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FROM TABOO TO TREATMENT

How Cannabis Research Project by CSIR-IIIM Jammu Is Breaking Many Myths

Hirra Azmat

Srinagar- When you hear the word 'Cannabis' it often evokes thoughts of pot, dope, weed, and marijuana. But hidden behind the haze is a wonder drug, holding the promise of healing that outshines its 'high'.

To realise this potential of healing, The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM), Jammu, has initiated the 'Cannabis Research Project'. Its goal is to explore the

healing properties of Cannabis plant in India.

With a focus on advanced scientific research, the project aims to explore the means and ways in which Cannabis and its compounds can be used for medical purposes. This could revolutionize healthcare by offering more efficient and pathbreaking healthcare treatments in the region, which could be imported not just to Jammu and Kashmir, but the country as well.

History of Cannabis Research



in Jammu and Kashmir Speaking exclusively to Kashmir Observer Director CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Dr Zabeer Ahmed explained that cannabis plant is often linked with getting "high" THE OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. In this mechanism, the CSIR

this mechanism, the CSIR will provide funding for the foundational research. When addressing safety and toxicological studies, DBT will offer its support."

 a colloquial term for a state of intense intoxication that seemingly offers pleasure and relaxation. In the long run, however the relaxation turns into a maelstrom of addiction and destruction. Hence, the taboo around the plant, which the institute seeks to counter. "We want to change how so-

views this plant. Back in 1941, our founder Director, Sir R N Chopra did some preliminary research on this plant. But over time, the plant was branded illegal with the introduction of NDPS (Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances) Act. Therefore, no fruitful or sustained research >> More On P6

Last Day For Hearing Submissions On Art-370 Today

It Is A Political Process, It Must Have A Political Solution: Sibal Argues

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: There should not be an "emotive majoritarian interpretation" of the Indian Constitution by those supporting abrogation of Article 370, as Jammu and Kashmir was neither completely linked to India nor asked to sign a merger agreement like other princely states, National Conference leader Mohd Akbar Lone told the Supreme Court on Monday.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Lone, told a five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud that the sovereignty of India was never under challenge.

The constitution bench was hearing the pleas challenging the nullification of provisions of Article 370 for the 15th day. Sibal said Lone and



other petitioners challenging the Centre's decision have always maintained that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India.

"We cannot make this case into an emotive majoritarian interpretation of the Constitution. If we look at history, Jammu and Kashmir is not completely linked to India. The erstwhile state had a separate detailed Constitution, administrative and executive structure. It was never asked to sign a merger agreement," Sibal said.

He told the bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant, that when

Article 370 says that 'concurrence' of the state government with respect to certain subjects is required, it means the executive can also say 'no'.

tive can also say 'no'.

The CJI told Sibal, advancing rejoinder arguments, that the Indian Constitution does not specify what would happen after the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir comes into force.

"You see, there is no express provision. There is a complete silence as to what would happen after the J-K Constitution comes into force. It was like allowing Article 370 to operate and let the process of integration (of J-K) get over. But, at what time integration will be over is not hedged in the Constitution of India," the CII said.

Sibal reiterated his argument that Article 370 acquired a permanent >> More On P6

Asks Akbar Lone To Submit Allegiance Affidavit

he Supreme Court Monday asked National Conference leader Mohd Akbar Lone to file an affidavit swearing allegiance to the Constitution of India and accepting the country's sovereignty, after the 'Pakistan zindabad' slogan that he allegedly raised in the Jammu & Kashmir assembly in 2018 kicked up a massive row. Lone, the lead petitioner challenging the abrogation of Article 370 that accorded special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, will file the affidavit by Tuesday, senior advocate Kapil Sibal told a five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud. The senior lawyer said he will not represent Lone if he does not file the affidavit as sought by the bench. "He is an MP of Lok Sabha. He is citizen of India and sworn to his office by the Constitution. He accepts the sovereignty of India," Sibal said. Earlier in the day, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, told the bench that the "More On P6"

26000 Smart Meter Users Switch To Prepaid Mode: CE

Agencies

Srinagar: Amid the installation of smart meters across the Valley, the government on Monday said that at least 26000 consumers have switched to prepaid mode so far in the valley.

