

"These factors contributed towards blocking of the natural drainage patterns and increased the severity of the flood," it added.

The report said the presence of railway line aligned through flood plains also made a difference in the observed

inundation patterns during 2014 flooding and might be responsible for the higher levels of inundation observed in Kakapora, Nowgam, Lasjan and Srinagar City.

The 2014 flood caused 287 deaths, adversely affecting around two million people. It paralyzed Srinagar city for several weeks.

The study revealed that less preparedness, **More On P10**

## 2300 Arrested For Terror Links Post Art-370

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Over 2,300 persons linked to terrorism were arrested in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370, marking over five times increase in such arrests compared to the four-year period from 2015-2019, official data said.

Seventeen security indicators from August 5, 2019 to June 20, 2023 showed a remarkable improvement in the overall security situation with casualties among civilians and security forces, grenade attacks, IED blasts, terrorist recruitment and stone pelting on decline after the abrogation of Article 370.

The central government had on August 5, 2019 abrogated Article 370 granting special status to Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcated the erstwhile state into Union territories of J-K and Ladakh.

According to the **More On P10**

## J&K Setting Benchmarks For Other States, UTs: LG



Observer News Service

Kulgam: Asserting that Jammu and Kashmir is today setting benchmarks in many sectors of development for other states and Union Territories to follow, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said Tuesday that effective implementation of development programmes for deprived section of society, women, and children and specially-abled is top priority of his administration.

Sinha made these remarks during his visit to South Kashmir's Kulgam district where he chaired a high level meeting to review

the sector-wise progress of beneficiary-oriented and flagship schemes of the Central and UT government and major developmental projects in the District.

The LG also inaugurated and dedicated 100-bedded Girls Gujjar and Bakerwal Hostel, Amnoo Aadpora Kulgam and Ashmuji Kilam Gund Bridge to the people.

"Today J&K is setting benchmarks in many sectors of development for other states and UTs to follow. The District Administration and PRIs must work together to ensure benefits of development are shared equitably," Sinha said. **More On P10**

## Prayers, Parties, Student Shows Planned For Chandrayaan-3 Landing

Agencies

New Delhi: Excitement rose in India on Tuesday on the eve of a much-anticipated moon landing, with prayers held for its success, schools marshalling students to watch a live telecast of the event and space enthusiasts organising parties to celebrate.

The Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft is scheduled to land on the lunar south pole at 1234 GMT on Wednesday, days after the failure of a Russian vehicle trying to achieve the same feat.

Success for Chandrayaan-3 will make it the first to land on the lunar south pole, a region whose shadowed craters are thought to contain water ice that could support a future moon settlement.

India's second attempt to land on the moon after a failure in 2019 is being seen as a



display of the tenacity of its scientific institutions.

Authorities and educators also hope it will encourage scientific inquiry among millions of students in the world's most populous country.

Students have sent scores of messages wishing ISRO luck for a successful landing, the agency said.

The Uttar Pradesh government has ordered all schools to hold special screenings as "landing of India's

Chandrayaan-3 is a memorable opportunity, which will not only encourage curiosity, but will also instill passion in our youth towards inquiry".

In Gujarat, the Science and Technology Council has invited over 2,000 school students "to witness the historic moment" on a large screen, its head Narottam Sahoo said.

The council has also organised talks by ISRO scientists. The event will be shown live across Gujarat's 33 district

community science centres.

The state culture ministry in Kolkata is throwing a "Science Party" to celebrate the mission, asking people to "embark on exhilarating educational adventure" with a live telecast.

Prayer ceremonies were organised on Tuesday in Mumbai and Varanasi for the success of the mission.

Srikant Chunduri, an entrepreneur and founder of a group of space enthusiasts called "Agnirva", said he has arranged a "watch party" for the landing at a popular Bengaluru restaurant.

"If we want to build a community for space enthusiasts, (there is) nothing more momentous than this landing to get people together," he told Reuters.

ISRO has been sharing regular updates of the mission through posts on X, formerly Twitter. **More On P10**

## Meets US Officials At Raj Bhawan

Graham Mayer, Minister-Counselor for Political Affairs, Embassy of United States of America in New Delhi, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan here, an official spokesperson said Tuesday. Gary Applegarth, First Secretary and Abhiram Ghadyalpatil, Political Specialist, US Embassy in New Delhi were also present.

## Embezzlement Of Funds

### Former MS Kulgam Hospital Among 3 Suspended

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Health and Medical Education (H&ME) department on Tuesday suspended three officials including the former Medical Superintendent of District Hospital Kulgam in connection with an embezzlement of Hospital Development Funds.

A two-member committee has been constituted to enquire the matter and submit a report within period of 15 days. "Pending enquiry into the conduct relating to embezzlement of Hospital Development funds in District Hospital, Kulgam, the Officials

are, hereby, placed under suspension with immediate effect," reads the order.

The officials, who have been placed under suspension, are Dr. Afsana Banoo, the then Medical Superintendent, District Hospital, Kulgam, Mohammad Ashraf, the then Senior Assistant, District Hospital, Kulgam, Mohammad Shafi, Senior Assistant, District Hospital, Kulgam.

"It is further ordered that during the period of suspension, they shall remain attached in the Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir and he shall submit their bio-metric **More On P10**

## 'No Leniency': Duo Gets Life Term For Acid Attack On Law Student

Court Refers to Jurists Lord Jennings Saying: "Punishment Should Reflect Revulsion Felt By Great Majority Of Citizens"

M Ahmad

Srinagar: A court here on Tuesday awarded life sentence to two convicts in an acid attack on a law student at Nowshera Srinagar in 2014, observing that tangible loss and life-long emotional trauma suffered by the victim by the horrible act "far outweighs any hypothetical chance of rehabilitation" of the duo.

"Someone capable of holding such harmful and hateful mentality and the capability to conspire and willingly go through with it over a matter as trivial as envy and jealousy cannot be trusted to be reintegrated into the society," Principal Sessions Judge, Srinagar Jawad Ahmed, said while awarding life sentencing to Irshad Amin Wani of Wazirbagh, Srinagar and Mohammed Umer Noor of



Bemina, the duo convicted by him on Thursday last for the "horrific" acid attack on the 20-year-old law student on 11 December 2014 while she was heading to college.

"After careful consideration of the submissions made by both the sides and having regard to the nature of the attack, the permanent disfigurement caused to the victim by the use of corrosive substance by the convicts in furtherance

of criminal conspiracy and the impact of the disfigurement on the future life of the victim both physical and emotional, I find that the convicts do not deserve leniency and no other punishment except the maximum punishment of life imprisonment prescribed under law for their act can do the real and complete justice to the victim," the court said, adding, "The convicts are sentenced to suffer imprisonment for life and fine of Rs 5 lakh each for commission of offence punishable under Section 326-A RPC read with Section 120-B RPC".

The execution of the sentence shall be subject to the confirmation by the J&K and Ladakh High Court in terms of Section 376 CrPc Svt, 1989, the court said. The fine, when recovered, shall **More On P10**

## Let No Other Girl Suffer Like Me: Victim

M Ahmad

The victim of 2014 Nowshera acid attack broke down as she narrated her ordeal from the day of attack to undergoing 28 surgeries in jam-packed court here with hardly anyone able to control emotions and tears. The victim, who is in her 20s, was present in the court at the time of argument on the quantum of punishment and **More On P10**

## 1996 ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

### Court Rejects Bail To Man Accused Of Killing 6 Voters

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: A court in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district on Tuesday rejected the bail plea of a man accused of killing seven persons in 1996 for casting their votes in favour of a particular political party.

The accused, Muhammad Ayoub Dar, was absconding since the commission of the offence and was arrested in 2021. He also served in the Territorial Army before he was dismissed.

The court of principal sessions judge, Bandipora, rejected the bail application of Dar, a resident of the Hakabara area of Hajin in the north Kashmir district, citing the gravity of the charges against him.

Dar is accused of involvement in the killing of seven persons at the Saderkoot Bala area of Bandipora in the year 1996 when he along with others opened indiscriminate firing on a truck.

The court said that from the material evidence on record, it is crystal clear that the accused was very much present on the date of occurrence in Saderkoot Bala.



"That due to this indiscriminate firing by these accused persons, seven persons were killed for only a single fault that they had cast their votes in the favour of National Conference," it added.

The court said it has arrived at the conclusion that in the given facts and circumstances, the personal liberty of the accused can be curtailed in the interest of society at large as well as taking into consideration the gravity of the charge against him.

"In view of the aforesaid discussion as well as the evidence produced during the trial before this court, **More On P10**

## SHORT TAKES

### IED Defused In Nagrota

An improvised explosive device (IED) planted by suspected terrorists on the Jammu-Srinagar National highway was detected and defused by security personnel on the outskirts of Jammu capital city, thereby averting a major tragedy. "A suspicious object has been spotted alongside the highway at Panjrain area of Nagrota in Jammu. The technical examination of object initiated immediately", Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Jammu Chandan Kohli said. The traffic was suspended on the highway. **More On P10**

### Another Youth Drowns In Sindh Stream

A youth died on Tuesday after accidentally slipping into Sindh stream in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. 22-year-old Zakir Ahmad Thekri lost balance and fell into Sindh stream near Mammur area of Kangan on Tuesday afternoon, reports said. Immediately, an operation was launched by locals, police and SDRF personnel to rescue the youth from gushing waters of Sindh nallah. However, after hours of hectic efforts, Zakir's body was retrieved from the water in Hayan village. **More On P10**

### Faith Healer Beaten In Budgam

A faith healer was injured on Tuesday evening after he was attacked by some people at Ompora area of Central Kashmir's Budgam district. According to the family, some unknown people visited the faith healer this afternoon. "However, after hearing some noise, we hurriedly went inside the room, but the people had fled away from the spot, leaving the faith healer injured," they said. The injured faith healer has been identified as Abdul Aziz Parry of Parry Angan Ompora Budgam. Meanwhile, police **More On P10**

### Rape Accused Arrested Within Hours

Police on Tuesday claimed to have arrested a rape accused within hours after he committed the crime in Baramulla district of North Kashmir. Police Station Baramulla received a written complaint from a minor girl (name withheld) alleging that she was abducted by a driver and later raped at secluded place in Sangri area, a police spokesperson said. Accordingly, he said, a case under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Baramulla and investigation was initiated. "During the course **More On P10**

### Woman Dies In Bijbehara Accident

A woman died and another person was injured in a road mishap in Bijbehara in south Kashmir's Anantnag district this afternoon. Quoting officials, news agency GNS reported that an accident took place near Petrol Pump in Sangam Bijbehara, resulting in injuries to two persons identified as Khatija Begum, wife of Abdul Aziz Awan and Bilal Ahmad Awan son of Mohammad Sultan - both residents of Rajouri. The duo was evacuated from the site to SDH Bijbehara, where Khatija Begum succumbed shortly after being **More On P10**

### Man Injured By Black Bear Dies

A 59-year-old man injured in a bear attack in Drangsoo Mawar area in Handwara has succumbed to his injuries at SKIMS Soura. Quoting officials, news agency GNS reported that one Ghulam Mohiudin Malik, son of Ghulam Hassan Malik, was left with critical injuries after being attacked by a black bear, while he was working in his orchard last Sunday. Malik, they said, was evacuated to GMC Handwara from where he was referred to SKIMS Soura for preferential treatment. "He however succumbed to **More On P10**





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 From the office of Advocate Aamir Mushtaq Chamber No.412 Saddar Court Srinagar.

In the case of: Sumaira  
 W/O: Sheikh Ather Mustafa  
 R/o: Nizam u din colony khawajayarbala, sada kadal srinagar  
 Caveator  
 V/S  
 Public at large  
 Non-caveators

In the matter of: Caveat Petition under section 148-A of CPC

The caveator has apprehension that anyone from public at large may file any writ petition/appeal/application/ any proceedings against the Caveators before the Hon'ble Court of Principal District Judge At Srinagar, or any other subordinate courts as such the Caveator has lodged/ filed a Caveat petition before the Hon'ble Court of Principal District Judge At Srinagar.

Date: 23/08/2023

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

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Name: AAQIB AHMAD ZARGAR  
 S/o: ABDUL MAJJEED ZARGAR  
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Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the same before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is teated as cancelled.

Sd/ Assistant Secretary  
 Board Of School Education  
 Sub Office Bandipora

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I have lost the front number plate of my vehicle motor cycle bearing Regd. No Jk05D 3179 travelling from home to Diver Bus Stop. If any body found please return back. Otherwise I am applying for the new number plate. In this regard if any body have any objection may convey to concerned authorities within a period of seven days, after that no objection shall be entertained.

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In The Court Of Mr. Arvind Sharma  
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 (Commercial Court), Srinagar.

SUMMONS FOR DISPOSAL OF Suits)

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 Punjab and Sind Bank Vs Mohammad Shafi Sheikh

(O.5.R.I.5.)NEXT

DATE: 07-11-2023

To,

Ghulam Hassan Sheikh S/o Abdul Samad Sheikh  
 R,o Fruit Mandi Qamarwari Firdousabad Bernina,  
 SRINAGAR, JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Whereas Punjab and Sind Bank has instituted a suit against you for you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed (and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some person, able to answer all such questions, on the 07-11-2023 at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, to answer the claim; and as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the suit, you must be prepared to produce on that day all the witnesses upon whose evidence and all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence. Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.  
 Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 10-07-2023  
 Additional District Judge  
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Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.  
**Office Of The Executive Engineer**  
**Rural Engineering Wing Baramulla.**

**E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

E-NIT No: - 177/Xen/Rew/Bla/2023-2024 Dated. 18/08/2023

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

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| 10    | CO IRRIGATION KHUL AT DIFFERENT SPOTS AT SALAMABAD A PYT SALAMABAD A BLOCK BIJAHAMA SCHEME ADP (PRI)                            | 5.67                | 300                      | 11340      | 30days             | CEE DEE             | ADP                   | AAA Accredited      |
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| 1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice             | 18-08-2023   |
| 2. Period of downloading of bidding documents | From 18-08-2023 to 28-08-2023 up to 6:00 PM  |
| 3. Bid submission Start date                  | 18-08-2023   |
| 4. Bid Submission End Date                    | 28-08-2023 up to 6:00 PM   |
| 5. Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)  | Technical Bids will be opened on 29-08-2023 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared online. |

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All the Bidders has to deposit Earnest Money (2% of Advertised cost) in shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering as per the Circular of Finance Department.

The 1ST Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of allotted cost of Contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 Days after opening of financial bid and shall be released after successful completion of DLP as per norms. The EMD of 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 3% performance security.

Instructions to bidders regarding e-tendering process. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

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

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

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as LI immediately after opening of financial bid.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid & no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED IN SOFT: Scanned copy of valid registration card along with Latest Renewal, EMD/TR as per NIT, GST, Latest clearance, PAN.

The earnest money in favour of un-successful/ non-responsive bidders shall be released only after ensuring submission of tender document fee in original, irrespective of Hard copies, failure of submission of tender document fee by the bidder using site shall entail him for blacklisting.

In case of CRF & any other specified project the relevant guidelines/ standard bidding documents shall be followed

Instructions to Bidder (ITB)  
 All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria/ qualification information with their bids  
 Copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of business.

Valid GST No. & Pan No. along with the latest GST Return form GST-3/GSTR-3B.  
 Copy of earnest money deposit & tender document fee indicating name of work therein.  
 The bidders at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.

Nonattendance of pre-bid meeting will not be cause of disqualification of the bidder.  
 All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English language  
 If the bidder does not quote rate for any item of the rate list / quantity schedule, cost of such item/ items shall be deemed to be part of the overall/ total contract value. No rates shall be allowed for such item/ items in the allotment of contract.

The tender/ bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill requirements as laid down in NIT.  
 All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).

No: 1357-64  
 DIPK-7576/23 Dated: 22-08-2023  
 Executive Engineer,  
 REW Baramulla

Government of Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir

**Office of the Executive Engineer**  
**PWD (R&B) Division Bandipora.**

FAX: 01957-225533. e-mail: ee\_rmb\_bandipora@yahoo.com

**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

E-NIT No: (50) of 2023-24 DATED: 22-08-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory J&K e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Civil registered with Union Territory J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Governments for the following works.

| S. No | Name of work  | Estt. Cost (Rs in lacs) | Cost of Tender document (IN Rs.)                        | Earnest money (IN Rs.) | Time of completion | Time & Date of opening of Bid | Class of Contractor | Major Head of Account                            | Project Authority                  |
|-------|---|-------------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1     | Construction of One Number of Prefabricated Hut including Supply, Carriage and Installation at Arin-Dardpora Bandipora. | 8.67                    | 600 (indicating name of work with NIT serial no. on TR) | 17340.00               | 45 Days            | 29-08-2023 10:30 AM           | "CEE" "DEE"         | Holistic Agriculture Development Programme: HADP | Sheep/ Animal Husbandry Department |

Position of AAA= Accredited

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q.), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the Departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below.

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| 1. Date of issue of Tender Notice                            | 22-08-2023   |
| 2. Period of downloading of bidding documents                | From 22-08-2023. 1:00 PM   |
| 3. Bid Submission Start date                                 | 22-08-2023. 1:00 PM  |
| 4. Bid Submission End date                                   | 28-08-2023 upto 04.00 P.M.   |
| 5. Last Date for receiving the hard copy (Original DD & EMD) | Hard copies shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as lowest bidder (L1) at the time opening of tenders. The cost of tender document will be collected through e- Challan/ Treasury 0059. However the successful bidders will submit the same after the opening of Bids online.<br>Note:-All bidder must upload EMD in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Bandipora @2% of advertised Cost |
| 6. Date & time of opening of Bids (online)                   | 29-08-2023 at 10:30 AM in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Bandipora  |

Note: The Bidder will mention the Contact No. and Bidder Name in the BoQ

Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender documents under MH-0059 in shape of Treasury Receipt favoring to Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Bandipora (tender inviting authority). Indicating S.No of Nit, Name of work and Earnest Money / Bid Security in shape of CDR / FDR pledged to Executive Engineer (R&B Division Bandipora (Tender receiving authority).

The bidder who is declared as L1 shall deposit 3% Performance security of the allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR Pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Bandipora (Tender inviting authority) and the 2% EMD shall be Released in favour of the successful bidder only after the receipt of 3% performance security.

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the Bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened on same website in the Office of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Bandipora (tender receiving authority).

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

Instructions to bidders regarding e-tendering process.  
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The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in para-1  
 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. (Le enlistment Registration Card, Online Renewal, Pan Card, GST Registration Certificate with clearance of latest Qtr or preceding Month). Besides original/ photocopies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically/ by registered post/ through courier before the date specified in para-1

The bidder who is declared as L1 shall deposit 3% performance security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Bandipora Tender issuing authority and the 2% EMD shall be released only after the receipt of the same.  
 Note: Scan all the documents on 100dpi with black & White Option.