"The process to switch the smart meters into prepaid mode has already started for those whose smart meters have been installed in the phase-I. We have crossed about 26000 smart meters so far," Javaid Yousf Dar, Chief Engineer, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) said. He said that the process is going on gradually and all the consumers will have to switch the smart meters into prepaid mode.

Asked when the smart meters installed in the second phase will be switched to prepaid mode, KPDCL Chief Engineer said that at present the More On P6

Court Awards Rs 1.25 Cr Fine In Cheque Bounce Cases

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Srinagar: A court here has awarded Rs 1.25 crore fine to two accused persons in two separate cheque bounce cases.

The court—'Judge Small Causes Srinagar', Ms Tabasum, also sentenced the accused duo to one year's jail. Disposing of two separate

cases, the court convicted the accused, Farooq Ahmad Bhat of Lalad Sopore, Baramullah, for commission of offence u/s 138 Negotiable Instruments Act and sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of one year.

The court also sentenced him by way of fine to the tune of rupees double the cheque amount which amount equals to Rs.10,300,000. "Accused shall also pay an amount of Rs. 5 lakhs as compensation to the complainant."

The fine imposed, the court said, shall be recovered by



issuance of levy warrant to be executed by District Collector Baramullah authorizing him to realize the total amounting to Rs.10,800,000 (One crore eight lac) by execution or attachment through civil process against both movable and immovable property of the accused.

"Compliance report to be filed by District Collector Baramulla regarding the execution within one month from the date of announcement of this order," the court said.

The accused had on 4 November 2020 issued a cheque for Rs.51,50,000(rupees fifty one lac fifty thousand only) on account maintained by the accused at HDFC Bank branch unit Sopore in discharge of legally recoverable liability owed

to the complainant.

The court also convicted another accused Shabir Ahmad Sofi of Sopore for commission of offence under section 138 Negotiable Instruments Act and sentenced him to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of one year.

The court also sentenced him by way of fine to the tune of rupees double the cheque amount which amount equals to Rs.17 lacs 2 thousand.

"Accused shall also pay an amount of Rs. 3 lakhs as compensation to the complainant," the court said, "The fine imposed shall be recovered by issuance of levy warrant to be executed by District Collector Baramullah authorizing him to realize the total amounting to Rs.20 lacs More On P6

Will Work On PM's Vision Of Making Srinagar The Next Davos: LG

'We Don't Want To Buy Peace. We Want To Establish It'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has said that his administration is working towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of making Srinagar the next Davos which could be an ideal place in the world for business, economy, sports and entertainment as well.

"Srinagar is as beautiful as Davos. We will work in that direction," Sinha said in an interaction with a select group of reporters in Mumbai on Sunday.

According to News9 Plus, the LG listed a number of



achievements, including end to stone pelting and strikes, besides the Muharram procession that was taken out in the Valley after a gap of 34 years.

"The shops in More On P6

To Inaugurate 'Community Radio' At JU

ammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha will inaugurate a community radio, a first-of-its-kind in the Union Territory, at the University of Jammu here on its foundation day on Tuesday, officials said.

"The radio shall act as a medium to promote, propagate and disseminate the polyvocal and polylingual voices of the various stakeholders of the university and act as a site of exchange for various ideas culminating in motivating people to participate." More On P6



IN THE LAST YEAR, 1.87 CRORE TOURISTS visited Jammu and Kashmir.
There is a 59 percent increase in the number of foreign tourists."

Terrorist Killed In Reasi Encounter

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: One terrorist was killed and two security personnel were injured in an ongoing encounter in a remote area in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Monday, officials said.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh said the encounter broke out in the Tuli area's Gali Sohab village during a cordon and search operation launched by the security forces based on specific inputs received by police about the presence of two terrorists there.

One terrorist was killed and a policeman injured in the initial gunfight, Singh said, adding efforts are on to neutralise the second terrorist.

Jammu-based Defence PRO Lt Col Suneel Bartwal said an Army jawan was also injured in the encounter. Both the injured personnel » More On P6

Ola, Uber Soon To Roll Out Cabs On J&K Roads

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: The stage is all set for the roll-out of mobile app based taxis Ola and Uber on the roads across the parts of Union Territory.

An official from the transport commissioner's office told Kashmir Observer on Monday that all the requisite formalities have been cleared for the companies to start their operations in the twin capitals of Jammu and Srinagar.

He further said that the clearance has been given with an aim to strengthen the public transport system in the UT.

Ola and Uber is India's largest mobility platform and one of the world's largest ride-hailing companies, serving 250+cities across India, Australia, New Zealand, and the UK.

It may be pertinent to mention that the J&K government has notified Motor Vehicle Aggregator Rules, 2023 as per the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines, 2020 issued by the Union Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways. More On P6

Online Services Have Left No Scope For Corruption In J&K: CS



Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta has said that there is no chance of corruption in the Union Territory now as all services have been made online.

He said various schemes and platforms have brought transparency in the system

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which has ensured that no money can be withdrawn fraudulently from the public exchequer.

"We have taken the initiative of making all services online. The aim is to create a corruption-free environment. Earlier it was said that out of one rupee, More On P6

'Digitalisation Holds Key For Future Development'

igitalisation has vastly nproved the public delivery of services and the development in Srinagar has been due to it, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta said on Monday. "Digital is empowering people and digitalisation is ensuring that there is no corruption. Digital is the way forward and digital is also the way to make J-K future ready. Whatever development you are seeing in Srinagar - we are making >> More On P6

Man Injured In Restaurant Fire

man was injured in a fire at a restaurant on the Jammu-Pathankot highway in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district early Monday, officials said. He was an employee of the restaurant and was sleeping when the fire broke out, they said and added that he has been hospitalised. Fire tenders were rushed to the spot and the fire has been doused, the officials said. The reason behind the incident is being investigated, they said.

Tractor Crushes Minor To Death

minor boy died after being allegedly hit by a tractor in Karnah area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district this morning. News agency GNS reported that a minor boy was fatally hit by a tractor bearing registration number JK09C 0019. The boy, identified as one Nooran Shah (around 11 years of age), son of Khadam Hussain, a resident of Chamkote Karnah, died on the spot. A police official confirming the incident said that More On P6

LG Chairs Meeting Of SASB

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ieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired the 45th Board meeting of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB), at Raj Bhawan here on Monday. Members of the Shrine Board - Swami Avdheshanand Giri Ji Maharaj, K. N. Rai, K.N. Shrivastava, Pitambar Lal Gupta, Dr. Shailesh Raina, Prof Vishwamurti Shastri and Manju Garg attended the meeting and shared their valuable suggestions for augmentation of facilities for the devotees. More On P6

2 Lakh Pilgrims Undertake Machail Yatra

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he annual Machail Mata pilgrimage witnessed a recordbreaking footfall this year with nearly 2 lakh pilgrims paying obeisance at the Himalayan temple in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said on Monday. Over the years, the 43-day pilgrimage, rooted in decades-old tradition, has instilled deep faith in devotees travelling to seek the blessings of Mata Chandi Devi at the 9,705-foot high shrine, they added. The Shree More On P6

Proclamation Order Issued Against 4 Militants

he NIA Court in Pulwama, designated under the NIA Act, issued proclamation orders on Monday under Section 82 of the CrPC against four active militants involved in multiple cases. These cases include FIR No 42/2018 under sections 18, 20, and 38 of the UA(P) Act at Police Station Pampore, FIR No 119/2022 under Section 38 of the UA(P) Act at Police Station Tral, FIR No 04/2018 under More On P6

Bank Accounts Of 4 Drug Peddlers Seized

Jammu & Kashmir Police on Monday said to have arrested three drug peddlers in Shopian & Kulgam and recovered contraband substances from their possession. Besides, police have frozen eight bank accounts of four notorious drug smugglers in Bandipora. A police party led by SHO PS Zainapora under the supervision of SDPO Zainapora at a checkpoint established at Aglar crossing intercepted a motorcycle bearing registration number JK13H-6023 ridden by one person who tried >> More On P6



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ChatGPT Could Boost Vaccine Uptake By Debunking Jab Safety Myths: Study

Press Trust Of India

rtificial intelligence (AI) chatbot, ChatGPT, could help to increase vaccine uptake by debunking myths around the safety of jabs, according to vaccination. a study.