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons  
 Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Bandipora and Earnest Money in shape of CDR / FDR applicable pledged to Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Bandipora (tender receiving authority) must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Receipt (Cost of tender documents), CDR / FDR (earnest money / bid security) & relevant bid documents to be submitted to the tender opening authority by registered post / courier / by hand before due date of submission of tender / as per time schedule specified.

Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.

Price escalation and taxes: The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of work unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills for the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

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



## ADG Region PIB Inaugurates Free Health Camp For Media Fraternity

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Additional Director General (Region), Press Information Bureau (PIB) Srinagar, Rajinder Chaudhry Tuesday inaugurated a free health check-up camp for media fraternity organized by PARAS Health, Srinagar in coordination with PIB Srinagar, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, GoI at Press Enclave, Srinagar.

The free health check-up camp was inaugurated in presence of Joint Director, PIB Srinagar, Qazi Salman and Deputy Director, PIB Srinagar, Tariq Ahmad Rather.

While inaugurating the camp, Chaudhry said that since the media sometimes works in a stressful environment under difficult situations, they must focus on their overall health and must follow the universal mantra 'prevention is better than cure'.

Chaudhry also expressed hope that the me-

dia will take forward this message of the importance of preventive healthcare check-ups up to the common man.

Senior Journalists appreciated the initiative, saying these kinds of health check-up camps must be organized regularly for the media as their stressful work environment is sometimes contributing to different health problems which must be taken care of at an early stage.

More than 150 journalists belonging to different media organizations were examined by a team of specialists including Dr. Afshan Shabir, Senior Consultant, Internal Medicine, Dr. Shabeer Ahmad Paul, Consultant Neurology and Dr. Fayaz Ahmad Rather, Consultant, Interventional Cardiologist at PARAS Health, Srinagar.

Free healthcare services like ECG, BMI, BSR etc. were provided in the health check-up camp on the spot.



Man clicks a selfie with his son near illuminated dry deck fountain at the City Square in Lal Chowk on Tuesday evening. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

## Prominent Social, Political Activist Nisar Rather No More

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Hundreds of people on Tuesday joined funeral prayers of prominent political and social activist, Nisar Hussain Rather who passed away in the morning due to cardiac arrest.

Funeral prayers were led by Agha Syed Hadi at Khomeini Chowk, Bemina and Rather was laid to rest at the local cemetery, reports said.

A firebrand speaker, Nisar Rather was active all his adult life on political and social fronts for which he spent several jail terms.

He was a prominent face on 8th Muharram as he would brave police lathicharge to lead his contingent of followers on the day to defy restric-



tions on the traditional Alam Sharif procession.

Rather had a melodious voice and was a frequent speaker at seminars and majalis where he would either recite Na'at or mesmerise the audience

with his oratory skills.

A resident of Khomeini Chowk, Bemina, Rather was closely associated with the late Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani.

In 2016 Rather was also booked under Public Safety Act (PSA) and shifted to Kot Bhalwal jail in Jammu.

Meanwhile Nisar Rather's demise is being widely mourned. Social media was abuzz with condolence messages on Tuesday with many netizens describing his demise an irreparable loss.

"Nisar Sahab was an honest and dedicated person who suffered a lot because of his uncompromising attitude when it came to truth", wrote Dr Abid Hussain.

**Nisar Sahab was an honest and dedicated person who suffered a lot because of his uncompromising attitude when it came to truth**

## US Minister Counselor And First Secretary Call On Mayor Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The US Minister Counselor for Political Affairs Graham D. Mayer, First Secretary Political Affairs Gary B. Applegarth and Political Specialist Abhiram Ghadyalpal called on the Mayor of Srinagar, Junaid Azim Mattu at his official residence.

The US high-level delegation discussed vari-

ous pertinent issues with the Mayor including Srinagar's infrastructural and urban revival and transformation.

The Mayor of Srinagar briefed the delegation about the significant growth in the tourism sector over the past few years marked by a high tourist inflow which the Mayor said had a remarkable and transformational impact on the local economy.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
Tender Notice No. 001/2023-24  
**Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system**  
Assistant Materials Manager, N.Rly. Store Depot, Ludhiana for and on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

| S. N. | Tender No. | Description   | Qty. | Due date    |
|-------|------------|---|------|-------------|
| 1.    | 48235257   | Electrical driven air compressor 500 CFM 10 KG/CM <sup>2</sup> Sq. details as per attached specifications in Annexure A OR COFMOW Specification: COFMOW/IRE/EDAC/2019 | 1    | 25-Sep-2023 |

**NOTE:** Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). The firm who desires to participate against e-tenders, is advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate from certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted. 25/09/2023

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## AAC Condoles Demise Of Imam Makhdoomi Sahab Shrine

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Awami Action Committee (AAC) has expressed grief and sorrow over the sad demise of Peer Ali Muhammad Makhdoomi, the

Imam of Ziyarat Shareef Hazrat Makhdoom Sahab (RA).

The AAC on behalf of the committee and its Chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, paid tributes to Peer Ali Muhammad Makhdoomi for his religious services

and expressed heartfelt condolence and solidarity with the bereaved Makhdoomi family.

The AAC prayed for peace to the departed soul and patience to the bereaved family members to bear the irreparable loss.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my election card yesterday 21/08/2023 in phalgam. If anybody has found his/she is requested to return back on below given address otherwise I have to apply for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.  
**Name Raj Mohd Rather**  
**S/o late Mohd Shafi Rather**  
**R/o Dana Wari Chattabal Srinagar**  
**Contact: 7006441804**  
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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
E-Tender Notice  
No. 165-2023-24-ADEN-JUC Dated: 22.08.2023  
Sr.DEN-II/IFZR 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](http://www.ireps.gov.in) with closing date 12.09.2023 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 this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

| Tender Type | Tendering Section | Bidding System    |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Open        | Works             | Single Bid System |

| Date of Uploading Tenders | Bid Starting Date | Bid Closing Date/Time |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 22.08.2023                | 29.08.2023        | 12.09.2023/ 15:00 Hrs |

| S.No | Tender No            | Details of Tender   |
|------|----------------------|---|
| 1    | 165-2023-24-ADEN-JUC | Provision of PF Shelter at JUC PF 1, 2 & 3 in the section of SSE/P.way/JUC under ADEN/JUC |
|      |                      | Advertisement Value (Rs.)   |
|      |                      | 2,29,99,996.60/-  |
|      |                      | Earnest Money   |
|      |                      | 2,85,000.00/-   |
|      |                      | Validity of Offer   |
|      |                      | 60 Days   |
|      |                      | Period of Completion  |
|      |                      | 06 Months   |

Similar nature of work :- Any civil work other than track work.  
Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check any corrigendum issued against tender.  
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**J&K Bank**  
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**Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd.**  
Impaired Asset portfolio Management Department  
Zonal Office Pulwama (J&K)-192301  
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### POSSESSION NOTICE

**Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002**  
Whereas the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices dated 01.06.2023 thereby calling upon M/s J&K Ware Housing and Labour Co-operative Association Ltd. and its partners namely 1) Mr. Ali Mohammad Ganie S/O Karim Ganie R/O Hariparigam, Awantipora (also mortgagor), 2) Miss Gulbahar W/O Lae Mohammad Ibrahim Dar R/O Panzgam, Pulwama 3) Mohammad Rajab Sheikh S/O Abdul Gaffar Sheikh R/O Tokuma, Gulzarpora, to repay an amount of Rs.113,58 lacs (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lac Fifty Eight Thousand only) being the balance outstanding as on 31.05.2023 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 borrowers/mortgagors having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrowers/ mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken symbolic 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.

The said borrowers/mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount aggregating to Rs.1,16,04,333/- (Rupees One Crore Sixteen Lac Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Three only), being balance outstanding in the borrowers loan accounts as on 31.07.2023 together with future interest thereon from 01.08.2023 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

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

**Description of the Immovable Property**

- Residential House along with Land measuring 11 1/2 Marlas falling under Khasra No. 1156 min, Khata No. 190, Khawat No. 41 situated at mouza Panzgam, Tehsil Shaoora Litter/Awantipora, District Pulwama standing in the name of Miss Gull Bahar W/O Late Mohd Ibrahim Dar R/O Panzgam, Pulwama.
- Residential House along with Land measuring 09 Marlas falling under Khasra No. 1302 min, Khata No. 78, Khawat No. 14 situated at mouza Gulzarpora, Pulwama standing in the name of Mohammad Rajab Sheikh S/O Ab. Gaffar Sheikh R/O Gulzarpora, Tokuma.

**Place: Pulwama**  
**Dated: 16.08.2023**

**(Mohammad Akram Khan)**  
**Authorized Officer**

Registered office : Corporate Headquarters, M.A.Road, Srinagar 190001, Kashmir, India  
CIN: L6510JK1938SGC000048 ; T : +91 (0)194 2481 930-35 ; F : +91 (0)194 248 1928 ; E : [info@jkbmail.com](mailto:info@jkbmail.com) ; W : [www.jkbank.com](http://www.jkbank.com)

DIPK-NB-2754/23 dated: 22-08-2023

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

**ADDENDUM TO E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE DATED 28.07.2023**

By virtue of this addendum it is notified for information of general public that the Last date of submitting bids/EMD and date of e-auction as mentioned in the captioned notice dated 28.07.2023, issued by the undersigned and published in the daily Kashmir Observer and the daily Aftab in their issues dated 01.08.2023, in respect of the mortgaged properties held in the NPA account of M/s Nazir Fruit Agency proprietor Mr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat S/O Ghulam Rasool Bhat R/O Nully Poshwari, Shopian have been extended. The new date for submitting the bids/ EMD / documents & the date of e-auction are as under:

- Last date of submission of bids/ EMD/ Documents: 11.09.2023 upto 4:00 PM.
- Date & time of e - auction 13.09.2023 from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

All other existing terms & conditions shall remain unchanged.  
For further details, if required, visit the website of J&K Bank Ltd. ([www.jkbank.com](http://www.jkbank.com)) M/S E-Procurement Technologies Ltd. (<https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net>).

Place: Shopian Bashir Ahmad Bhat Branch Manager  
Date: 22.08.2023

Registered office : Corporate Headquarters, M.A.Road, Srinagar 190001, Kashmir, India  
CIN: L6510JK1938SGC000048 ; T : +91 (0)194 2481 930-35 ; F : +91 (0)194 248 1928 ; E : [info@jkbmail.com](mailto:info@jkbmail.com) ; W : [www.jkbank.com](http://www.jkbank.com)

DIPK-NB-2765/23 dated: 22-08-2023

• TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686  
• PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883  
• PDD: 0194-2450213  
• FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,245222,2452155  
• CAPD: 18001807011  
• SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081  
• Ambulance: Kashmir EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

**AIRPORTS**  
SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311 ✈

**RAILWAYS**

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BIJBHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

**HIGHWAY STATUS**

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

**PRAYERS**

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|--------|-------|
| FAJR   | 4:27  |
| ZUHR   | 12:35 |
| ASR    | 5:17  |
| Magrib | 7:16  |
| ISHA   | 8:41  |

**HIJRI CALENDAR**  
05 Safar  
1445

### This Day In History

- 1441 - Holland & Hanzesteden sign cease fire treaty
- 1514 - Battle of Chaldiran ended with a decisive victory for the Sultan Selim I, Ottoman Empire, over the Shah Ismail I, Safavids founder.
- Discovery
- 1789 - French Revolution: The National Assembly proclaims freedom of religious opinions
- 1799 - Napoleon leaves Egypt for France en route to seize power.
- 1866 - Treaty of Prague ends Austro-Prussian war
- 1911 - British Prime Minister H. H. Asquith holds secret meeting about British strategy in case of war with Germany
- 1914 - Japan declares war on Germany in World War I
- 1915 - Tsar Nicolaas II takes control of Russian Army
- 1921 - Austria and the US formally end war, the US does the same with Germany on the 25th, and Hungary on the 29th
- 1924 - Mars' closest approach to Earth since 10th century
- 1933 - Mahatma Gandhi released from Indian jail following another hunger strike
- 1939 - Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agree the Molotov-Ribbentrop non-aggression pact and secretly divide Poland between themselves, setting the stage for World War II
- 1942 - World War II: last cavalry charge in history takes place at Isbushefskij, Russia; the Italian Savoia Cavalleria charges Soviet infantry
- 1943 - Red army recaptures Charkov
- 1944 - Allied troops capture Marseille, France
- 1952 - Arab League security pact goes into effect
- 1960 - World's largest frog (3.3 kg) caught (Equatorial Guinea)
- 1961 - US lunar probe Ranger 1 reaches 190 km from Earth, falls back
- 1974 - Zaheer Abbas scores 240 Pakistan v England at The Cricket Oval
- 1975 - Communists take over Laos
- 1976 - Heavy earthquake strikes China, 1,000s die
- 1978 - Iranian students occupies Iranian embassy at Wassenaar

### From KO Archives

## 'Illiterate' Appointed Instead Of Namesake

Mushtaq Aftab

**C**HADURA (BUDGAM) - Even as numerous scandals of fake appointments have surfaced in various government departments over the recent years, incidence of the wrong doing is far from being stamped out. Some diehards still manage to get a job in one or the other department by manipulating records and documents, and by tapping the 'right' person and the 'right' timer.

An illiterate villager has got a government job allegedly by impersonation, and got away with it, assurance of the finance minister to get the wrong undone notwithstanding. In the process, the genuine claimant for the appointment continues to be jobless. Reports said Nazir Ahmad Dar r/o Abdul Kabir Dar R/o Badipore, has passed his 12th (TDC) clam examination. But, it is his namesake in the neighbourhood who, though illiterate, has allegedly got a government job. The only difference between the two is in the names of their grandfathers. While the former's grandfather is named Abdullah Dar, the latter's name is Ahmad Dar.

According to reports, the uneducated Nazir Ahmad Dar was appointed in the horticulture department in 1996. He is posted in the district office at Budgam. Sources in the department said Dar managed to procure the certificates of his educated namesake which he produced in support of his claim. The department did not entertain the 'genuine' claim of the educated Dar.

Though the serious case of alleged swap was brought to the notice of the state vigilance organisations, no action has been taken so far. The educated Dar approached the finance minister, Abdur Raheem Rather, who also happens to be his neighbour. He had assured him to get the right person appointed against the post. However, justice 'still eludes him despite lapse of about four years

In another case, Mushtaq Ahmad Zargar s/o Ghulam Ahmad Zargar r/o Badipore has managed to secure a job allegedly by producing a fake certificate of academic qualification. According to reliable sources, he is barely read upto 4th standard. However, he managed to get a certificate of having passed his 9th class (under metric) examination from the government higher secondary school, Nagam, in 1996 allegedly, through his brother, Abdul Rasheed Zargar, who is a teacher at Badipore.

On the basis of the alleged fake certificate, Zargar was appointed as a peon in the animal husbandry department. He has been working at the veterinary dispensary here for about three years past. Sources said the department did not take any action to unravel the facts and bring the accused to justice even after the matter was brought to its notice.

(Kashmir Observer, August 23, 2000)



## Doctors' Body Seeks Withdrawal Of Mandatory Prescription Of Generic Medicines

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** The IMA has written to Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya seeking withdrawal of National Medical Commission (NMC) regulations on mandatory prescription of generic drugs till there is quality assurance of all medicines.

The doctors' body also expressed concern over the



regulations which bar doctors from attending conferences sponsored by pharma companies saying such a prohibition warrants reconsideration. It demanded associations and organisations should be exempted from the purview of NMC regulations.

Members of the Indian Medical Association and Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance on Monday had met Health Minister Mandaviya and expressed their concerns over the NMC regulations.

The National Medical Commission (NMC) in its 'Regulations relating to Professional Conduct of Registered Medical Practitioners' stated that all doctors must prescribe generic drugs, failing which they will be penalised and their licence to practice may also be suspended for a period.

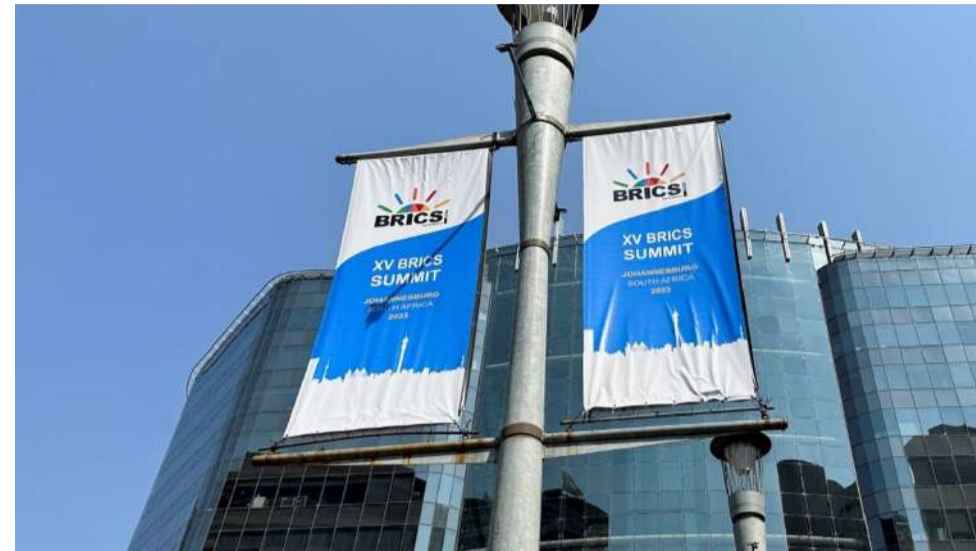
It also asked doctors to avoid prescribing branded generic drugs. "It is a matter of great concern for IMA since this directly impacts patient care and safety. It is believed that less than 1 percent of the generic drugs manufactured in India are tested for quality. Patient care and safety are nonnegotiable for both, the government and the medical profession," the IMA said in its letter.

The quality assurance mechanism in our country is very weak, the association pointed out.

India has more than 3 lakh batches of 70,000 drug formulations, the quality assurance mechanism in our country can ascertain the quality control of only 15753 drugs annually, it said.

"In 2023, only around 12000 tests were conducted by CDSCO and State Drug Control Department together. If we consider one sample from each batch is tested, the minimum required number of tests was around 3,00,000," the IMA stated.

## All eyes turn to South Africa as 15th BRICS summit begins



Agencies

**T**he 15th annual BRICS summit kicked off on 22 August as official delegations from dozens of countries descended in Johannesburg, South Africa.

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov are attending the historic summit, during which officials expect to see the group welcome several new members, as over 40 nations have applied to join.