In the study published in the journal Human Vaccines and Immunotherapeutics, the researchers asked the top 50 most frequently-asked Covid-19 vaccine questions. They included queries based on myths and fake stories such as the vaccine causing Long Covid.

The researchers from the University of Santiago de Compostela in Spain found that ChatGPT scored nine out of 10 on average for accuracy. The rest of the time it was correct but left some gaps in the information provided.

The AI tool is a "reliable source of non-technical information to the public," especially for people without specialist scientific knowledge, they said. However, the findings do highlight some concerns about the technology such as ChatGPT changing its answers in certain situations.

"Overall, ChatGPT constructs a narrative in line with the available scientific evidence, debunking myths circulating on social media," said study lead author Antonio Salas, a professor at the University of Santiago de Compostela.

"Thereby, it potentially facilitates an increase in vaccine uptake. Chat-GPT can detect counterfeit questions related to vaccines and vaccination. The language this AI uses is not too technical and therefore easily understandable to the public but without losing scientific rigor," Salas said.

The researchers acknowledge that the present-day version of ChatGPT cannot substitute an expert or scientific evidence. but the results suggest it could be a reliable source of information to the public.

In 2019, the World Organisation (WHO) listed vaccine hesitancy among the top 10 threats to global health. During the pandemic, misinformation spread via social media contributed to public mistrust of Covid-19

The researchers tested ChatGPT's ability to get the facts right and share accurate information around Covid vaccine safety in line with current scientific evidence.

ChatGPT enables people to have human-like conversations and interactions with a virtual assistant. The technology is very user-friendly which makes it accessible to a wide population, the researchers noted.

However, many governments are concerned about the potential for ChatGPT to be used fraudulently in educational settings such as universities, they said. The study was designed

take precautions e.G. A patient with heart muscle inflammation.

The experts analysed the responses and then rated them for veracity and precision against current scientific evidence, and recommendations from WHO and other international agencies.

The authors say this was important because algorithms created by social media and internet search engines are often based on an individual's usual preferences. This may lead to 'biased or wrong answers', they added.

Results showed that most of the questions were answered correctly with an average score of nine out of 10 which is defined as 'excellent' or 'good'. The responses to the three question themes were on average 85.5 per cent or 14.5 per cent but with gaps in the information provided by ChatGPT.

The chatbot provided correct answers to queries that arose from genuine



to challenge the chatbot by asking it the questions most frequently received by the WHO collaborating center at the university.

The queries covered three themes. The first was misconceptions around safety such as the vaccine causing Long Covid. Next was false contraindications - medical situations where the jab is safe to use such as in breastfeeding women.

The questions also related to true contraindications - a health condition where the vaccine should not be used - and cases where doctors must vaccine myths, and to those considered in clinical recommendation guidelines to be false or true contraindications.

However, the research team does highlight Chat-GPT's downsides in providing vaccine information. "Chat GPT provides different answers if the question is repeated 'with a few seconds of delay," Salas said.

"Another concern we have seen is that this AI tool, in its present version, could also be trained to provide answers not in line with scientific evidence," the researcher added.

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Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer R&B Div Tangdar

Notice inviting e-Tender

1stFresh e-NIT Tender No: 125of 2023-24Date:-04.09.2023

Endtt No:3879-88/ E-tender of SSDTDR

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders (in Single Cover System) on a percentage basis are invited from approved and eligible contractors for the following workto be opened by the Executive Engineer Spl Sub Div. Tangdar on at 11:00 AM.

S No	Name of work	Estt. Cost (Rs. in lakh)	Earnest Money	Cost of T/ Doc. (in Rs.)	MH of Ac- count	Time of Completion	Class of contract
01	Annual repairs / unforeseen /leak- ages and bursting of pipes (Stage contract)		4000	200	2215 M&R	As and when re- quired dur- ing the year 2023-24	DEE

Position of AAA/TS : accorded

The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of terms and conditions and other details can be seen/downloaded on e-procurement

Port	Portal www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:								
1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	04.09.2023							
2.	Date of start of downloading	04.09.2023							
3.	Bid submission start Date Technical/ Financial	04.09.2023							
4.	Bid Submission end date	12.09.2023upto4:00PM							
5.	Date & Time of opening of Tenders (online)	13.09.2023 at10:00 AM.							
2.	Bid Security/ Earnest Money and Cost of Tender Document								

Bids must be accompanied with Earnest money and cost of tender document (Non-Refundable/Non- transferrable) to be deposited under MH: 0059-. in shape of Treasury Challan/ receipt or e-Challan (mentioning therein NIT No, S No of work and Adv. Cost of work) and to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Spl Sub Div Tangdar &date on the instruments must not be prior to the date of issuance of this tender Notice.

Bids must be accompanied with Earnest money as per column 04 of the above abstract. 2.02 Earnest money in favour of Successful tenderer shall be released after production of Per-2.03 formance Security @ 3% of upper cielings

Bidders must ensure to upload all the documents clearly and no clarification shallbe asked for lateron. However, the documents shall be received only from 1st lowest tenderer (L-1)at the time of fixation of contract.

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

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

6. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of tender due to any reason/

Scanned copy of Bid Security/Earnest Money, cost of tender documents in shape of echallan or Treasury challan/receipt pledged to the Executive Engineer Spl Sub Div Tangdar enlistment card duly renewed, Verification of enlistment card, G. S. Tin No., latest GST Return GST-3B for last Quarter (Quarterly return) and Previous month for (Monthly return).

8. All other terms and conditions as laid down in the PWD Form 25 Double shall also remain in DIPK-8291/23 **Executive Engineer**

dated: 04-09-2023 R&B Div Tangdar

Government of Jammu & Kashmir UT. Office Of The Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT No:- 81/6520-29/2023-24/RnB/Bla Dated 02.09.2023

For and on behalf of the 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 UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the

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	Block at Igbal Market						of MC	Officer MC		
	Old Town Baramulla						Baramulla	Baramulla		

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.O), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.iktenders.gov.in as per the scheduled date given below

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	02.09.2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding	From 04.09.2023 to 11.09.2023 4:00PM
	documents	
3	Bid submission Start date	05.09.2023
4	Bid Submission End Date	11.09.2023 upto 4:00PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids	12.09.2023 upto 11:00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Divi-
	(Online)	sion Baramulla

Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 mentioning there in the name of work/ NIT No. in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

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

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, R&B Division Baramulla.

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids The bidder shall be debarred for tendering process If:-

Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the

Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.

Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract. 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. 6520-29 **Executive Engineer** Dated 04.09.2023 R&B Division Baramulla

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Department of Wildlife Protection

Wild Animal Scare: "Do's and Don'ts Thereof" APPEAL

Do not move alone in the forest area. Children and woman are more vulnerable to Leopard / Bear attacks, which can be contained if they move in groups or children are accompanied by an

Always move on regular forest paths and avoid short cuts.

Avoid going to forests for collection of wood etc. in early morning or evening hours, which is the Do not chase or try to go near to a wild animal if sighted from a distance in the forest areas.

Livestock taken to pastures inside forests and near crop fields must be attended by three to four persons. Any type of bell or sound producing device be put around the neck of few cattle.

Avoid using of bush growths and forest fringe areas for nature calls in late evening or night hours, this time coincides with peak activity of wild animals. It is requested to create community or home toilet facilities to avoid such dangers.

People living in vicinity of forests should also complete their outside activities such as social visits, fetching water from Streams, grazing cattle, collection of house hold items etc. during day time only. Provide sufficient light around your utilities outside your home so that animals do not feel

safe in the vicinity. Do not create kitchen dumping around your houses as this invites stray dogs to the spot which

in turn invite leopard movement. As dogs are delicacy for these carnivores.

The villagers must regularly remove all bushes or shrubs from the vicinity of houses in cooperative manner. Such vegetation clearance will increase visibility and help to keep the Leopard

The cattle shed in village houses should be constructed, "Leopard Proof" using wooden material or concrete structure. The pet dogs kept in houses can also alarm the presence of predator

It has been observed that whenever leopard is sighted, people make a lot of noise which can prove dangerous. As such the wild animal feels insecure and can cause damage. It is advisable not to make noise, while leopard is sighted.