Russian President Vladimir Putin will participate in the summit via video conference.

"The Summit will give the platform to discuss issues of concern for the Global South and other areas of development," Modi said before leaving for South Africa.

BRICS leaders will hold

a mini-retreat and dinner on Tuesday evening, where they are expected to discuss a framework and criteria for admitting new countries.

Besides expanding its membership, the group is also expected to discuss the de-dollarization of trade and possibly creating a new currency that can rival the US-dominated global financial system.

"The current debate is how do we finance projects in each of the BRICS member states in their own currencies," South African Finance Minister Enoch Godongwana told reporters in Pretoria on Tuesday.

"Today the world takes notice of this bloc because [reducing dependence on the dollar] is at the forefront of the global discourse," South African Vice President Paul Mashatile told Bloomberg.

Ahead of the summit's start, BICS New Development Bank (NDB) chief Dilma Rousseff

revealed plans to start lending in the South African and Brazilian currencies to reduce global dependence on the US dollar.

"We expect to lend between \$8bn-\$10bn this year ... [The NDB's] aim is to reach about 30 percent of everything we lend ... in local currency," Rousseff said in an interview with the Financial Times.

She added that the NDB would issue debt in rand for lending in South Africa and do "the same thing in Brazil with the real. We're going to try to either do a currency swap or issue debt. And also in rupees." The bank already lends in yuan.

BRICS member states comprise 40 percent of the global population and nearly a third of the world's economy. In recent months, BRICS outpaced the gross domestic product (GDP) of the US-led G7 in terms of purchasing power parity.

## Centre To Bring Rules To Check Vulgar Content On Social Media, Streaming Platforms

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Centre has assured the Delhi High Court that its policy governing social media platforms and intermediaries will incorporate necessary rules and regulations to ensure the space occupied by them is free from vulgar language and profanities.

The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), in an affidavit showing compliance of the high court's earlier directions, said it has taken note of the concerns expressed by the high court in its earlier orders.

The high court had earlier said framing rules and guidelines to regulate the content on social media and OTT platforms need urgent attention.

It had underlined the need for taking seriously the use of vulgar language in public domain and on social media platforms which are open to children of tender age.

"It is stated that it is a policy decision and having taken note of the concerns of this court expressed through its directions, the concerned Ministry (MeitY), while undertaking its regular exercise of policy making, will incorporate rules/regulations to regulate the social media platforms, intermediaries for making it safer from the use of vulgar language including profanity, bad words, etc., as per the judgment of this court," Justice Swarna Kanta Sharma said in an order on August 17.

Considering the submission of the ministry, the high court disposed of the matter, saying it is a sufficient compliance of its previous orders.

"This court takes note of the fact that it is a policy decision



which is to be undertaken by the Ministry and the legislature, it is sufficient compliance of the order of this court. This court has been assured that the concerns of this court expressed through the said judgment will be incorporated in the future rules and regulations which will be shortly undertaken," the high court said.

Coming down heavily on the language used in TVF web series 'College Romance', the high court had said the use of obscenities in the form of foul language degrades women so they may feel victims as the expletives and obscenities refer to women being objects of sex.

The high court's March 6 verdict had come while upholding an order of the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) asking the Delhi Police to register an FIR against TVF, the show's director Simarpreet Singh, and actor Apoorva Arora under the Information Technology Act.

It had clarified that the direction to register FIR does not include a direction to arrest any of the accused or petitioner.

The court had said the challenge faced by India, as by many other countries, for enacting appropriate law, guidelines and rules to regulate the content on social media and OTT platforms needs urgent attention.

## Iran Unveils New Mohajer-10 Drone With 2,000km Range



Agencies

**I**ran unveiled its domestically produced Mohajer-10 drone during an event celebrating Defense Industry Day in Tehran on 22 August, which was attended by the President of the Islamic Republic, Ebrahim Raisi.

The enhanced drone retains a maximum flight duration of 24 hours at a peak altitude of 7,000 meters, and an operational radius of 2,000 kilometers.

According to Tasnim News Agency, the Mohajer drone is capable of accommodating 300 kg worth of cargo, from bombs to ammunition, as well as carrying up to 450 liters of fuel. The domestically manufactured drone also retains a maximum speed of 210 kilometers per hour.

The Arman-1 air-bound bomb was also showcased in addition to the Mohajer-10 drone. Raisi said that the Aerospace division of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) also include Tehran's strategic "Haj Qassem" and "Khorramshahr-4" missiles.

During the ceremony, the Iranian President warned against any attacks against Iran.

"Our powerful armed forces will cut off any hand involved in aggression against Iran," Fars News Agency quoted Raisi as saying. In May, the US and France expressed concern over Iran's public display of its precision-guided ballistic missiles. In response, the Iranian Foreign Ministry lashed out at Washington in a tweet.

The response was posted by the spokesperson for the Iranian Foreign Ministry, Nasser Kanaani, who denounced Washington's criticism. Kanaani gave a reminder that the US was complicit in providing arms to former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, who was responsible for bombarding Iranian cities and "defenseless people," and that the US has maintained its position of being the world's most significant arms exporter, yet has the audacity to express concern over Tehran's "progress and defense might."

## Saudi Arabia Looking Forward To New Phase Of Relations With Iran: Cabinet



Agencies

**RIYADH:** Saudi Arabia's Cabinet on Tuesday said it looks forward to a new phase of Saudi-Iranian relations based on common interests and mutual respect.

The comments came after Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian visited the Kingdom for the

first time on Thursday following a reconciliation between the two countries in March.

The Cabinet said it is following the steps taken toward implementing the agreement to resume diplomatic relations between the Kingdom and Iran including the ambassadors of the two countries carrying out their

duties.

The Cabinet was also briefed on the content of a recent phone call between Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak during which they reviewed aspects of joint cooperation and exchanged views on regional and international developments.

## India's "Biggest Asset" In Pakistan Is...: Congress's Mani Shankar Aiyar

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Batting for resumption of dialogue with Pakistan, diplomat-turned-politician Mani Shankar Aiyar says India won't be able to take its due place in the world as long as its western neighbour is an "albatross around our necks".

The Congress leader, who served as India's consul general in Karachi from December 1978-January 1982, has dedicated a full chapter to his Pakistan stint in his autobiography "Memoirs of a Maverick -- The First Fifty Years (1941-1991)" that hit the stands on Monday.

In an interview with Press Trust of India on his new book, published by Juggernaut Books, Mr Aiyar said the high point of his bureaucratic career was undoubtedly his stint as consul general in Pakistan and he has dwelt at very great length on his three years in Karachi in the first volume out now.

India's "biggest asset" in



Pakistan were the people there who did not consider it an enemy country, he said.

"We were coming back from a dinner one day, within the first two-three weeks of the posting, when my wife Suneet asked me a question that reverberated in my mind in my stay in Karachi - 'This is an enemy country, right?'" Mr Aiyar said he asked himself the question through his three years there and for the last 40 years since he came back from Pakistan.

"I have come to the conclusion that whatever may be the view of the sections of the army, or sections of polity, as far as the people of Pakistan are concerned, they are neither an enemy country nor do they regard India as an enemy

country," he claimed in his interview to Press Trust of India.

"Every time we want to display our disapproval of the (Pakistani) government, visas are stopped, films are stopped, TV exchanges are stopped, books are stopped, travel is stopped, so I don't see why we do not know how to leverage the goodwill of the people of Pakistan as an integral part of our diplomatic approach," Mr Aiyar added.

For the last nine years all dialogue between India and Pakistan has been frozen, he noted.

"Until Mr (Narendra) Modi became prime minister of India, almost every prime minister, if he had the time, was attempting some kind of a dialogue with the Pakistanis but now we are in a freeze and the victims of this freeze are not the army of Pakistan which is still swinging its scotch, it is the people of Pakistan whose relatives in large numbers live in India and many of whom have a desire to visit our country," he said.

## Even Rich Now Going To Aam Aadmi Mohalla Clinics, Says Arvind Kejriwal

Press Trust of India

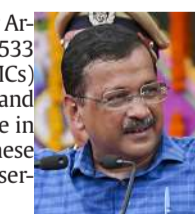
**NEW DELHI:** Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal today said a total of 533 Aam Aadmi Mohalla Clinics (AAMCs) are functional in Delhi at present and asserted that even the rich people in Delhi are seeking treatment at these medical facilities as doctors and services there are good.

Speaking after inaugurating a new Mohalla Clinic at Keshopur Mandi in Tilak Nagar, he also said the OPD footfall at AAMCs in the year 2022-23 had stood at over two crore while more than 10 lakh tests were conducted in this period.

Five new mohalla clinics, including the one at Keshopur Mandi, are being inaugurated on Tuesday in various parts of the national capital.

The other four AAMCs are located at Block C, Shahbad Dairy area; Block L, Kalkaji Market; Guru Ravidas Marg, Govindpuri; and Block D, Shahbad Dairy area.

Mohalla clinics are one of the flagship initiatives of the Arvind Kejriwal government to boost the primary healthcare system in Delhi.



"A total of 533 mohalla clinics are functional in Delhi at present, 512 of these operate in morning shift while 21 are functional in evening shift," Mr Kejriwal said.

In his address, he also said demand has come to increase the number of Mahila Mohalla Clinics, which are women-only mohalla clinics fully staffed by women.

## Case Filed Against Actor Prakash Raj Over Chandrayaan-3 Post

Agencies

**BAGALKOT (KARNATAKA):** Actor Prakash Raj has been booked in a police station of Karnataka's Bagalkot district over a social media post, in which he allegedly mocked India's ambitious third lunar mission-- Chandrayaan-3, police said on Tuesday.

"A complaint has been filed against actor Prakash Raj for his post on the Chandrayaan-3 mission," police said.

"Hindu organisations leaders filed a complaint against the actor in Banahatti police station of Bagalkote district and have demanded action," they added.

The veteran actor on Sunday took to microblogging site X, sharing a caricature of a man in a shirt and lungi pouring tea.

Sharing the picture, he wrote, "First view just arrived from Chandrayaan ... #VikramLander #justasking."

Prakash Raj has been fac-



ing heavy backlash since then with people saying that the Chandrayaan-3 mission is linked to the country's pride.

Faced with social media outrage Prakash Raj clarified on X that his comments were only intended as a joke. "Hate sees only Hate...I was referring to a joke of #Armstrong times celebrating our kerala Chaiwala-which Chaiwala did the Trolls see? if you dont get a joke then the joke is on you..GROW UP #justasking" he posted.

According to Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the Chandrayaan-3 is set to land on the moon on August 23, around 18:04 hours IST.

Live action will be available on the ISRO website, its YouTube channel, Facebook, and public broadcaster DD National TV from 17:27 IST on Aug 23, 2023.

India will be the fourth country in the world to achieve this feat after the United States, Russia, and China, but India will be the only country in the world to land on the lunar south pole.

The primary objectives of Chandrayaan-3 mission are threefold -- to demonstrate safe and soft landing on lunar surface; to demonstrate rover roving on the moon, and to conduct in-situ scientific experiments.

Chandrayaan-3's development phase commenced in January 2020 with the launch planned sometime in 2021. However, the Covid-19 pandemic brought an unforeseen delay to the mission's progress.

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## Art-370 Abrogation An Assault On Foundations Of India: Tarigami

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: CPI(M) leader M Y Tarigami Tuesday said the abrogation of Article 370 was not only an "assault" on the rights of people of Jammu and Kashmir, but also on the foundations of India and if the Supreme Court does not stop the Centre's "unconstitutional move", it will have profound implications.



ple of J-K, it is an assault on the foundations of the republic of India itself... If this unconstitutional act is not stopped by the Supreme Court, I have apprehensions it will have profound implications," he said.

J-K is a unique situation which negotiated the terms of accession (to the Union of India) and no other state did it, the CPI(M) leader said.

"I am satisfied that the arguments by all the lawyers of the petitioners have weightage and with our stand that what happened on August 5, 2019 is unconstitutional and a mockery of the Constitution," Tarigami said at a press conference.

He said there is no doubt that "whatever happened with Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh is an unprecedented assault."

"This assault is not limited to J-K only. It is not only an assault on the rights of the peo-

"Those who keep on saying Article 370 was temporary forget that it is written there that it can only be abrogated when the President of India gets an approval from the constituent assembly of J-K and not the assembly or the governor," he added.

Tarigami said the petitioners are hopeful that the SC will give them justice. "We do not need any favour...we only want the safeguards, the rights that the Constitution of India gave to the people of J-K, that is our appeal to the SC," he said.

## JKPSC Declares Result Of CCE-2022

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The J&K Public Service Commission on Tuesday declared the result of Combined Competitive Examination (CCE) -2022.

According to the commission of JKPSC, the Commission in its extra ordinary meeting held today on 22.08.2023, after the conclusion of the interviews, decided to declare the result of all the candidates who had appeared in the interview and also notify their aggregate marks while publishing a list of candidates to be summoned for Medical Examination in accordance with the relevant rules.

The commission also reads that the General Administration Department had on 18.04.2022 referred 220 posts to the J&K Public Service Commission for being filled up through the Combined Competitive Examination and accordingly, these posts were advertised by the Commission on 19.04.2022.

The commission further reads that the Preliminary Examination of CCE-2022 was conducted on 31.07.2022 in which 23,571 candidates appeared and the result of the preliminary examination (CCE-2022) was declared on 18.08.2022. It adds that 4944 candidates were declared to have qualified for appearing

in the Main (Written) examination of CCE-2022 and 3891 candidates actually appeared in the examination, held from 20.02.2023 to 02.03.2023, out of which 787 candidates were declared to have qualified for appearing in the interview/personality test, which were held from 10.07.2023 to 22.08.2023.

For the convenience of candidates, the JKPSC this year, requested the Health & Medical Education department for conduct of medical examination of candidates in newly established Medical Colleges, besides GMC Jammu/Srinagar and all the selected candidates are requested to attend any of the Government Medical Colleges (GMC-Srinagar, Jammu, Anantnag, Baramulla, Doda, Handwara, Kathua, Rajouri or Udhampur) for medical examination on 23rd and 24th August, 2023 alongwith six photographs, the commission adds.

The Commission has congratulated Anmol Rathore D/o Rajiv Rathore, a Law Graduate, who has topped the overall list securing 1084.50 Marks.

It is pertinent to mention in January 2023, JKPSC declared the result of CCE-2021 and today, the JKPSC completed the process of selection, based on a three-tier examination comprising the preliminary, the mains and the personality test/viva voce in 16 months.

## Dr. Farooq Calls For All-Out War Against Drug Abuse

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President and Member of the Parliament Dr Farooq Abdullah today called for an all-out war against the burgeoning menace of substance abuse in Jammu and Kashmir.



Addressing a series of party functionaries and public delegations at Nawa e Subah Srinagar, Dr. Farooq said, "Drug abuse in J&K is becoming a rampant phenomenon. It should be a point of concern for all of us. The first step towards stopping such incidents starts with contemplation by all of us. It goes without saying that the menace is an awful manifestation of widespread unemployment prevailing across J&K. It is time for the government to change the discourse about the drug addiction issue and start to view it as a disease rather than a law-and-order issue."

"For years now, Kashmir is witnessing a new epidemic—drug addiction. This has spurred deep concern in Kashmiri society. The figures emanating from various government agencies call for an all-out war in curbing the rise of substance abuse. The survey carried by various agencies reveal the severity of the problem. Merely working on reining in the narcotics mafia won't help win the war. Unless the

government makes a massive outreach to our youth, this war on drug abuse cannot be won," he said.

According to the party spokesperson, Dr Farooq observed that in wake of the "scathing unemployment and fast diminishing avenues", youth are taking to drug addiction and substance use.

The crises, he claimed, is majorly factored by the policy paralysis of the Government and the unconcerned attitude of the society. "We cannot wait for the Government to come to the rescue of our youth. We as a society have to unite our efforts to provide hope to our youth," he added.

Ruing the "incapacity of the administration" in providing behavioural counselling, medication to treat drug addicts and providing treatment not just for substance use but also for many factors that accompany addiction, he observed that the dearth of de-addiction centers, absence of follow-ups have further aggravated the depressing scenario.

## Protesters Seeking Closure Of Toll Plaza Clash With Police In Samba

Police Use Batons, Fire Teargas Canisters; 26 People Detained



Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Police fired tear gas shells and resorted to lathi-charge as a protest to demand the closure of Sarore toll plaza on the Jammu-Pathankot Highway in Samba district and release of detained Yuva Rajput Sabha activists turned violent on Tuesday, officials said.

Authorities had imposed Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), which forbids the gathering of four or more people at a particular place, in and around the toll plaza late Monday after the Yuva Rajput Sabha held a protest demanding its closure.

So far, police have detained 26 people and arrested one for violating prohibitory orders, they said.

On Tuesday, the protesters blocked the highway for more than four hours.

"The protesters resorted to stone-pelting during the demonstration. We used mild cane charge and used tear gas to disperse them," Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Samba, Benam Tosh told PTI.

The situation is under control, he added.

## Transporters Raise Issue With LG Sinha



JAMMU: Chairman, All J&K Transport Welfare Association, Ajit Singh on Tuesday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhawan.

The members of the delegation apprised the LG about various issues and demands pertaining to smooth operations of public transport and welfare of the transporter community, an official spokesperson said.

Sinha, he said, requested the LG for immediate suspension of Toll Tax collection at Sarore toll plaza in larger public interest till

the restoration of Jammu-Kathua National Highway is completed.

The delegation, the spokesperson said, also apprised the LG on the problems being faced by the transporters and general public due to the damage caused to two vital bridges on Jammu-Kathua National Highway owing to incessant rains.

"The Lt Governor assured the members of the delegation of appropriate action on the issues projected during the interaction," he added.

On Monday, hundreds of Yuva Rajput Sabha activists held a protest demanding the removal of the toll plaza alleging that it was set up in violation of rules. Some of

them even tried to damage the structure, police said.

Several other organisations, including trade bodies, have also demanded the closure of the toll plaza.

## Police Warns Against Spreading Fake Info About Bovine Killing In Kishtwar

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Police on Tuesday warned rumour-mongers of legal action against spreading misleading information on social media about the alleged killing of a bovine animal in the communally sensitive Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Some rumours mongers circulating about the alleged killing of a bovine animal in village Galhar. However, these rumours are not based on factual information. The bovine animal, which belonged to Mohd Yousaf, actually died from a

snake bite two days ago," Kishtwar police said in a statement.

Subsequently, it said the animal was taken to a nearby field where it was scavenged by stray dogs.

"Unfortunately, certain mischievous individuals captured photographs of the incident and disseminated them widely. This dissemination was done with a clear intention to incite communal unrest in the area," the statement said. The police clarified that the matter has been thoroughly investigated by police officers and an executive magistrate from the area.

"Additionally, medical ex-

perts are providing their opinion on the situation and if any wrongdoing by the cattle owner is found in the report of veterinary experts, necessary action under the law will be taken against the culprits accordingly," the statement said.

In the interest of peace and harmony in the district, the police urged the general public to refrain from sharing any content related to the incident on social media.

"Please abstain from spreading any further rumours. Those found engaging in such behaviour will be subject to legal consequences," it said.

## 144 Dengue Cases Reported In J&K This Year So Far

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Dengue cases are on the rise in Jammu & Kashmir with 144 cases reported this year so far in the Union Territory.

The State Surveillance Officer, Dr Harjeet Rai said that this year, 144 cases of dengue have been reported in J&K.

He said dengue cases are pro-

jected to surge post-monsoon and advised people to take "preemptive" measures to combat the painful mosquito-borne disease in the absence of any vaccine.

The said dengue caused by viruses carried by infected mosquitoes has always been a health concern and people need to take precautions to protect themselves from falling prey to

the virus, he said.

Meanwhile, the doctors have advised the people to use mosquito repellents and wear full sleeves shirts so as to save themselves from mosquito bites, which they said choose to breed in stagnant water accumulated by water logging mainly during monsoon.

They said the mosquitoes that spread dengue are active during

## HC Directs Ladakh Admin To Allot Plough Symbol To NC By Today

Asks CS, CEO Of UT To Appear In person In Default

M Ahmad

SRINAGAR: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has directed authorities in Ladakh to ensure "plough" symbol is allotted to National Conference, failing which Chief Secretary and Chief Election Officer of the UT have been ordered to appear personally before it on August 23.

"Keeping in view the fact that the last date for filing nominations is 23.08.2023, the respondents (authorities) are directed to comply with the order dated 09.08.2023 read with order dated 14.08.2023, and file compliance report by the next date, failing which respondents 1 (CS) and 2 (CEO) shall appear in person on the next date of hearing," a bench of Justice Sindhu Sharma said while hearing a contempt petition filed by the National Conference through its general secretary. The contempt plea has been listed on August 23.

As per a notification issued by the election department on August 5, the election to 26 seats of the 30-member Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil, is scheduled for September 10 and the counting of votes will

take place four days later.

The Ladakh administration had approached Division Bench of the court on August 14 against the single bench order of August 9 which directed the NC to approach the office of the Election Department of the Administration of Ladakh for notifying the reserved symbol (Plough) already allotted to for the polls. The order of the single bench was upheld by the Division bench.

"The Ladakh administration tried to get the HC order stayed. This was refused. They then tried to get the contempt proceedings of the HC stayed, this was also refused by the SC," senior NC leader Tanveer Sadiq said in a statement.

"If the order to allot us our symbol is not issued by this evening the contempt order of the HC will prevail. The CS Ladakh & Chief Election Officer will have to appear in person in the HC tomorrow," he said, adding, "We hope that the Ladakh Admin will follow the directions of the court & issue the order for allotment of our symbol. We fail to see why the administration has made an ego issue out of this symbol allotment."

## Chadoora Court Comes To Rescue Of Grazers

Directs SHO To Ensure Compliance Of Order

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: In a significant order the Court of Sub Judge Chadoora recently observed that grazers in Chaskani Nar meadow in Doodh Ganga forest range should not be evicted and deprived of the grazing rights.

The order pronounced by Mir Wajahat Sub Judge Chadoora on 17 August 2023 has directed the parties to the suit along with Station House Officer Chadoora (SHO) not to evict the defendants under the garb of the order dated 11th July 2023 passed by the same court. The court further observed that its July 11th 2023 order was limited to the effect that applicants/defendants numbers 1 to 10 were temporarily restrained from causing any sort of interference into the use and utilization of pasture land (Chaskani Nard) in any manner.

"However the said order is not pertaining to the eviction of defendants number 1 to 10 from the subject matter of the suit" observed the Court. The Court further clarified that the order passed on July 11th 2023 was not meant to evict the graz-

ers but the eviction can only be done if Forest Rights Act 2006 is violated by either of the parties. The Sub Judge court has directed the SHO Chadoora to ensure compliance of the order by the both the parties (complainants / respondents)

Pertinent to mention that Chairman DDC Budgam Nazir Ahmad Khan had also submitted a representation on this issue before Lieutenant Governor JK last month after a delegation of Gujjar community from Jabbad, Neengo and Brenwar villages of Budgam district had apprised him regarding denial of grazing rights to them by some influential families who were trying to evict the grazers hired by them.

The aggrieved had told DDC Chairman that the provisions of Forest Rights Act 2006 were being violated openly as no eviction of grazers can be done as the pastureland comes under Community Forest Rights. Pertinent to mention that the Chaskani Nard pastureland is located at altitude of 4000 meters in Doodh Ganga forest range of Pir Panjal Forest Division Budgam bordering Poonch district.

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**Teacher**  
**BHSS Khalmulla**

Whereas you applied for 2 Year Leave without pay w.e.f 01-04-2022 along with Station Leave Permission.

Whereas your application was forwarded to Chief Education Ganderbal vide this office No.BHSSIC/ESTT/1038 Dated 10-12-2021.

Whereas you Proceeded on Extraordinary Leave w.e.f 01-04-2022 without Station Leave Permission and Without Sanction of Said Leave from Competent Authority .

As such you are asked through this Notice to Explain your Position and Intimate whether you have Left the Station or Not.

The written reply must reach this office within Seven days of Publication of this Notice in the Newspaper.  
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DT: 22/08/2023

**Principal**  
**BHSS Khalmulla**

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF**  
**PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE SRINAGAR**

Caveat Petition No.....2023

In the case of:  
1/ FAROOQ AHMAD QADRI S/o: Peer Ahmad Ullah Qadri R/o: Namchahal Fateh Kadai, Srinagar.  
2/ ISHRAF SHAFI BANDAY W/o: Syed Muzaffar Qadri R/o: Namchahal Fateh Kadai, Srinagar.

V/s  
PUBLIC AT LARGE  
..... Caveators  
..... Non caveators

In the matter of: **CAVEAT PETITION**

May It Please Your Honor:  
The caveators most humbly submit as under:

01) That the caveators are the residents of J&K (UT) and have every right to protect his rights and interests by invoking the jurisdiction of this Hon'ble court for the same.

02) That the caveators have obtained a building permission from the competent authority i/e Srinagar Municipal Corporation Srinagar vide order no. SMC/2023/1195 dt: 15-02-2023. Copy of the said order is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE -A for kind perusal of this Hon'ble court.

03) That the caveators in pursuance of the said building permission, have started process of permitted construction and as such, the caveators have reasonable apprehension that some non caveators may approach this Hon'ble Court and may get interim order against the said caveator by misleading this Hon'ble Court by filing any SUIT / ANY motion before this Hon'ble Court.

04) That it would be fair and just if the caveators / applicants are heard by this Hon'ble Court at length in the event of any kind of such proceedings being preferred by the non-caveators against the said caveator.

05) That the caveators does not know who may file suit / any motion against the said building permission, as such has published the said caveat petition through daily newspaper, cutting of the same is annexed herewith as annexeure-b for kind perusal of this Hon'ble court.

06) That the caveat petition is supported with an affidavit duly sworn by the caveators.

IN THE PREMISES, it is therefore, prayed that this Hon'ble Court be pleased to provide an opportunity of being heard to the caveator through his counsel before passing any interim order in any proceedings SUIT / or any motion to be filed by the non-caveators against the caveator. The same would be in consonance with law and justice.

Filed on Behalf of Caveators  
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Wild Animal Attacks

**T**he killing of a 59-year-old man identified as Ghulam Mohiudin Malik by a black bear at a Handwara village has once again highlighted the growing incidents of man-animal conflict in the Valley, more so, in parts of North Kashmir. Within a span of 24 hours, three separate incidents have occurred, raising alarm within the local community and prompting calls for swift action by the Wildlife Department. This incident closely followed the unfortunate demise of a young child and the grave injury of a woman due to earlier wild animal attacks in the same area.

As the incidents of wild animal encounters become more frequent, it is important for authorities to not only capture and relocate the roaming animals but also to implement measures that reduce the likelihood of such incidents occurring in the future. Balancing the needs of wildlife and the safety of human populations remains a delicate task that requires planning.

True, the Jammu and Kashmir Wildlife Department has been trying its best to secure local population from animal attacks. In May, the department captured a Himalayan brown bear in Handwara. The bear's behavior had become increasingly weird, raiding graveyards possibly in search of human carcasses and venturing into residential areas, which posed threat to lives and livestock. Similar encounters have been reported in other villages in the district. To protect the graveyards, villagers for a while took to taking turns to stand guard, but the situation remained challenging.

The unusual behavior of the bears has been attributed to insufficient food in their natural habitat. Last year, a study conducted by Wildlife SOS, an Indian wildlife conservation organization, revealed that a staggering 75 percent of the Himalayan brown bear's diet in Kashmir consisted of scavenged garbage, including harmful items such as plastic carry bags, milk powder, chocolate wrappers, and biryani.

The Himalayan brown bear, the largest animal in the Kashmir region, typically feeds on insects, plant roots, and small animals in their native habitat. However, the intrusion of human settlements into their territory has forced them to venture into lower altitudes in search of sustenance. As settlements expand, the bears' interactions with humans have increased, leading to dangerous encounters and conflicts.

The urgency of this situation cannot be overstated, as the global population of Himalayan brown bears is estimated to be less than 1,000, with half of that number residing in India. These bears are already classified as "critically endangered" on the IUCN Red List. A study predicts a substantial decline of up to 73 percent in their habitat by 2050, making preemptive habitat protection imperative for their survival. This is where the Wild Life Department needs to pay its role and step up to the public expectations.

OTHER OPINION

Election and selection

**A**chieving the ambitious goals of social representation in the Congress Working Committee (CWC) that the Congress set for itself at its brainstorming session in Udaipur, in May 2022 was never going to be easy. It took party president Mallikarjun Kharge nearly six months after he was authorised by the Raipur session of the All India Congress Committee (AICC) in February 2023 to finally announce the new CWC on Sunday, which also happened to be the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. While combining experience and youth, Mr. Kharge has drawn up a list that significantly enhances diversity in the party's highest decision-making body. His opponent in the 2022 election for the top post, Shashi Tharoor, finds a place, in a commendable appreciation of internal democracy, and an encouraging signal to many sceptics of the party. Half the CWC, excluding invitees, are from Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, tribals, and minority communities or women, which meets the Udaipur ambition. But when invitees are accounted for, the social composition tilts in favour of upper castes and minorities, even as it meets the '50 under 50' age criteria. A number of fresh faces from the middle rungs have made it to the list — former Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, a Dalit leader at 60 and Kamleshwar Patel, the 49-year-old OBC leader from the election-bound Madhya Pradesh, are in, while Damodar Raja Narasimha, 64, from Telangana is a permanent invitee. Mr. Kharge has the unenviable task of exercising his authority while three members of the Gandhi family — Sonia, Rahul and Priyanka — remain active, but he appears to be up to it. The list reflects the party's keen attention to the upcoming Assembly elections in the heartland. Chhattisgarh Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, an influential OBC leader, is expected to play a crucial role. In Rajasthan, while Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot is given a free hand to lead the charge, the induction of his challenger Sachin Pilot and tribal leader Mahendrajeet Singh Malviya to the CWC is expected to reinforce party unity. The party has tried to reassure discontented social groups and assuage rebellious leaders in various States, and the constitution of the new body is largely representative of the geographical and social expanse of India. Though some disenchantment might surface in the days ahead, the new CWC reflects both imagination and compromise. While this is a good start, there is more that the Congress needs to do to be truly representative of this diverse nation, besides strategising for elections and improving political communication and becoming the centre of gravity of Opposition politics in the run-up to 2024.

The Hindu

At One Lakh per RTI?

RTI applicant charged one lakh rupees. PWD (R&B) must digitize its official record and make its proactive disclosure



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**“This makes it clear that designated officers under RTI Act 2005 (PIOs, APIOs or Appellate Authorities) are ignorant about the RTI Act 2005 and its rules. The Government must take steps to train them**

**T**he Public Works (R&B) department officers with an aim to demoralize an information seeker recently asked to pay 1 lakh as photostat charges for getting information under the Right to Information Act 2005 (RTI). The Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) R&B Sub Division Sumbal District Bandipora through an official communication with his senior colleague (Executive Engineer R&B Division Bandipora) on 16th August 2023 in response to the RTI application filed by some local residents updated his boss that before providing the information the applicant may be asked to deposit Rs 1 lakh to prepare the information. The RTI application had been filed before the Executive Engineer and he seemed to have directed his AEE to provide the information. To make sure the applicant should not get hold of the information he wrote to his senior officer that applicant has to pay Rs one lakh as processing fees?

The Assistant Executive Engineer's -AEE's letter to Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal dated 16.08.2023 reads:

“With reference to the above captioned subject and reference number, it is to submit that this office has received an RTI application from Shri Shabir Ahmad Parray, Shri Tariq Ahmad Parray and others wherein they have requested the following information: Certified attested copies of funds utilized for construction purpose in Hajin from 2018 till date including the name of building, road and allied works executed by R&B. Certified copies of NOCs issued for building permission from 2018 till date. Before framing the information the applicant may be asked to deposit an amount of Rs 1.00 lakhs approximately for preparing the information”

Background

The RTI applicants had sought the information regarding the utilization of funds for construction purposes in Hajin area of Bandipora district which comes under construction division Sumbal. The applicants had also sought the certified attested copies of NOCs issued for the building permission purposes from 2018 to 2023.

This is a clear case to demoralize the information seekers who are not familiar with the RTI laws. I believe this has been done intentionally with an aim that information seekers will not be able to access the information as they won't pay such a huge fee. I got to know about this case on the very next day when this letter was issued. Some local activist sent me the official letter on whatsapp and I was shocked. I posted the same on social media and many newspapers and digital media covered this news. The poor official isn't aware of the fact that information he has been asked to provide has to be made proactively available on the official website of R&B PWD or DC office Bandipora as per the provisions of section 4 (1) (b) of RTI Act 2005. Infact under e office and digital India programme also

Govt offices have to keep all the information available in digital mode for the public. It seems AEE R&B Division Sumbal isn't also aware of the fact that he is a designated PIO under RTI Act 2005 or Assistant PIO-APIO and he has to specify how many pages of information he is going to provide to the applicant? If he is charging Rs 1 lakh that means his office has to make 50,000 photocopies as for each page Rs 2 are charged as per RTI Rules. But the officer has given a vague reply by demanding Rs 1 lakh fees.

Executive Engineer R&B Bandipora

In March this year, the Executive Engineer PWD R&B Division Bandipora asked an RTI applicant from below poverty line (BPL) category to pay more than Rs 4000 as xerox fees to get information under RTI Act 2005.

The letter signed by Executive Engineer R&B division Bandipora addressed to RTI applicant Parvaiz Ahmad Bhat who hails from Ajas Bandipora read as:

“Regarding the subject cited above, the requisite information as desired by you through RTI Act has been kept ready by this office and accordingly you are hereby informed to deposit the necessary photostat charges of the requisite documents Rs 4375”

On receiving the letter, the RTI applicant Parvaiz Ahmad got agitated as he had been asked to deposit huge charges to the Executive Engineer. The information seeker was not only agitated over the officer for demanding exorbitant fees but being an BPL RTI applicant, he was supposed to get the information free of cost as per the provisions of RTI Act 2005.

Sajad Hussain's case

Sajad Hussain Pandit S/O Ali Mohammad Pandit R/O Iskander Pora Tehsil Beerwah District Budgam in June 2016 filed an application under the erstwhile J&K RTI Act 2009 before the PIO in the office of Financial Commissioner (FC) Revenue Srinagar.

RTI applicant was called in person by FC Revenue office Srinagar and was given an official letter No: FC (Adm-RTI) 02/2016 dated 20/6/2016. The information seeker was asked to pay an amount of three thousand eight hundred sixty six rupees (Rs 3866) for getting information with regard to appointment of Patwaris more than a decade back. The information seeker alleged that there was bungling and favoritism in the said appointment.

The FC Revenue office letter reads as: “In continuation to this office

letter No FC(Adm-RTI) 02/2016 Dated 31/05/2016, I am to say that information demanded by you are 428 pages out of which 383 pages are of A 4 size which costs Rs 766 and rest pages are large size which got copied from market on large photocopier and costs Rs 3100”

We all are aware that Rs 2 was charged per photocopy for A 4 size until a few years back and for the bigger size photocopy maximum cost cannot be more than Rs 10 per page. This indicates that for the remaining 45 pages the Information seeker had to pay Rs 450 only maximum, but he was asked to pay Rs 3100, plus Rs 766 for photocopying A4 size pages. When the information was received by the information, that was completely misleading and incorrect. He later on moved an appeal in the State Information Commission.

Info in Digital format

At a time when every bit of information is made public by the officers in J&K who don't want people to have access to information especially reacting to developmental projects with huge fundings. Nobody would appreciate making 50,000 photocopies on a Xerox machine in this digital era. The Assistant Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Sub Division Sumbal District Bandipora could have given the information to RTI applicants in a PDF format and sent them via email or through a pen drive had his intentions been honest and clean. The information sought won't consist of more than 500 pages as the applicants only wanted information of the last 5 years (2018-2023).

Conclusion

The Public Information Officer (PIO) cannot charge any fees after the stipulated time of 30 days is over. Section 7 (6) of RTI Act 2005 reads

“Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (5), the person making request for the information shall be provided the information free of charge where a public authority fails to comply with the time limits specified in sub-section (1) (30 days)”

In the aforementioned case the Assistant Executive Engineer -AEE or the deemed PIO asked the applicant to pay Rs 1 lakh fees after a lapse of 2 months. The RTI applicant had filed an application on June 16th 2023 and he was not provided information within 30 days. The AEE has committed a legal blunder by asking applicants to deposit the fees after 60 days' time. This makes it clear that designated officers under RTI Act 2005 (PIOs, APIOs or Appellate Authorities) are ignorant about the RTI Act 2005 and its rules. The Government must take steps to train them. I am sure the J & K administration headed by Lt Governor Mr Manoj Sinha will take serious notice of it.

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# Exploring Love Through Poetry The Question of Happiness

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The term *hubb* possesses the term *khamr* (wine) as a synonym, and *khamr*, in turn, was referred to as *Umm Layla* by the Arabs. *Layla*, in this context, refers to ecstasy and intoxication, and *umm* is present due to its induction of such a state, begetting it as a mother begets a child. Love, similarly, intoxicates the lover, and, in cases, overwhelms and maddens him, as was the case with *Majnun*, whose very name refers to one who has been maddened; in this case, by love. Other terms used — *uzn*, *sadam*, *kamad*, and *shawq*, among others — all have similar implications, portraying the emotions experienced by lovers upon separation.