In case of any emergency, the Wildlife Protection Department in Kashmir Region be contacted on the contact numbers given below. In case non-availability of Wildlife Protection Department in the area, the nearest forest territorial / police / revenue officials may be contacted for neces-

Detail of Control Rooms established for tackling Man-Animal Conflict in Kashmir Region (UPDATED) As as 04-09-2023

Office/ Division	No. of Control Rooms	Location of Control Room	Contact No.	Name
Central Control Room/ Hokersar Wetland Divn	1	Hokersar.	9796171787	Sajjid Farooq
Central Division	3	Control Room Dachigam	9419207499	Gh.Hassan Bhat
Dachigam		Control Room Sharshali Khrew	9541622620	Hameed Sheikh
Srinagar		Control Room Ganderbal (Wayil)	8825088526	Shabir Ahmad Khan
North Division Sopore	7	Divisional Office near SDH Hospital, Sopore	8899012071	Gh Hassan Dar
5000.0		Dragmulla (Water Khani) Kupwara	9103630305	Waqar Ahmad Khan
		Tangmarg near Police Station	9797174803	Feroz Nazir
		Bazipora Ajas Bandipora	8491036630	Fida Hussain
		Baramulla near Mini-Secretariat	9622455153	Qayoom Khan
		Handwara	8899952303	Šadiq Hussain Dar
		Langate	9797278014	Farooq Ahmad Pir
South Division Bijbehara	6	Bijbehara	9906418164	Firdous Ahmad Shah
		Srigufwara	7889844194	Sajad Ahmad Shah
		Salia Aishmugam	7006804183	Gh Mohidin Khan
		Kulgam	7889795082	Jahangir Ahmad Wani
		Achabal	7006979446	Irshad Ali Yatoo
		Lower Munda	8491842464	Mushtaq Ahmad Mir
Shopian Division Shopian	3	Hirpora Shopian	9906967104	Mohd Mudasir Bhat
		Tral	9797112912	Mushtaq Ahmad Rather
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DIPK-8282/	23 date	d: 04-09-2023	Regional	Sd/- Wildlife Warden

CIVIL COURT

IN THE COURT OF MR. ARVIND SHARMA'

Additional District Judge Bank Cases, Srinagar
OR DISPOSAL OF SUIT Original Suits (OS) 397/2022 SUMMONS FOR DISPOSAL OF SUIT JK Bank Vs Naziya Imtiyaz Bhat

Naziva Imtivaz Bhat

R/o: Kawa Mohalla Khanyar Srinagar Jammu and Kashmir

such interest, if any as the court may order.

Whereas JK Bank has instituted a suit against you under order XXXVII of the code of Civil Procedure, 1908, for Rs 146486.00 and interest, you are hereby summoned to cause and appearance to be entered for you within ten days from the service hereof in default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled, after the expiration of the said period of tend days, to obtain a decree fo any sum not exceeding the sum of Rs 146486.00 and the sum of Rs 1675 for costs , together wit

If you cause an appearance to be entered for you, JK Bank Pvt Ltd the plaintif will thereafter serve upon you a summons for judgment at a hearing of which you will be entitled to move the Court for leave to defend the suit.

Leave to defend may be obtained if you satisfy the Court by affidavit or therwise that there is a defence to the suit on die merits or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to defend.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 25.05.2023

Additional District Judge Bank Cases Srinaga

No. 1365/ADJBC/Sgr Date: 25.07.2023

No.4 CIVIL COURT

IN THE COURT OF MR. ARVIND SHARMA' Additional District Judge Bank Cases, Srinagai Original Suits(OS) 398/2022 JK Bank Vs Sonaullah Khand SUMMONS FOR DISPOSAL OF SUIT

Sonaullah Khanday
\$\(\frac{5}{c}\): Mohammad Sadiq
\$\(\frac{R}{c}\): Hamambal Khanyar Srinagar Jammu and Kashmir
Whereas JK Bank has instituted a suit against you under order XXXVII of the code of Civil
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any sum not exceeding the sum of Rs 156774.00 and the sum of Rs 1775 for costs, together with any sum not exceeding the sum of Rs 156774.00 and the sum of Rs 1725 for costs , together wi

ch interest, if any as the court may order.