The question of happiness has received attention from a litany of traditions, but our perception of it comprises some fundamental differences. We disagree with the Aristotelian conception which treats the pursuit of happiness as the ultimate purpose of human life. If it is to be pursued, then there is the implication that it is absent. But neither is our philosophy so hedonistic or materialistic as to reduce the question of happiness to a matter of self-indulgence. Happiness, we hold, is a byproduct that stems from the certainty of knowing God — not only in terms of His existence, but that it is He who is in charge of all of man's affairs — in delight and grief, or in relief and worry — and directing our actions in conformity therewith. Insofar, however, as it is construed as a combination of delight and contentment, there are deeper aspects to unravel.

The above grants insight into the metaphysical aspect of spiritual happiness. While it influences the other existing facets, the psychological question of happiness — intimately connected to the contentment of the mind and the heart, in that both require propelling along with peace — requires specialized attention. The mind is in need of progress, as opposed to stagnancy, towards a future wherein its owner is needed. Aspirations are indispensable; the lack thereof generally portrays a weak mind. However, while the states of the mind and the heart are interconnected, each must be individually catered to, lest harmony be lost through negligence. To clarify, ambitions predominately pertain to the contentment of the mind. But man is not so simple as to be reduced to a matter of requiring novel experiences or ambitions for the sake of happiness, and nor can it be dismissed that there are novel needs he develops that may well be absent in the years prior — including and particularly romantic love.

Grammarians differ concerning the root from which *insan* stems, with one group positing that it is from *nasiya* — to forget — that the term is derived, contradicted by the second group which argues that *anas* is the root, meaning, to be amicable or covetous of companionship. While both are intimately connected to man's nature, critics of modernity often note the second facet, as modernity's idealization of hyper-individualism not only leads to the collapse of family structures but also to the destabilization of the community itself. Man had undertaken his Covenant with God individually, but that all of mankind was subject thereto shows the presence of a greater collective, therefore illuminating the distinction between *al-furqan* (personal obligations) and *al-furqan al-kifayah* (communal obligations), since the collective reception of the pledge necessitates bilateralism insofar as rights are concerned.

Companionship, in the first sense of the collective, is not restricted to reciprocation in affection or supporting the needy, but rather extends to relying on another for one's own self in the process of cultivating true bonds. Love from this category — a parent for a child, or a friend for a friend — may be deep, and loss may incur obliteration.

The second is mentioned in the Qur'an, recurs in poetry, and is apparent in the lives of the Messenger and the Companions themselves. By love, what is meant here is not the Platonic sort, but that which exists specifically between a man and a woman, develops, and culminates in the most beautiful of forms through strife and reciprocity. Ibn 'azm (رحمه الله) writes, "For my part, I consider Love as a conjunction between scattered parts of souls that have become divided in this physical universe, a union effected within the substance of their original sublime element."

Love is not a collection of interim emotions to be set alight, but rather an affair that unites souls, prompting a state wherein no affliction is greater than separation, and no pleasure greater than reunion. A man once remarked that separation was the brother of death, to which a philosopher replied, "No, but death is the brother of separation." The Naba poet Abd-Allah bin Sbayyil writes,

Instruct me, please, in the mysteries of passion:  
You are steeped in its pleasure and rigor;  
Of the malady man keeps within him,  
He yearns to be treated but it only consumes



him more.

Ab al-ayyib al-Mutanabb muses,  
And there is no separation between lovers,  
Except that desires find a path to their souls.

Aware of the tranquility resulting from reunion, poets nevertheless classify love as a disease due to its vexing nature. In the words of Ibn Sbayyil, "I put my mouth to her sweet lips and took a draft, and felt my heart come home from long absence" — quite seemingly in response to his own words:

My beauty, let me steal a kiss, just a little one,  
To revive a delirious heart overcome by thirst.

Al-usayn bin al-kalaments,

I swear, a beautiful breast caused my demise  
And forced a deep sigh from me.  
Though I laughed from the pleasure it gave me,  
It made me fall apart with grief.

Ibn Hazm (رحمه الله) elucidates this well, "as for the lover, his soul is indeed free and aware of where that other is that shared with it in ancient proximity; his soul is ever seeking for the other, striving after it, searching it out, yearning to encounter it again, drawing it to itself it might be as a magnet draws the iron."

Time halts in both moments of reunion and separation, although with widely contrasting consequences. The former revives the heart, showering it with a form of peace that leads the mind to believe that the transcendental experiences shall continue till perpetuity; in cases of separation, it transmutes to a bottomless abyss wherein the lover forever falls, desperate for an escape from the seemingly endless torture.

Udhri poets uphold this throughout their works. Urwah, for example, anticipates the day he will meet Afrā:

I love the Day of Judgment since I have been told  
That I shall meet her there.

Qays demonstrates the immortality of his love:

Our love will survive every event,  
And will visit us in the darkness of the grave.

Majnun declares,

O if only we could live together  
And if we die my bones lie beside her bones.

Jamil composes,

My heart was tied to hers before our creation —  
after we were seeds and in the cradle.  
It grew, as grew our slumbers and awakenings.  
Shattered not was the Covenant upon our passing,  
but was honored in every moment,  
even as we entered the darkness of our tombs.

Al-Tabari (رحمه الله) commenting on the verse that the spouses are *libsan* (garments) for one another, writes that the term refers to the residence of and in the heart. Thus, although the beloved's physical presence may not be enjoyed, her timeless image hardly withdraws. Al-Razi and Ibn Badr (رحمهما الله) agree in interpreting the term as embracement, as spouses become one via enfolding, each resembling a garment worn by the other. The beloved ceases to merely be her own individual self, thereby becoming an extension of the lover, sharing in both his delight and pain. Forgetting, thus, in cases of separation, becomes impossible, for while the lover may divert himself from her remembrance, the act itself depicts his inability to overcome his grief. The Prophet (ﷺ), in spite of having deeply loved again, did not merely forget his first true love: *Khadja* (رضي الله عنها). As Ibn Sbayyil describes,

They said, "You should marry and forget her."  
"Ah, even if I took four wives I'd never forget

her," said I.

Happiness, insofar as it is construed as delightful contentment, stems from a combination of all the factors mentioned thus. The heart seeks joy in the remembrance of its Lord and the souls which have taken the Covenant. Such culminates in the beloved, for there is no greater delight in this life than in her arms. Ibn 'azm adds, quite eloquently:

Were it not that this world below is a transitory abode of trial and trouble, and Paradise a home where virtue receives its reward, secure from all annoyances, I would have said that union with the beloved is that pure happiness which is without alloy, and gladness unswayed by sorrow, the perfect realization of hopes and the complete fulfillment of one's dreams. I have tested all manner of pleasures, and known every variety of joy; and I have found that neither intimacy with princes, nor wealth acquired, nor finding after lacking, nor returning after long absence, nor security after fear and repose in a safe refuge none of these things so powerfully affects the soul as union with the beloved, especially if it come after long denial and continual banishment.

The epitome of otherworldly beauty, she becomes the object of all curiosity and affection, as does what may be connected to her — her homeland, her preferences, irrespective of how minor, or her habits. Majnun says,

I pass by [Layla's] places, kissing this wall  
and that wall,  
Longing for her who lived in these places —  
Not the places themselves.

Qays declares,

I am not fond of your homeland;  
I am kissing the footprints of the one  
Who stepped over its soil.

Kuthayyir, during a journey, requests his companions:

My friends, this was the encampment of  
Azzah.  
Stop and touch the earth which may have  
touched her skin,  
And remain spending the night where she  
stayed and spent the night.  
And do not doubt that God will forgive your  
sins,  
If you pray where she prayed.

Lovers raise their beloved to unattainably high stations, often believing that the very earth they have tread must be infused with *barakah*. Driven to insanity, they touch the objects which may have contained their lovers, hoping to regain some semblance of reunion. Ma'mūd Darwish, on this note, famously says,

They ask, "Have you been driven mad by  
Layla?"  
I say, "There is no delight in life save for the  
insane."

The depth of despondency is directly contingent upon the strength of love. Even Al-ibn 'Abd al-lib (رحمته الله), a man renowned for his fortitude, could not resist disintegration and failing to see life as though it had more to offer than bleakness upon the loss of his beloved (رضي الله عنها) — evident from his words during her (رضي الله عنها) burial:

Why is it that I halt at the grave of the one who  
has passed —  
The grave of my beloved who no longer returns  
my greetings?  
O, my love, why do you not answer me?  
Have you forgotten the intimacy we once  
shared?  
The beloved said, "How may I respond when I  
am shackled to the earth?  
The dirt has eaten away at my beauty, and I  
have forgotten you —

It has veiled me from my family and those I love.  
So I wish you peace and sever the bond by  
which we were once bound.

What then may be said about men who lacked the same resilience? It is not only the grief that assumes the reins of oppression, but the very object that had shown them that there is bliss to be found in life — the object through which the world could finally, after longivities of darkness, be seen in the litany of colors that granted it its magnificence — has now disappeared, taking away therewith the lovers' purpose and any semblance of life that their hearts may have contained. In the words of Majnun:

As if the mountain-roads were a circle of rings  
Around me, never increasing or decreasing in  
length.

What is portrayed is the stillness of time — the monotony that man is doomed to suffer from the absence of his beloved. Ibn Sbayyil grieves,

If I die first, she says, "So-and-so passed away";  
If she dies first, my life loses meaning.

She becomes his meaning, and therefore the lover does all to enrich, beautify, and commit that which grants her joy, as within the confines of true love, the lover attains happiness through sacrifice rather than confiscation. Jamil mourns,

I am pleased with the very little things accorded  
to me by Buthaynah.  
They are so insignificant  
That if they were known by the man [who spies us],  
He would not be annoyed with my love.  
I am pleased even when she says "no" or "I cannot"  
and when she makes me live on promises—  
Promises hoped for, but always disappointing.  
I am pleased with a quick glance at her,  
And even with spending a whole year without  
our meeting—  
Neither at the beginning nor at the end.

The dreariness man witnesses is not contingent merely upon the weakness of his character. Love necessarily turns hearts soft. Even the strong one will find himself unable to resist dissolution at the thought of his beloved, and devoid of life should his love be unreciprocated or union be broken. As there is no greater delight to be experienced in life than in her arms, there is no greater grief than her reach disappearing into the distance.

Such grief may not be overcome. Transcending the boundaries of distress ceases to remain a possibility, and so the only choice man is left with is to tread forward with what plagues his heart. For some, there may come a time when the grief metamorphoses into nostalgia, particularly so if he is able to find love once again; with others, acceptance of their burdens is required as they await the wisdoms behind their trials. Regardless, the grief is to remain, triggered perhaps by words, images, or objects due to associations that he may consciously or otherwise form. Such are, however, associated with yet another extreme: beauty and love.

The lover is reminded of his beloved by the most ordinary of things. Where the onlooker may see, say, a tree, the lover perceives what shaded him during his confession of love; where all see mundaneness, the lover sees pearls. But in moments of separation or concern over whether the love will be cultivated to fruition, he is plagued by doubts and restlessness, which may even occasionally cause him to hurl imprecations. Jamil writes,

May God cast motes into Buthayna's eyes,  
May He blacken her brilliant teeth!

He wishes elsewhere,

I wish I were rid of you, love,  
Will you leave me no rest?  
Similar thoughts may be found in the verses

of Ibn Sbayyil:  
She'll sprinkle my heart before it wastes away  
Or is it her plan to let me die because of her?  
She is merciless — may His Mercy elude her kin:  
Her red-hot iron, Lord, tortures me to death.

Jamil, however, does not truly intend to curse Buthaynah, and nor does Ibn Sbayyil wish for his beloved to be deprived of God's Mercy. What underlies the words of the former is repulsion towards the notion of any man other than himself approaching Buthaynah, and those of the latter the pain borne from unreciprocated love, both effectively portraying the reality of their raging hearts.

Anger is often a byproduct of unrequited love. The lovers are agonized, forced to face that their desired future has slithered through their fingers, and so they begin to chase a distant dream. Ibn 'azm cites an anecdote wherein he speaks to a man whose eyes were, after the oceans of tears he had shed, dried with weariness, and his life drenched by the waters of sorrow. He recognized that there was no prospect for embracing his love, and yet when he prayed, he did so for union rather than relief. When the Imam, thus, asked God to aid him, he was only met with displeasure, as it was not mere relief that the man sought, but relief through reciprocation in his affections.

There is a frequent struggle between the dictates of the mind and that of the heart, for should we consider the mind the tool responsible for applying pure reason, we see that it urges man towards pragmatism; knowledge thereof is also to some degree connected to the outer state of the heart, for the heart may also witness what has been lost. The inner state, however, yearns for the lost object, and it is such a dilemma that yields chaos. Ibn Sbayyil's poem mirrors this concept:

The heart is a Sultan with despotic powers,  
It rules at the pleasure of its whims;  
The eye is the heart's scout sent to check,  
To-ing and fro-ing at the well from enemy to friend.  
Love is an affliction in perpetual motion,  
That offers no escape to the smartest game.

Although the realization of a long-awaited reunion plucks at the strings of the heart in a most exquisite manner, the perplexity arising from newfound love, or in the process of deliberation in terms of whether the dictates of the heart must be submitted to, or even from the knowledge that the beloved is no longer with the lover, steals all rest that eyes seek in the depths of darkness. Imām al-Shāfi'ī (رحمته الله) wrote:

Some eyes alert, and others at rest,  
Over a matter which may or may not manifest.  
Avert the distresses your souls harness,  
For your burden of torment has driven you to madness.

While ignorance is construed negatively, it is innate to us, rife its own wisdoms. It is because of our ignorance that we may hope, despite the grief that overtakes our hearts, for those who have witnessed the wisdoms behind their trials know that it is only gratefulness that their grief should birth. If loss is the price to be paid for wisdom, it is hardly high, for there is nothing greater than this lost property of the believer should it teach him that not a grain of his broken existence is detached from its Lord.

It is with a broken heart that man witnesses the essence of reality: therein is no existence unsustained by Allah and no true existence apart from Him; it is He who sustains all, as all else is a mere shadow — a passing manifestation without constancy. Should he make what is by nature evanescent, his life will cease to retain any meaning upon its dissipation. There is no love unaccompanied by grief, but should grief be the price man is to pay for love, man must still love for his heart knows that there is no greater beauty in life than what is found through it.

Man is not a product of his experiences, but of the stances he takes with regard thereto. He may descend into despair and lose what grants him life, or adhere to his hopes and perceive the events which he never imagined anything of inducing the unimaginable, if only he unceasingly relies on his Lord. Reliance is not a matter of hoping that one will receive what he hopes for, but that his affairs are in the Hands of his Guardian, and so when the price has been paid with grief, he must garner patience and step forward into what will content his Lord, as he awaits to be shown that he had a greater purpose by the Best of Planners. It is only fitting, thus, to conclude with the words of al-Shāfi'ī (رحمته الله):

Indeed, your Lord has sufficed you in the days now past,

And He will suffice you in those to last.  
And Allah knows best.

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## Covid Vaccines Effective Against Severe Cases In Children Study Finds

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Vaccines are effective against severe cases of COVID-19 in children and adolescents, according to a review of studies.

However, the study published in the journal BMJ Paediatrics Open shows that with most children already infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus and building up a natural immunity, the additional benefit of

from other vaccine preventable diseases were considerably higher.

The review noted many countries have still not introduced proven lifesaving vaccines, including pneumococcal, rotavirus and human papillomavirus, into their immunisation schedules.

The resources required for COVID-19 vaccine roll-out in these countries posed a considerable challenge, it stated.



vaccination in healthy children is minimal.

The team, led by researchers at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute in Australia, explored the challenges and considerations of COVID-19 vaccination, especially in low- and middle-income countries with high levels of community transmission and infection-derived immunity.

The review found that any roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines in low- and middle-income countries should also complement routine childhood vaccine programmes that have a greater impact on illness and death, including for measles, pneumonia and diarrhoeal disease.

The study shows that despite most children having been infected and severe infection could occur, deaths were extremely rare in children.

Globally, 16,100 COVID-19 deaths have been reported in those up to 19 years old, according to the researchers.

They highlight that although COVID-19 vaccinations in children were effective at the time they were tested, the benefits were lower in the current context of high infection-derived immunity.

The study found that the extra gain was also much lower compared to other life-saving vaccines in low- and middle-income countries, where childhood deaths

John Hart from Murdoch Children's Research Institute said although there was not strong evidence to support routine vaccination of all healthy children, it was a different for high-risk children, especially those with disabilities and certain underlying conditions.

"Given the very high prevalence of risk factors for severe COVID-19 in low- and middle-income countries, vaccination against COVID-19 is an important consideration in all age groups, including children, he said.

However, decisions should be made considering the direct benefits to the individual child, not broader benefits to the household or community related to transmission, particularly as the effectiveness of the vaccines against infection is temporary, the researchers said.

Professor Fiona Russell from Murdoch Children's said there was also a lack of public health data in low- and middle-income countries, which underscored the importance of ensuring equitable access to safe and effective vaccines for future epidemics before exposure to infection.

"In low- and middle-income countries, most people were infected by the time vaccines became available, highlighting the profound inequity in global vaccine distribution," she added.

## Office Of The Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation

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PUBLIC NOTICE

### Registration of Dairies & Gaushalas

As per the "Revised Guidelines for Environmental Management of Dairy Farms and Gaushalas" issued by the Central Pollution Control Board Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change GoI, in terms of Order dated 08.10.2020 in O.A No.46/2018 passed by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, and under Section-324 of the J&K Municipal Corporation Act, 2000, all the Dairy owners & Gaushala operators falling within the limits of Srinagar Municipal Corporation are informed through the medium of this notice to register their Dairy Units/Gaushalas with Srinagar Municipal Corporation through online mode at [www.smcsrinagar.in](http://www.smcsrinagar.in) within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

All the provisionally registered Dairy/Gaushala Units which are having 15 or more animals must obtain consent to establish & consent to operate under Water Act, 1974 as well as Air Act, 1981 from the JKPCC (Jammu & Kashmir Pollution Control Committee). Anyone found operating a Dairy farm/Gaushala without the requisite registration of SMC shall be challaned and fined up to Rs.5000/- and may also lead to impounding of the animal/s.

For detailed guidelines regarding opening of new Dairy unit/Gaushala, kindly visit on [jkspcb.nic.in](http://jkspcb.nic.in). For any kind of query/help related to online Dairy Registration, you may contact Municipal Veterinary Services Wing of SMC (Tengpora Srinagar) on - 7006450265, 0194-2474499, 0194-2470465, 18001807038 & also email at [smcmvo@gmail.com](mailto:smcmvo@gmail.com) / [commissioner-smc@jk.gov.in](mailto:commissioner-smc@jk.gov.in).

DIPK-NB-2766/23  
DATED: 22-08-2023

Sd/-  
Joint Commissioner  
Srinagar Municipal Corporation

### SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MUNICIPAL VETERINARY SERVICES WING

Know about the Animal Birth Control Programme implemented by the SMC to address the issue of stray dog-related concerns.

- 1) Killing or shifting stray dogs from one place to another place is illegal under the Animal Birth Control Rule, 2023 promulgated under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.
- 2) The only legal intervention allowed is the implementation of the Animal Birth Control and Anti Rabies Vaccination Programme in accordance with the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023.
- 3) The Srinagar Municipal Corporation has been implementing Animal Birth Control & Anti Rabies Vaccination Programme in all its 35 Administrative Wards (74 Electoral Wards).
- 4) The Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies Vaccination Programme follow a sequence of processes that include:
  - A. Catching of stray dogs:** The dog-catching team will catch and shift them to the designated Animal Birth Control Centre.
  - B. Sterilization of stray dogs:** These captured dogs will be neutered/ spayed (removal of reproductive organs) by the Veterinarian at the ABC Centre.
  - C. Anti-Rabies Vaccination:** The sterilized dogs will remain in the ABC Centre for a few days for post-operative care of the surgical wound. The neutered/spayed dogs are also vaccinated against Rabies.
  - D. Release:** Once the dogs have fully recovered, they are released back to their original territory. This step is crucial because it allows the dogs to return to their familiar surroundings without contributing to further population growth.

#### Benefits of the ABC Programme

- 1) Stabilizes the stray dog population through humane methods.
- 2) Curbs the spread of rabies in humans as well as in animals.
- 3) Reduces the incidence of dog bite cases.
- 4) Checks cruelty issues of stray dogs.
- 5) A legitimate approach to address grievances concerning dog-related nuisances from the general public.

Kindly cooperate with the SMC for the implementation of the Animal Birth Control & Anti Rabies Vaccination Programme.

For any query please call us at: 7889334951, 7006276005, and 1800180738

Sd/-  
Municipal Veterinary Officer,  
Srinagar Municipal Corporation



### SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

MUNICIPAL VETERINARY SERVICES WING

#### SAFETY TIPS TO PREVENT DOG BITE

1. Don't disturb a stray dog, particularly if it is eating food, sleeping, or caring for its pups.
2. Don't chase, provoke, kick, shout, or throw stones at the dog.
3. Don't panic or start running at the sight of a stray dog.
4. Children in the age group of 4-9 years are the most common victims of dog bites; they need supervision when near dogs.
5. Avoid dogs displaying aggressive behavior such as growling, barking, or snarling.
6. If a dog bites, wash the bite wound with soap and running water for 15 minutes and visit the nearest hospital for treatment.
7. If you see a dog in the locality with an abnormal or aggressive behavior with froth dribbling from its mouth, keep away from such dogs and report immediately to Srinagar Municipal Corporation on the following helpline numbers: +911942474499, 1-800-180-7038, and +911942470465.
8. Citizens are requested to cooperate and coordinate with the Srinagar Municipal Corporation for the implementation of the Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies Vaccination Programme, in which stray dogs will be caught, sterilized, and vaccinated against Rabies and then released back to the pickup location.

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DATED: 22-08-2023

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### Government of Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Financial Commissioner (Revenue)

Subject: Appointment to the post of Junior Scale Stenographer (Revenue Department) District Cadre Srinagar in pursuance to Advertisement Notification No. 02 of 2021 dated 26.03.2021 under Item No 446 issued by the J&K SSB.

Ref: 1. Letter No. Rev-NG/13/2023(7152177) dated 28.06.2023 from Administrative Department, J&K.  
2. Letter No. JKSSB/23/2023-03(E-7164134) dated 13.06.2023 from J&K Service Selection Board.

#### ORDER No:442 FC (REV) of 2023 DATED:21/8/2023.

On the recommendations of the J&K Service Selection Board, and endorsed by the Administrative Department vide their letters referred above, sanction is hereby accorded to the temporary appointment of the below mentioned candidate as Junior Scale Stenographer in the Revenue Department, District Cadre Srinagar, in the pay level-6B (Rs 35600-112800).

| S. No. | District | Cadre | Name of the candidate (Mr./Ms) | Parentage (Mr.)    | Address  | Category | CID Character verification form no. dated |
|--------|----------|-------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|----------|---|
| 1      | Srinagar |       | Saqib Nazir                    | Abdul Satar Patloo | H.No.33, Karpora, Khushki Rainawari, Khanyar, Srinagar | OM       | 68921 dated 08.08.2023                    |

The appointee shall report to the office of Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar within a period of twenty one (21) days from the date of issuance of this order and shall be allowed to join after the production of following documents/certificates (in original) to be verified subsequently:-

- (i) Academic/ qualification Certificates.
  - (ii) Matriculation/Date of Birth Certificates.
  - (iii) Health Certificate from the concerned Chief Medical Officer of the District.
  - (iv) Domicile Certificate issued by the competent authority.
  - (v) If the candidate has taken loan for self employment from DIC/Employment Department, to be ascertained from the District Industries Centre (DIC) and District Employment & Counseling Centre of the domicile District, he/she shall relinquish the proprietorship of unit/enterprise and also stakes, if any, in such self employment unit/enterprise before joining the Government service. He/ she shall be required to repay the entire loan liability in suitable EMIs to be worked out by the DDO concerned from his/her salary. DDO concerned shall obtain an affidavit from the concerned appointee regarding both relinquishment of proprietorship and stakes if any, in such a self-employment unit/enterprise and recovery to be made and also personally monitor its recovery.
  - (vi) Valid relevant Category Certificate, if any, applicable.
- The above appointment shall further be subject to the following conditions:-
- (a) The clearance received from the Criminal Investigation Department, J&K is provisional and it shall be mandatory for the appointee to fill in the Verification Rolls (V-Rolls), as available through the online mode under the Electronic Employment Verification System (EVS). Any false information provided by the appointee, or an adverse finding subsequent to the V-Roll submitted electronically shall result in cancellation of appointment ab-initio, without any further notice.
  - (b) The appointee shall give an undertaking in the shape of an affidavit to the effect that if, on verification, genuineness of the qualification /category certificate from the concerned issuing authority are found fake/forged, the appointment shall be treated to have been cancelled ab-initio.
  - (c) The salary of the appointee(s) shall not be drawn and disbursed to his/her unless a satisfactory report in respect of (a) above is received in his/her favour.
  - (d) The appointee shall be initially on probation for a period of two years.
  - (e) The appointment of the candidate(s) shall be governed by the "New Pension Scheme" as per SRO 400 of 2009 dated 24.12.2009.
  - (f) The inter-se-seniority of the appointee(s) shall be strictly as per their merit in the select list.
  - (g) The cadre allocated by appointing authority/SSB shall not be changed under any circumstances.
  - (h) This appointment order is issued subject to outcome of any petition(s) pending in any competent Court/Tribunal, etc.
  - (i) If the appointee fail to join within a period of 21 days (twenty one) days from the date of issuance of this order they shall forego their right to appointment which shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio without any further notice.
- By order of the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) J&K.

Sd/-  
(Shaleen Kabra) IAS Financial Commissioner, (Revenue) (J&K)  
No: FCR-NGA/191-2023-06-FCR-7228808  
DIPK-7604/23 Dated:22/08/2023

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

### Office of the Member Secretary, Market Administrative Committee (MAC) Department of Horticulture Planning and Marketing Prichoo Pulwama

Tender Notice

Sealed Tenders are invited from public at large/NGO's for sanitation of Fruit and Vegetable Market Prichoo for the period from 30.08.2023 to 31.01.2024. The sealed offers affixed with revenue stamp of Rs.2/- and accompanied with CDR/FDR worth Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) as security, to be released after the expiry of the contract, pledged to Member Secretary Market Administrative Committee Prichoo should reach this office by or before 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 up to 12.00 Noon by registered post/by hand. The tender documents can be had from the office of u/s/- against the cash payment of Rs.10/- on all working days up to 28-08-2023. **The tender shall be allotted to the tenderer who shall offer lowest bid amount.**

The tenders shall be opened on the same day i.e. 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 at 02.30 P.M in this office by the Market Administrative Committee (MAC) and in presence of the bidder who wish to be present. In case the said day happens to be a holiday the same shall be opened on the next working day.

#### Terms and conditions :-

1. The sanitation shall be carried out for the whole premises of Fruit Market which will include cleaning of Market yard, auctioning sheds, foot path and roads of the Market.
2. The highest bid one can offer is Rs45000 in respect of Fruit & Vegetable Market Prichoo Pulwama.
3. The sanitation shall be carried out on daily basis.
4. A certificate to the effect that sanitation work has been carried out satisfactorily shall be issued by the Fruit Association Prichoo on monthly basis.
5. The successful bidder shall have to arrange dumping facility for garbage of his own, to outside the Mandi.
6. The successful bidder has to abide all the SOPs as laid down by the government during the period of contract.
7. Cleaning of surface drains within the Mandi premises shall be part of sanitation.
8. In case of any dispute between the parties matter shall be referred to Chairperson MAC/Deputy Director (K) Horticulture (P&M) Srinagar for arbitration and decision of the Chairperson MAC shall be final and binding upon both the parties.

No: -0711-HPM/MAC/Prich/2023-24/ 60-63

DIPK-7595/23 dated: 22-08-2023

Sd/  
Member Secretary  
Market Administrative Committee  
Prichoo.

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### Before The Hon"ble Court Of Principal District And Sessions Judge At Srinagar

From the office of :-  
Adv Faizan ul haq Mattoo  
Adv Imtiyaz Aziz baigh  
Adv Manzoor Sadiq ganie  
Adv Sirinawaz thakur

IN THE CASE OF :-  
1. Mohammad Yousuf Wani  
2. Nisar Ahmad Wani.  
3. Manzoor Ahmad Wani All Sons of Abdul Ahad Wani  
4. Basit S/o Noor Mohammad Wani  
5. Bisma D/o Noor Mohammad Wani  
6. Rafiqia D/o Abdul Ahad Wani  
7. Naseema D/o Abdul Ahad Wani All Residents of Main Chowk Soura  
8. Hajira D/o Abdul Ahad Wani. W/o Altaf Hussain R/o 90 feet road Hubi colony Soura Srinagar

V/S  
Public at large

IN THE MATTER OF:- Caveat petition in terms of section 148 A cpc.  
The caveators has reason to believe/apprehension that non caveators may file an application /case /revision or any other proceedings before this hon'ble court on the ground of distorted facts /misrepresentation and cooked up story ,therefore may succeed in obtaining some relief / order at their back /ex parte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators may suffer an irreparable loss and injury which can't be compensated by any means later on . Therefore it would be proper to put caveators on notice so that an opportunity of being heard is given to the caveators before passing any such relief / order . Hence this Caveat application .

(Caveator)

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## Price Pressure In Food Items To Be Transitory; Elevated Inflation Warrant Greater Vigil: FinMin



Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The finance ministry on Tuesday said price pressure on food items is expected to be transitory, with tomato prices seeing a decline, but the government and RBI need to step up vigil to deal with elevated inflationary pressure.

Enhanced provision for capital expenditure by the government in the current fiscal is now leading to crowding in of private investment, and domestic consumption and investment demand would continue to drive growth going forward, said the ministry's Monthly Economic Review for July.

The consumer price index based retail inflation spiked to a 15-month high of 7.44 per cent in July 2023, with specific food commodities mainly driving the increase. Core inflation, however, stayed at a 39-month low of 4.9 per cent.

"The government has already taken preemptive measures to restrain food inflation which, along with the arrival of fresh stock, is likely to subside price pressure in the market soon... The price pressure in food items is expected to be transitory," the report said, adding, global uncertainty and domestic disruptions may keep inflationary pressures elevated

for the coming months, warranting greater vigilance by the government and the RBI.

Though food inflation in July is perhaps the third highest since the new CPI series began in 2014, only 48 per cent of food items have inflation of above 6 per cent, and this includes 14 food items with inflation in double digits, it said.

Items like tomato, green chilli, ginger and garlic witnessed inflation of more than 50 per cent. Hence, the abnormal increase in prices of certain specific items led to high food inflation in July 2023.

"Tomato prices are likely to decline with the arrival of fresh stocks by the end of August or early September. Further, enhanced imports of tur dal are expected to moderate pulses inflation. These factors, along with the recent government efforts, can soon materialise moderation in food inflation in the coming months," the ministry said.

Going forward, while domestic consumption and investment demand are expected to continue driving growth, global and regional uncertainties and domestic disruptions may keep inflationary pressures elevated for the coming months, warranting greater vigilance by the government and the RBI, it added.

## Horticulture Dept Expects Bumper Apple Crop In Kashmir This Year

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR-** The horticulture department expects a bumper apple crop of 21-22 lakh tonnes in the Kashmir valley this year on the back of introduction of new varieties and higher acreage.

However, apple dealers and growers are not on the same page with the department as they expect the production to be less the last year due to damage to the crops because of adverse weather conditions and diseases.

They have also called for the setting up of controlled atmosphere (CA) stores in the valley so that growers can earn better prices, especially during the off-season.

According to the horticulture department, apple production was 20 lakh tonnes in the last year.

"This year's apple production will be around 21-22 lakh tonnes compared to 20 lakh tonnes last year. This is because orchardists are going for high-density plantations. Of this, 90 per cent of the crop falls under A grade," Shafiq Khalid, Deputy Director of the Department of Horticulture, said.

She said there were plans afoot to bring 5,500 hectares of land under 12 crops in the next five years. "Most of it will have apple plantations," she said.

However, an organisation of fruit growers and dealers feel that the yield might not be that high.

"Due to adverse weather conditions, production is less than the previous year. Around 40 per cent of the crop is damaged due to hailstorms and diseases. It is obvious if the production will be low the size of the fruit will be better but the results are



mixed in many areas of Kashmir. There is a dearth of rain currently which is needed to help in gaining colour on the fruit," Bashir Ahmad Basheer, President Fruit Growers and Dealers Association, said.

Basheer said there was a deficiency of CA stores in the valley, especially in north Kashmir. "North and central Kashmir areas are facing a shortage of CA stores. Most of the CA stores are in South Kashmir," he added.

The demand for CA stores is getting louder as a substantial part of last year's apple production was wasted due to the frequent closure of the Srinagar-Jammu national highway.

Shafiq Khalid said the transportation issue has been taken care of.

"Previous year's highway blockade issue has been taken care of as we have created groups which consist of teams from the Department of Traffic Police, Horticulture Planning and Marketing and Administrative Department of Horticulture. Everyone is working in coordination to keep close vigilance on the highway and other routes," she added.

She said there was a scheme under Mission for Integrated Development for Horticulture for setting up CA stores which will benefit the farmers by fetching them better returns during the off-season.

Basheer said there have been no problems so far this year.

While Kashmir valley contributes around 80 per cent of the apple production of the country, the erratic weather in Himachal and Uttarakhand has destroyed the crops in these two hill states, which is expected to translate into better prices for apples from the union territory.

"The market of Kashmiri apple is a bit better than that of Himachal Pradesh. The production is low in both Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh. In some areas, around 70 per cent of fruit has been damaged and in some only 10 per cent so in totality we can say around 30 per cent of fruit is damaged," he added.

Officials said 70 per cent of Kashmir's population is directly or indirectly dependent on horticulture, mainly apple cultivation. Although scab disease has hit high-density varieties of apple too, it has yielded satisfactory crops.

## Centre Asks Onion Farmers Not To Worry About Export Curbs As Govt Restarts Procurement At Rs 2,410/Quintal

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday alleged that some "political opponents" are creating a "wrong picture" about the export duty slapped on onion, and urged farmers not to worry as the Centre has restarted procurement at Rs 2,410/quintal for its buffer stock.

The minister asserted that the decision to impose a 40 per cent export duty on onion has been taken to protect the consumers' interest, but at the same time the Centre has also decided to purchase additional 2 lakh tonnes of onion from farmers to avoid any panic selling.

He also said the government will increase the size of the buffer stock and procure more from farmers if the need arise.

At a media briefing, Goyal announced that additional procurement of 2 lakh tonnes of onion for the buffer stock will be done at Rs 2,410 per quintal, which he said is an "historical rate" and much higher than the average Rs 1,800-1,900 per quintal the farmers normally get from exports.

"Some political opponents have been trying to present a wrong picture (about export curbs). I would urge all farmers in onion producing states not to worry and indulge in any panic selling. NCCF and NAFED have been directed to procure onion from farmers," Goyal said.

On August 19, the central government imposed a 40 per



cent export duty on onion to restrict outward shipments and boost the local availability amid apprehension about the kharif output and signs of firming of retail prices. It also decided to increase the size of the buffer stock of onion to 5 lakh tonnes for 2023-24 from the earlier 3 lakh tonnes which has already been procured.

The decision on export duty led to protests by farmers and traders in various parts of Maharashtra, especially in Nashik district.

The National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF) and the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) have recommended the procurement operations in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh from Wednesday.

"Both consumers and farmers are important for us... The government has been taking decisions in the interest of both farmers and consumers," he said.

The minister said the Centre is constantly in touch with Maharashtra chief minister and two deputy chief ministers on this issue.

## Centre To Launch 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar' GST Reward Scheme In 6 States, UTs From Sept 1

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The government will launch the 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar' incentive scheme, which offers cash prizes from Rs 10,000 to Rs 1 crore, from September 1, starting with six states and Union Territories.

The scheme, which is aimed at motivating customers to ask for a bill every time they make purchases, will be launched in the states of Assam, Gujarat and Haryana; and the UTs of Puducherry, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) said.

Invoice incentive scheme allows to earn cash prizes on upload of GST invoices, CBIC tweeted.

All invoices issued by Goods and Services Tax (GST) registered suppliers to consumers will be eligible for the 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar' scheme, under which monthly and quarterly draws of lots will be made and winners will be eligible for cash reward prizes beginning



from Rs 10,000 to up to Rs 1 crore.

The minimum purchase value for the invoice to be considered for the lucky draw is Rs 200 and individuals can upload a maximum of 25 invoices in a month beginning September 1.

The 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar' mobile app will be made available on both IOS and Android platforms.

The invoice uploaded on the app should have the GSTIN of the seller, invoice number, amount paid and tax amount.

The scheme is conceptualised in a way to incentivise citizens and consumers to ask for genuine invoices from the seller when making business-to-consumer (B2C) purchases of goods or services.