If you cause an appearance to be entered for you, JK Bank Pvt Ltd the plainti will thereafter serve upon you a summons for judgment at a hearing of which you will be entitled to move the Court for leave to defend the suit.

Leave to defend may be obtained if you satisfy the Court by affidavit of otherwise that there is a defence to the suit on die merits or that it is reasonable tha you should be allowed to defend Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 25.05.2023

No. 1364/ADJBC/Sar

Additional District Judge

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform the general public that my name has been wrongly mentioned in my service records as Ravi Kummar while as my actual name as per documents is Ravi Kumar.Now I want to apply for its correction.If anybody has any objection he/she may contact concerned department within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafte Ravi Kumar

S/o Brii Lal

R/o Gudh Saroor Kishtwar

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the information of the general public that my mother's name has been wrongly mentioned as Sabia Mir instead of Sabia in my passport no .K2429093 issued on 14/09/2011.1 want to rectify the said error in the passport office .In this regard if anybody has any objection may contact the passport office within 7 days .

Samrah Tufail D/o Tufail Ahmad Mir

R/o S K Colony Hilalabad sector 2 Qamarwari Srinagar

BEFORE THE HON'BLE 1.)Common High Court of J&K and Ladakh 2.) Principal District Judge Srinagar 3) J&K Special Tribunal Srinagar

In the case of:-Sameer Ahmed Dar S/o Abdul Ahad Dar R/o Batmaloo Srinagar

...Caveator

Public at large.

In The matter of: Caveat petition in terms of Section 148A CPC.
The caveators has reason to believe/apprehension that non caveators

may file an appeal/writ /revision or any other proceeding before this honble 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 head is given to the caveators counsel Advocate Mohammad Younus bhat & Umar bhat Advocate mobile no :- 6006673466, 9682546477 passing any such relief/ order.hence this caveat application.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information of general public that the name, Date of birth & parentage in my passport bearing no S8417383 dated ;02.02.2019 was wrongly mentioned as Tahira Zulafkar instead of Tahira Bano D/O Zulafkar Ali Malik While as my Mothers name is Zythoona Begum in-stead of Rehana & my date of birth is 03.01.2001 instead of 20.12.1999 as per certificate issued by J&K BOSE & as per my aadhaar card my actual name is Tahira Bano. Now I am supposed to correct the same in my passport. In this regard if any one is having any sort of objections, he/she may file his objection within seven days from thr date of publication of this notice in the concerned office. After the lapse considered period of time no objections shall be entertained. Tahira Bano D/O Zulafkar Ali Malik

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رخواست بغرج اندراج تاریخ پیدائش اوفات Ghulam Ahmad Bhat :

عامله مندجة عنوان الصدريين سائل سائله نے عدالت مذامين ايک درخواست بشمول حلفي بغرض ندارج تاریخ کاریخ اوفات Ghulam Ahmad Bhat S/o Mohammad Ramzan R/o S.D. Colony Batmaloo مورخه R/o S.D. Colony Batmaloo مورخه بیش کی ہے۔لہذاعوام الناس کو میر دریات مناطع کیاجا تا ہے کہ لببت درخواست کوئی عذر بیااعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے مذرات اشعاعت اشتهار کے اندروس یوم عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔ بعد گزرنے معیاد کوئی عذریا

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Admissions Under Process At SP College Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Sri Pratap College Srinagar has the distinction of being one of the oldest institutions of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. The college has recently been accredited with grade A+ by the NAAC.

The admission process for various PG and UG (NEP-2020) programs under CUET and NON-CUET quota is under process at Sri Pratap College Sri Pratap College.

In this connection, the eligible candidates can get themselves admitted in various UG/ PG courses against available seats. The left out students have a unique opportunity through spot admission to participate in the admission process.

The desirous UG candidates can participate in the spot round from 05th September 2023 through https:// jkadmission.samarth. ac.in/ .Furthermore eligible PG candidates are being admitted through https://www.cusri nagar.edu.in/NEP/.

The candidates are advised to go through the eligibility conditions of the courses available on Cluster University Srinagar website https:// www.cusrinagar.edu. in/ and check admission notifications.