## J&K Bank Commissions Cash Recycler Machine In Udhampur

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Continuing its extension of convenient banking services to people, J&K Bank commissioned a Cash Recycler Machine (CRM) at Rehambal in district Udhampur.

The Bank's Zonal Head (Udhampur) Rajesh Gupta inaugurated the CRM in presence of Branch Manager Sanjay Gupta amid a gathering of valuable customers including Sarpanches and other prominent citizens of the area.

On the occasion, Zonal Head Rajesh Gupta reiterated the Bank's commitment of providing easy and affordable banking services to people irrespective of their location and status. "Besides serving our customers



and people at large, the installation of CRM will help in reducing footfall at the adjacent branches because the cash recycler machine not only dispenses money but provides facility for de-

positing cash also", he said. Residents of the area thanked the Bank management for extending high-tech banking facilities to the people and assured their full cooperation.

## HK Hyundai Celebrates Its 1st Anniversary Of Hyundai Dealership

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Last Year, Hyundai Motor India Ltd. (HMIL), country's first smart mobility solutions provider and the largest exporter since inception, inaugurated a new Dealership "HK Hyundai situated at Athwajan Bypass, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir.

Promoted by Umar Yaqoob Mir, HK Hyundai is a State-of-the-Art Dealership spread across a total built up area of approx 30,000 sq.ft. (4,600 sq. showroom and 19,000 sq.ft. workshop).

Walking through the mesmerizing decorations & warm welcome at HK Hyundai, Chief guests - Anish Agarwal (Zonal Business Head - North) & Yoon Bok Hwang (Group Advisor - North) Hyundai Motor India Ltd added charm to the celebration.

Commenting on the 1st anniversary, Umar Yaqoob Mir (Managing Director, HK Hyundai), said - Today we are celebrating our company's 1st anniversary and I value everyone all who are sharing this special day with us. My first task was to paint a picture of where I wanted to take my business and my employees have equally contributed to making this day possible. Our healthy organization started with the incorporation of core human values, such as Trust, Integrity, and Teamwork. I have always tried my level best to offer my employees with better business, flexible work culture and perfect learning atmosphere. On this auspicious day, I promise all my employees to be friendly and supportive to them as I have been in these past years.

With excellent support and encouragement from Hyundai Motor India Limited, we have achieved the target of our sales retails about 80 cars per month in average and our goal is to achieve more than 100 vehicles per month in coming months. Not least, would like to add that our dealership received appreciation from HMIL, regarding Zero sales complaints and ranked Number 1 (one) in CATI & CSI in service.

Various awards were distributed into the highest performance employees, gifts were distributed among esteemed customers & media groups for coverage and support during FY 2022-23. Hyundai Motor India congratulated HK Hyundai for excellent work in past year and wished best of luck for future!





# Pakistani Rescuers Free 2 Children From Dangling Chairlift; 6 More Trapped

Agenceis

Peshawar, Aug 22: Two children were rescued by commandos on Tuesday more than 10 hours after they were trapped along with six others 900 ft mid-air when the wires of a chairlift snapped in northwest Pakistan as the army suspended aerial rescue operation due to darkness and launched a ground

mission to save others.

The two children were rescued by the Army's Special Services Group amid rough weather and following multiple attempts shortly before the sunset as part of an operation that involved four helicopters in the mountainous area in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Battagram district, Dawn news portal reported.

Citing state broadcaster PTV News, it reported that the army called off the aerial operation due to "night and weather conditions" and launched rescue efforts through "alternative means".

The children were headed to school when the incident occurred at around 8 am in Battagram district's Allai tehsil.

According to Allai tehsil chairperson Mufti Gulamullah, the

chairlift was privately run by locals for transportation across the river as there were no roads or bridges in the area, the Express Tribune newspaper reported.

"A chairlift stuck at a height of about 900 ft midway due to breakage in one of its cables in Battagram. Eight persons, including 6 children, (are) stranded," the Geo News reported citing a statement from the

National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

Authorities have decided to continue the rescue operation from the ground with the help of the Pakistan Army so that the operation may be continued during night.

Rescue workers on ground began the process of laying down nets to prepare for any mishaps, the report said.

State-run Radio Pakistan reported that food and drinks are being supplied to the stranded people via a small chairlift.

Television footage aired around 4:45 pm showed a rescuer suspended from a sling being lowered and positioned adjacent to the chairlift, Dawn news portal reported. The rescue mission is complicated due to gusty winds in the area and the fact the

helicopter's rotor blades risk further destabilising the lift, it said.

The chairlift is dangling in the middle of a deep ravine surrounded by towering mountains and a rocky surface, along with the Jhangri river beneath it.

Earlier, two helicopters belonging to the Pakistan Army and the Pakistan Air Force arrived at the site for a rescue operation.

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## NIDM Report Lists

mitigation and response planning had caused irreparable physical and economic losses to the community.

"Although disaster management systems may have been developed at various administrative levels, their functionality and effectiveness to respond to the disaster are still uncertain," it said.

The report revealed that although heavy rainfall was the triggering factor of floods in the valley, the impact of the disastrous event was aggravated by other factors, including the rapid urbanization, encroachment of water bodies and land adjoining river banks, the disappearance of wetlands, etc. has blocked the natural drainage patterns making the situation worse.

The study noted that despite several events of floods in Jammu and Kashmir, the region has not been identified as flood prone. Installation of flood forecasting and early warning systems at appropriate locations and their regular monitoring has been a big challenge, it said.

Notably, Jammu and Kashmir has three hydrological stations—Sangam, Ram Munshi Bagh, and Saffora installed by Irrigation and Flood Control Department on Jhelum River which runs through the Valley. However, the local authorities, according to the report, could not read the alarming signals of the rise in the water level as these stations were used to only monitor the flow of water from India to Pakistan and are not tagged as flood forecasting stations.

"Had the information by these stations provided flood forecasts to the state authorities, they would have prepared for flood recovery by providing an early window to evacuate people from low-lying areas, deployment of special teams and arrangement of relief supplies," the study noted.

The report said that failures in the flood forecasting systems and inadequacy of the existing early warning system probably contributed to the severity of the floods. The situation could have been controlled by proper communication networks and last-mile connectivity, it said.

The report suggested long-term measures in planning the flood preparedness, response and rehabilitation efforts in a well-coordinated manner by following the principle of Building Back Better.

The report said that the wetlands which acted as a natural sponge during the floods and shared the Jhelum waters are lost.

"About 44.4% of the lakes and wetlands have been lost in the suburbs of Srinagar during the turn of the 21st century and has affected the microclimate of the city, besides exposing them to the recurrent floods," the report said.

"The wetland has receded consistently and undergone tremendous land-use change owing to siltation coupled with floods and human interference. The Hokersar wetland has experienced fragmentation and changes in land use/land cover due to excessive siltation and biotic interference over the last four decades," the report said.

The study noted that most of the developmental activities are usually undertaken with utter disregard to environmental, geological, geomorphological and ecological conditions of the region.

"The ongoing construction boom is being fed by indiscriminate mining of sand, gravel, and boulders from riverbeds, which intends to weaken the existing flood control infrastructure which, in turn, makes the rivers more vulnerable to flash floods," it said.

## 2300 Arrested

data compiled by the police, a total of 2,327 terrorists and their associates were arrested post the Article 370 abrogation compared to 427 in 2015-2019.

Coupled with a 23 per cent decrease in terrorist recruitment from 597 in 2015-2019 to 461 in 2019-2023 and killing of hundreds of terrorists, the police said, the trend suggested improved intelligence gathering, proactive measures and an effective approach to counter-terrorism operations to disrupt the terror ecosystem.

Separately, officials said over 675 terrorists were killed in separate encounters with security forces from August 5, 2019 to June 2023, against over 740 in 2015-2019.

The police data exhibited a significant downward trend in the casualties among security personnel and civilians in the last four years.

Against the killing of 329 police and security personnel in terror attacks in 2015-2019, the number of fatalities had gone down by 56 per cent with 146 deaths reported post August 5, 2019.

The injuries to police and security personnel also indicated a decline of 68 per cent with 899 personnel reported injured in pre-Article 370 abrogation and 289 post-Article 370 abrogation period, the data stated.

The number of civilians killed in terrorist violence reduced from 119 in the pre-370 period to 107 in the post-370 period, reflecting a 10 per cent decrease. The instances of civilians killed during crossfire significantly decreased from 68 in the pre-370 to nine in the post-370 period, marking 87 per cent decrease, it said.

The data revealed that the number of civilians injured decreased from 263 in the pre-370 period to 175 in the post-370 period, representing a 33 per cent decrease.

During the pre-Article 370 period, the region witnessed 162 grenade attacks. However, after the abrogation, the number reduced to 138, reflecting a 15 per cent decrease in such incidents, it said.

The number of IED blasts figures remained the same, with 19 such incidents reported in both pre and post-370 periods.

However, the casualties resulting from IED blasts significantly reduced from 57 in the pre-370 period to 13 in the post-370 period, indicating a remarkable 77 per cent decrease, the data said.

It stated that the stand-off fire and hit and run cases saw a notable decrease from 314 in the pre-370 period to 181 in the post-370 period, marking a 42 per cent decline, while the instances of weapon-snatching witnessed a substantial decrease, with the number dropping from 45 in the pre-370 period to 14 in the post-370 period, representing a 69 per cent decrease.

The police said one of the most significant changes observed was the appreciable decrease in stone pelting incidents. The pre-370 period recorded 5,063 incidents, which significantly reduced to 434 in the post-370 period, marking a remarkable 91 per cent decrease.

The number of separatist-sponsored strike calls reduced from 339 in the pre-370 period to 46 in the post-370 period, reflecting a decrease of 86 per cent, the data said.

The encounters and counter-terrorism operations decreased from 423 in the pre-370 period to 342 in the post-370 period, representing a 19 per cent decrease.

The instances of abductions reduced from 28 in the pre-370 period to nine in the post-370 period, reflecting a 68 per cent decrease, while the incidents of arson saw a significant decrease, with the number dropping from 87 in the pre-370 period to 35 in the post-370 period, marking a 60 per cent decrease.

"The comparative analysis of the security indicators reveals a positive impact on the security situation in the region following Article 370 abrogation. Decreases in various security incidents highlight an improvement in public safety and the overall security landscape," the report said, highlighting the need for vigilant efforts in counter-terrorism operations and intelligence gathering.

It said a sustained focus on implementing effective security measures, enhancing community engagement and ongoing monitoring of security indicators will be essential to maintain and further improve the security situation.

## Art- 370 Never

Jha, who has challenged the August 5, 2019 decision of the Centre to abrogate Article 370, raised the legal question about whether Article 370 ceased to operate or exist after the enactment of the Constitution of J&K and the dissolution of the constituent assembly.

This led the bench to raise queries on the legality of the submissions.

The bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant told Dwidivedi that the court has to look at the Indian constituent assembly debates and the intent of the makers of the Indian Constitution in a manner in which the Article 370 was framed.

"I am arguing somewhat differently from what my friends have argued. They want some part of Article 370 to survive. My argument is that nothing survives. All the powers conferred under Article 370, I would show, cease to operate once the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir was enacted," Dwidivedi said.

The CJL said the consequence of the argument will be that the Constitution of India and its application to Jammu and Kashmir would "stand frozen as of January 26, 1957".

"Therefore, no further development in Indian constitutional law can at all apply, according to you, to the state of Jammu and Kashmir after 1957. How can that be acceptable?" he said.

The bench told Dwidivedi, "You are asking us to read what is not there in Article 370. Your submission is that it will be frozen after the constituent assembly of J-K frames the Constitution but that does not appear to be following. We have to look at the constituent assembly debates in a manner in which Article 370 was framed."

Dwidivedi said when the Article was framed, Jammu and Kashmir was in turmoil and the only legal entity was the state government and, therefore, the provision said there should be "consultation and concurrence" on the matters related to Union and concurrent list and those which do not fall under the Instrument of Accession.

"The constituent assembly was about to be set up. Hence, all the decisions which were taken in consultation and concurrence with the state government were to be placed before the constituent assembly of J-K. Therefore, Article 370 was a temporary provision," he contended.

The senior lawyer said looking at the provision and the constituent assembly debates, it can be clearly inferred that Article 370 was

temporary and ceased to exist after January, 1957.

The bench said what was being submitted was contrary to arguments advanced by others opposed to the abrogation as they said that the provision had acquired permanent status after the term of the state's constituent assembly ended.

"This is what is creating a problem. Perhaps our thinking in the manner which we have been tuned to think for the past 70 years is that there should be One Nation-One Constitution. But where is that prescribed? It should be prescribed in the Constitution which does not say so," the senior lawyer said.

CJ Chandrachud then asked can the court say that a speech made by a member of the constituent assembly, however weighty, represented the commitment of India to Jammu and Kashmir.

"This will have a bearing on the interpretation of the Constitution", the CJL said.

Justice Kaul also questioned Dwidivedi on his line of argument and said according to him, Article 370 was a defunct provision and no purpose was served having it.

"Yet the provision continued to be there in the Indian Constitution. Constitution Orders (orders applying provisions of Indian Constitution to J-K) have been issued pre-1957 and post 1957. Yet nobody thought about removing it. The association of people with Article 370 was negatory and hence nothing survives. This is your argument?" Justice Kaul summed up Dwidivedi's contentions.

Dwidivedi told the bench that past practices would not justify the invalidity of a provision and this is a settled law.

"The law, as I understand, is that however long a past practice is if it is constitutionally illegal, it cannot be justified. What I am trying to show is the intent of our Constitution framers. We cannot read Article 370 de hors (other than) the intent is my question," he said.

Justice Kaul said it is difficult to accept that the constituent assembly debates amount to an assurance that Article 370 would dissolve itself after the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir has been enacted and term of the state's constituent assembly comes to an end.

Senior advocate CU Singh, appearing for Mohammed Yousuf Tarigami and others challenged the enactment of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 and said the erstwhile state could not be divided into two union territories.

The hearing remained inconclusive and will continue on Wednesday.

Several petitions challenging the abrogation of the provisions of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which split the erstwhile state into two union territories - Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh - were referred to a Constitution bench in 2019.

## J&K Setting

"We should take concerted action for more effective delivery of public services, benefits of welfare schemes, extending the benefits of self-employment schemes to youth and women and be adequately sensitive to their needs and aspirations," he added.

The LG directed the officers to ensure that there is no delay in extending revenue services like registration of property. He also sought the active participation of PRI members and other stakeholders in improving the literacy rate in the district.

"Our efforts for rapid progress in the education sector and increase in literacy rate can have its full impact only if PRIs, public and administration work together. This is the right time to move decisively in this direction," he added.

During his visit, the LG took a detailed review of various infrastructure projects including construction of Transit Accommodations for Kashmiri Migrant Employees and directed the concerned departments to expedite the implementation at the earliest.

He directed the district administration and all the line departments for saturation of old age, widow pensions, scholarships, marriage assistance schemes to eligible beneficiaries by organising special camps during Block Diwas.

"Effective implementation of development programmes for deprived sections of society, women, children and Specially-Abled is our top priority," he said.

Reviewing the progress of the Agriculture and allied sectors, the LG said that the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) will bring a new Agriculture revolution that is broad based and inclusive.

"The successful implementation of HADP is the responsibility of everyone associated with the sector," he said.

He further suggested the constitution of Cooperative Societies in every possible sector of rural areas to explore the possibilities for economic growth of the region. Besides, he directed the District Agriculture Officer for increasing the registration of farmers on Daksh Portal.

Reviewing the measures taken to promote tourism and industry sectors in the district, Sinha directed the officials to improve connectivity to tourist destinations of the district and effective measures to facilitate the tourists coming to Kulgam.

District Administration was directed to set up a help desk to facilitate establishment of Industrial units in the district.

The LG asked the officials to hold regular meetings with banks and financial institutions for timely provision of credit under different government schemes. He further emphasized on promoting self-employment and extending support to aspiring youth of the district under the dedicated schemes of Mission Youth.

The meeting also discussed the utilisation of vacant Government buildings and encouraging youth to join NCC and Red Cross initiatives.

Later, the LG interacted with various public delegations including ULB, PRI representatives, Fruits Growers association, traders, transporters, Youth Club members, Bar Association, Gujjar Bakerwal and Pahari Community and assured speedy redressal of issues and specific grievances.

## Former MS Kulgam

attendance to the Health and Medical Education Department on monthly basis," the order read.

Besides, Mudasir DEIC Manager (on contractual basis), District Hospital, Kulgam is, hereby, attached in the office of the Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K with immediate effect, the order reads.

"Sanction is, hereby, accorded to the constitution of two-member enquiry committee, comprising of the following Officers to enquire into the embezzlement of hospital Development funds of District Hospital, Kulgam while taking into account, the preliminary enquiry as conducted by the Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir as well as all other connected documents/evidence," reads a separate order.

The members of the committee as per order are Dr. Yash Pal Sharma, Director Coordination, New Government Medical Colleges, J&K and Muzaffar Ahmad Rather, Chief Account Officer, Government Medical College, Anantnag.

"The inquiry committee shall submit its report along with explicit recommendations to the Health and Medical Education Department within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of issuance of this order," the order reads.

Notably, a few days ago, a private security guard of district hospital Kulgam was arrested on the charges of withdrawing Rs 33 lakh from the official account of the Medical Superintendent district hospital Kulgam.

He was arrested, and the money was recovered while further investigation is going on.

## Prayers, Parties

"The mission is on schedule. Systems are undergoing regular checks. Smooth sailing is continuing," it said on Tuesday.

"The Mission Operations Complex (MOX) is buzzed with energy & excitement!"

## 'No Leniency'

be paid to the victim in terms of proviso 1 and 2 of Section 326-A RPC, the court said.

"In default of payment of fine, the convicts shall undergo rigorous imprisonment for three years.

The court also sentenced the duo to 10 years of imprisonment and fine of Rs25,000 each for the offence punishable under Section 120-B RPC (criminal conspiracy). In default of payment of fine, the court said, they shall undergo further imprisonment for one year.

The convicts were also sentenced to imprisonment for three years for offence punishable under Section 201 RPC (destroying evidence) with fine of Rs 10,000 each and in default of such fine they shall undergo further imprisonment for six months. "The sentence awarded to the convicts for different offences shall run concurrently."

The court referred to the great English jurist Lord Denning's view that punishment is the way in which the society expresses its denunciation of wrongdoing and in order to maintain respect of law, it is essential that punishment inflicted for grave crimes should reflected revulsion felt by the great majority of the citizens.

"For them it is a mistake to consider the object of punishment as being deterrent or reformative or preventive and nothing else. The truth is that some crimes are so outrageous that society insists on adequate punishment because the wrongdoer deserves it, irrespective of whether it is deterrent or not."

Meanwhile, the court also recommended the case of the victim to the Member Secretary, J&K Legal Service Authority for awarding the maximum compensation to the victim in terms of the J&K Victim Compensation Scheme, 2019.

"In view of the huge amount the victim has incurred on her treatment and the amount which is required for her further treatment, I deem it appropriate to recommend the case of the victim to the Member Secretary, J&K Legal Service Authority to award the maximum compensation to the victim in terms of the J&K Victim Compensation Scheme, 2019, of course subject to the adjustment of the interim compensation already paid to her under the scheme," the court said.

## Let No Other Girl

with permission of the court, she narrated the struggles and hardships of the trauma which she has undergone for the last nearly

nine years. "I was one among the prettiest and beautiful girls of the college but believe me I am not able to see my face in the mirror now."

The victim said that she was a bright student and topper in her class. However, she said the horrific act of the convicts shattered all her hopes and dreams which she had dreamt for her career.

She also showed her photographs before the "ghastly" act and Principal Sessions Judge, Srinagar Jawad Ahmed observed that the same speaks itself "how better matrimonial journey she would have had but, after this act nobody is ready to marry her."

"Her matrimonial options have completely vanished. This lifelong trauma is not only for her but, even for her parents," the court said.

She stated that she, as on date, has undergone 28 surgeries, most of them ranging between 9 to 72 hours.

She said her flesh has been taken from different parts of her body and grafted on her face by a plastic surgery because the bones of her fore-head and nose as well as her right eye were all exposed.

She said her father, who had his own small business has been rendered jobless and he also suffered two heart attacks and developed many ailments.

She said whatever her parents had saved for her marriage; they disposed of everything besides the property to meet the expenses on her treatment."

As on date, she said, her father has spent Rs 37,16,508 on her treatment and does not know how much more amount is needed for further treatment.

She also claimed that even from the Central Jail, one of the convicts sent her a message through an advocate from Anantnag, asking her to "compromise with him and marry her".

She said that by the act of the convicts she has become the story of every home.

She produced her photographs before the occurrence and after occurrence to make her point as to how beautiful she was before the occurrence and now to what extent her face has got disfigured. She stated that though, nothing can bring the glory of her physique back but, if the convicts, responsible for making her life a living hell, are given the maximum punishment prescribed under law, she would feel that justice has been done with her. Otherwise apart from living the life with the miseries, she would feel that even the court has not done the complete justice with her, she said.

The victim that she would like convicts be hanged "for her misfortune that is not the punishment provided for the offence for which they have been convicted". However, she being a student of law said that convicts be awarded the maximum punishment so that it also becomes a lesson for the like-minded persons in the society and that no other girl should suffer like she has suffered.

## Court Rejects Bail

the grounds stated by the learned counsel of the applicants are having no significance in the consideration of the bail application of the accused within the contours of Section 439 of CrPC," the court said.

"Hence, the bail application moved by the accused person is rejected and be made part of the main file. The case law submitted by the learned counsel of the applicant is not applicable in the given facts and circumstances of the case," it said.

## IED Defused

The suspicious object, which was found at the Panjgrain area, was an Improvised Explosive Device (IED)", SSP said.

The bomb disposal squad was called on the spot and IED has been destroyed through a controlled mechanism, SSP said.

A case under relevant sections of law has been registered and an investigation has been taken up, he said.

Traffic was restored on the highway.

## Another Youth

This is the second death due to drowning in the last six days.

On Wednesday last, a teenager drowned to death in Sindh nallah under similar circumstances in the Wayil area of the district.

## Faith Healer

have taken cognizance of the incident and have started further investigation in this regard—(KNO)

## Rape Accused

of investigation, officers utilized technical & human sources and after strenuous efforts, traced and arrested the accused person within hours after the complaint was received," he said.

Further, the spokesperson said, medico-legal formalities have been conducted and further investigation of the case is in progress.

## Woman Dies

admitted for treatment. Confirming it, a police official said that a case has been registered in this regard for investigations.

## Man Injured

his injuries this morning", they said.



## 'India Favourites To Win 2023 World Cup'

Agencies

Eoin Morgan is the defending world cup winning captain having led England to an extraordinary World Cup title win in July 2019. While he will not be there to defend his title in October 2023, the former captain reckons England are second favourite to India going into the world cup and has the team to defend the title. Saying that the 2019 final was the greatest game of his life and career, Morgan says he has always been a fan of Rohit Sharma the captain and leader.

"England are a very good team. I will rate them second favourites after India but only just. India on home soil is the favourite and are a very good team. That's been the case for all of the last few world cups. India in 2011, Australia in 2015, England in 2019 and India again in 2023.

"But Jos Butler and his team has some fantastic batsmen and bowlers and their talent will make a big difference come the business end of the tournament. If you ask me to pick my best four, I will add Australia and Pakistan to the mix. With the matches spread across all parts of the country, it will be a real Test and these four teams have the maximum depth and versatility," said Eoin Morgan while speaking to Revsportz on the show Backstage with Boria.

He also heaped praise on Rohit Sharma saying, "I have always been a fan of Rohit Sharma the captain and leader. If you see he has the ability to carry his team with him and also has the team to do extremely well in the world cup."

What is most interesting is Morgan's comment on Virat Kohli. He said as an opponent, he wouldn't want to face Virat in a stage like the world cup.

## Former Players Feel Ashwin, Chahal Should Be In India Squad



Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** India should have included Ravichandran Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal as spinners for the Asia Cup in the lead-up to the World Cup, feel former players Madan Lal and Karsan Ghavri.

While Kuldeep Yadav was picked as the frontline spinner for the Asia Cup, the other spin options in the squad are all-rounders Ravindra Jadeja and Akshar Patel.

"Australia have played Kuldeep Yadav very well. Yuzvendra Chahal should have got a chance. He is a match-winning bowler," Lal told PTI on the sidelines of Ceat Cricket Rating Award here on Monday night.

"Ashwin is someone who has taken 500-600 wickets...

he knows how to take wickets. We did not play him in the WTC final, the team management knows better," added the 1983 World Cup winner.

Ghavri backed Ashwin for the upcoming World Cup, saying he will be vital in Indian conditions.

"What is Ashwin supposed to prove after taking 712 international wickets? He has not been treated well despite being a senior player," Ghavri said.

"Ashwin is a quality player and he should have been selected for the Asia Cup. He will be a key bowler in the ODI World Cup on Indian pitches," he said.

Lal questioned the fitness of the players such as KL Rahul and Shreyas Iyer, who are coming back from long injury layoffs.

"More or less it is the same team which we were all think-

ing about. The only concern is their fitness because both the Asia Cup and the World Cup are big events and level of fitness is very important," he said.

"If you are not fit physically then you are not mentally fit either - injuries always worry you. Hope the selectors have taken care of that." Ghavri said India should have picked Yashasvi Jaiswal instead of Tilak Varma.

"Yashasvi did very well in the West Indies. He's in good form and given the way he has been performing, he should have been in the Asia Cup team. He has a bright future with Team India," he said.

"Everybody is rating Varma very highly, but where is the performance? I hope he does well," he added.

## Srinagar Premier League: ARCO Beats Lonestar



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Two matches were played in the 2023 Srinagar Premier League on Tuesday at different venues here.

In the first game of the day, latest footballing sensations of the Valley, FC1, took on a team of young prospects of JK Bank Academy at Bakshi Stadium.

The highly anticipated matchup lived up to its expectations early on, as Yamin gave JK Bank Academy the lead in the very first minute. However, FC1 bounced back and made it even in the 7th minute via a goal by Hashim. At full time the score read 1-1.

The second half of the game

proved to be a cagey affair as neither side could capitalise on goal-scoring opportunities. The match ended 1-1 at the full time whistle.

The second game of the day was played between Lonestar Kashmir FC and ARCO FC at Synthetic Turf TRC. The late evening showdown was a highly contested matchup that saw two talented teams go up against each other.

ARCO took an early lead, as Basit slotted home in the 11th minute. LKFC failed to find the back of the net, as at half time the scores read 1-0 in ARCO's favour. The second half saw both teams try to create chances, but neither could find the back of the net. At full time, ARCO FC held on to their slender 1-0.

## District Srinagar Taekwondo Championships Conclude

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The 13th District Srinagar Taekwondo Championships 2023-24 concluded on Tuesday at Indoor Hall, Polo Ground here.

The championships were held from August 20 to 21 under the theme "My Youth, My Pride" and were coordinated by the Taekwondo Association of Srinagar under the auspices of the J&K Taekwondo Association (Regd), with support from the J&K Sports Council (JKSC).

The closing ceremony was addressed by Muzaffar Hussain Wani (JKAS), Divisional Sports Officer (K), as Chief Guest, along with Rouf Ahmed Bhat (Sports Promoter and Under Secretary to the Govt. Forest Department).

The championship was headed by Nissar Hussain, Vice President, JKTA, and Junaid Mayer Qasba, Secretary, Taekwondo Association of Srinagar.

Nishant Singh Jamwal AAO, J&K Sports Council, Goutam Shukla, JKSC, Chand-



er Shekhar (handball coach), Mohd Amin, manager Polo Ground, Dr. Akbar Khan, member JKSC and Tariq Lone (Aaj Tak).

The District Taekwondo Association felicitated Mr. Sultan, a para athlete, who was selected for the forthcoming World Para Taekwondo Championship, and Ms. Sadia Tariq, a renowned international Wushu player and former Taekwondo athlete.

The Technical Team, which made fair play decisions

throughout the championship, was led by Master Atul Pangotra (International Referee, WT).

The referees panel also included Rohit Sharma, Suhail Khan, Shah Faiz, Musadiq, Faizan Ahmad, Tanveer, Adeeba, Aqib Gulzar, Suhail Ahmed, and Anees Bhat.

All the medalists of the 13th District Srinagar Taekwondo Championship will represent District Srinagar in the forthcoming 26th J&K UT Taekwondo Championships in 2023.

## YSS Anantnag Holds Sports Week Celebrations In Vailoo

Observer News Service

**ANANTNAG:** The Department of Youth Services and Sports Anantnag continued with the department's week-long National Sports Day celebrations on Tuesday in Zone Vailoo.

The activities were organised to celebrate National Sports Day under the theme "Sports as an enabler for an inclusive and fit society" at different venues.

The main event was at HSS Gadool under different events which included Chess, Volleyball and Sack Race.



Various schools of the Zone Vailoo participated in the competitions, which saw close to 349 students compete.

At least 20 boys participated in Chess, while 25 girls competed in the sports discipline. Volleyball saw 110 boys participate, while 80 girls competed in the event. The Sack Race witnessed the participation of 79 boys, while 35 girls competed in the event.

## CHESS WORLD CUP FINAL

## Praggnanandhaa, Carlsen Draw 1st Game

Press Trust of India

**BAKU:** Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa held his own against World No.1 Magnus Carlsen to secure a draw in the first classical game of the final of the FIDE World Cup Chess here on Tuesday.

The 18-year old GM held his own against a fancied and higher-rated opponent and forced a stalemate in 35 moves playing white pieces.

In the middle of a major time crunch, Praggnanandhaa was able to hold Carlsen for a draw in an objectively equal position with white pieces. The Indian played a solid game and agreed to a draw on move 35.

"I don't think I was in any trouble at all," Praggnanandhaa said after the game.

However Carlsen will have the advantage of playing white in the second game of the two-match classical series on Wednesday.

"I got some food poisoning after the game against (Nijat) Abasov. I haven't been able to eat for the last two days.



This also meant that I was really calm because I had no energy to be nervous," the Norwegian said in jest.

Praggnanandhaa had earlier stormed into the final by shocking world No.3 Fabiano Caruana 3.5-2.5.

The Indian teenager became only the second player from the country to reach the final of the world cup after the legendary Viswanathan Anand and qualified for the Candidates tournament in 2024.

## Election Commission To Designate Sachin Tendulkar As 'National Icon'



Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Cricketing legend Sachin Tendulkar will on Wednesday be designated as a "national icon" of the Election Commission (EC) to encourage greater voter participation in the electoral process.

A memorandum of understanding will be signed between Tendulkar and the poll panel here on Wednesday. As part of the three-year agreement, Tendulkar

will spread voter awareness.

"This collaboration would mark a significant step towards leveraging Tendulkar's unparalleled impact with the youth for increasing voters' participation in the forthcoming elections, especially in general elections (to Lok Sabha), 2024," the EC said in a statement.

Through the partnership, the EC seeks to address the challenges of urban and youth apathy towards voting.

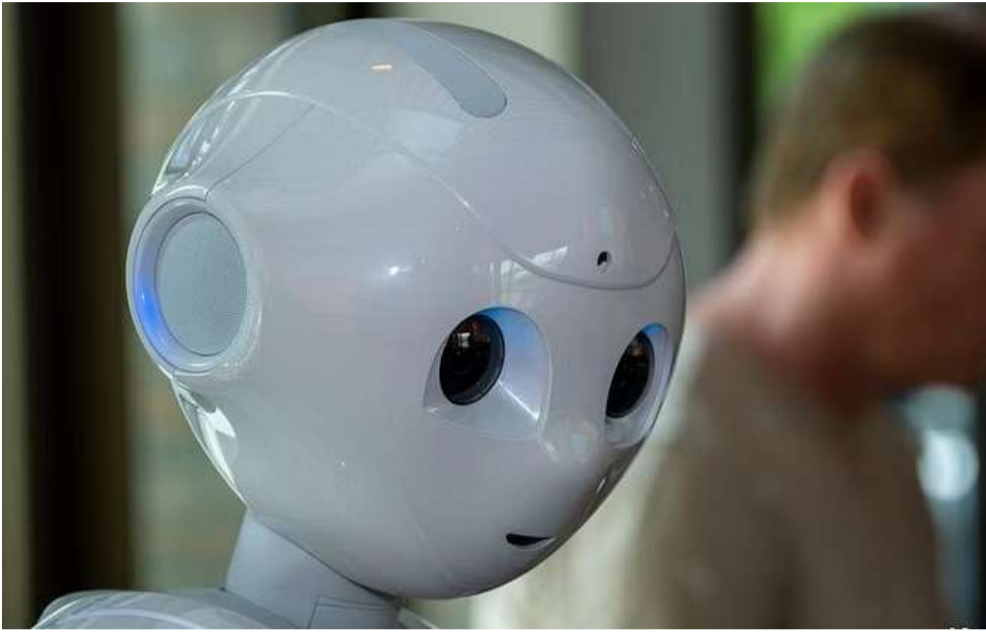
The EC has been associating itself with renowned Indians from various fields by designating them as its "national icons" to motivate voters for participation in the electoral process.

Last year, the commission had recognised actor Pankaj Tripathi as a national icon.

Earlier, during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, stalwarts such as MS Dhoni, Amir Khan and Mary Kom had been the EC's national icons.



## AI More Likely To Help Workers Than Take Their Jobs: UN



Agenceis

Artificial intelligence (AI) probably won't take over most people's jobs, but it will help automate certain duties, according to a United Nations study released on Monday.

Generative AI is capable of producing text, images, sounds, animation, 3D models and other data, which can potentially be used to complete or augment certain tasks.

"Most jobs and industries are only partially exposed to automation and are thus more likely

to be complemented rather than substituted by AI," the report by the UN's International Labor Organization (ILO) said.

This means that "the most important impact of the technology is likely to be of augmenting work," it continued.

The ILO calculated that 5.5% of jobs in high-income countries are potentially exposed to automation by generative AI, compared to 0.4% of jobs in low-income countries.

Clerical work most under threat

Nevertheless, the report

found that clerical work was most at risk of being impacted by generative AI.

A quarter of tasks in clerical roles are highly exposed to potential automation, according to the ILO.

This would particularly impact women, especially in wealthier countries.

"Therefore, for policymakers, our study should not read as a calming voice, but rather as a call for harnessing policy to address the technological changes that are upon us," the ILO said.

## Delhi High Court Orders "End-Of-Life" Vehicles' Release On This Condition

Agenceis

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Tuesday directed the release of several seized "end-of-life" vehicles on an undertaking by the owners to either permanently park them in private spaces or remove them from the city limits.

Justice Prateek Jalan was dealing with a batch of petitions against the seizure of cars by authorities for being in violation of judicial orders banning the use of petrol and diesel vehicles that are over 15 years and 10 years of age, respectively.

The court asked the Delhi government to frame a policy on dealing with such vehicles when owners are willing to assure that they would not be used here and give "due publicity" to the same.

It observed that the intention behind the policy was not to scrap the cars but ensure that the national capital is pollution free, and a balance has to be maintained between the right to use one's property and environmental interests.

"I am of the view that the petitioners' grievances can be balanced with the implementation of the orders of the NGT and Supreme Court by directing the release of the vehicles to owners subject to an undertaking to remove the vehicle from the territory of NCT of Delhi and not to ply/park them in public spaces within the NCT of Delhi," the court ordered.

"For parked cars, the petitioners will file an undertaking that they will not be plied or parked



in public space. Petitioners will provide evidence of private space either owned or leased," stated the court, adding that the enforcement officer concerned would facilitate the release of the vehicles of the petitioners from the scrapping agency.

The court clarified that the undertaking to the transport department would state that the vehicles shall be towed or transported to the border of the NCT of Delhi for its removal, and that when the vehicle is registered in Delhi, the petitioner may apply for NOC for transfer of vehicles outside Delhi. Any breach of the undertaking by the owners would invite action from court, Justice Jalan said.

One of the petitioners argued that her vehicle, which has "deep sentimental value", was unauthorisedly and without the issuance of any prior notice

seized by the authorities earlier this year when it was merely parked outside her house.

The petitioner, represented by advocate Piyush Sharma and Aditya N Prasad, informed that she was not plying the car which purchased in the year 2000 and intended to convert it into an electric vehicle.

Similarly, another petitioner challenged the seizure of his 12-year-old diesel car which was "only parked for the purposes of denting, painting and other miscellaneous electrical work which was imperative in order to dispose of the car in another state".

The petitioner, represented by advocate Sahil Mongia, said that no law prohibits the mere keeping of old diesel vehicles and no prior notice was given to him before the vehicle was taken into possession.

Meanwhile, Delhi Transport

Minister Kailash Gahlot had on Monday directed the department secretary-cum-commissioner to stop seizing parked vehicles that have completed their stipulated life on the road.

Owners of such vehicles are fined if these are found plying on the roads. The minister said in a note that it is "unfortunate" that the transport department is continuing its drive to seize old vehicles, even if found parked on the road, and sending those for scrapping.

He cited "serious concerns" raised by the Delhi High Court in the matter while hearing petitions of people whose vehicles were seized by enforcement teams of the transport department.

Gahlot cited an office memo issued by the department dated June 27, saying the drive was not approved by the government.

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