Digital Week Celebrations

Inter College Seminar Held At A.S College

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A student seminar was today held by the Department of Computer Applications in collaboration with the Debates and Seminars Committee, Amar Singh College Srinagar in the Bukhari Hall of the college.

The seminar was held as part of the week-long Digital India Week Celebrations being held in the college from 01 September to 06 September, 2023.

Around 15 students from eight colleges of Srinagar including GDC Hyderpora, S. P. College, COE Srinagar, GDC Be-

mina, VB College, Women's College M.A. Road, Islamia College and A. S. College participated in the seminar. They included Farman Nisar and Soban Rashid Bhat (S.P. College Srinagar), Nadeem Ayoub and Aqsa Shafi (IASE Srinagar), Atoofa Zahoor and Burhan Ahmad (GDC Bemina), Shahid Manzoor and Ikhlas Manzoor (V.B. College Srinagar), Tabish Dar and Hadiya Sultan (A.S. College Srinagar), Sadiya Talat (Women's College M.A. Road), Saqib Mushtaq (Islamia College of Science and Commerce, Srinagar) and

Aqsa (GDC Hyderpora).

CIVIL COURT IN THE COURT OF MR. ARVIND SHARMA' Additional District Judge Bank Cases, Srinagar I Suits(OS) 398/2022

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Syo: Mohammad Shareef Sofi

R/o: Lati Mohalla Kalan Dal Srinagar Jammu and Kashmir

Whereas JK Bank has instituted a suit against you under order XXXVII of the code of Civi

Procedure, 1908, for Rs 1,31,345 and interest, you are hereby summoned to cause an
appearance to be entered for you within ten days from the service hereof in default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled, after the expiration of the said period of tend days, to obtain a decree for inv sum not exceeding the sum of Rs 1.31.345 and the sum of Rs 1600 for costs , togethe

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otherwise that there is a defence to the suit on die merits or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to defend.

tional District Judge

No. 1357/ADJBC/Sgr Date: 25.07.2023



J&K Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta flagged off digital van during a function orgnized as part of 'Digital Srinagar Week' at Lal Chowk Square on Monday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Roads Leading To Makhdoom Sahab (RA) Shrine In Dilapidated Condition

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Just a few days ahead of the annual Urs at Hazrat Makhdoom Sahab (RA) shrine, the devotees, who are thronging to the shrine on regular basis have to face immense hardships as all the three roads leading to the religious place are in shambles, thus giving tough time to them.

Pertinently, the annual Urs of

Sultan-ul-Arifeen Hazrat Sheikh Hamza Makhdoom Sahib (RA), is scheduled to commence in coming days, during which a huge rush of devotees could be witnessed at the shrine.

However, the locals said that all the roads leading to the shrine have developed potholes, causing huge inconvenience to the people.

'The shambles condition of all the three main roads is pushing

the devotees to the wall. Whenever

it rains, the road turns into a small pond as the muddy water gets accumulated on the potholed roads," said a local resident.

"I travel on the route on a daily basis, and the condition of the road is very bad," added Junaid Ahmad, another local while urging the administration to look into the matter at an earliest so that the devotees could heave a sigh of relief.

VC SKUAST-K Inaugurates 03 Day National Conference

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Vice Chancellor (V.C) SKUAST-Kashmir, Professor Nazir Ahmed Ganaie today inaugurated a three-day National Conference on 'Future of Agriculture and Agriculture for Future Indian Perspective' here

The Conference has been organized by Division of Vegetable Science, Faculty of Horticulture, SKUAST- Kashmir in collaboration with Society for Plant Research (VEGETOS)

Directors, Deans Heads of Di-

visions /Research Stations, University Scientists attended the inaugural function. About 200 delegates from across the country are participating in the three-day National Conference.

Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir in his address, emphasized the critical role of agriculture in shaping India's future, highlighting the need for sustainable practices, technological advancements, and innovation to address the challenges of food security, climate change and rural development.

He said with a commitment to fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange, the conference promises to be a catalyst for transformative change in the agricultural sector, aligning with India's vision for a prosperous and sustainable future.

Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir also expressed heartfelt appreciation for Dr. Baseerat Afroza, Organizing Secretary and head division of Vegetable Science, SKUAST-K and her dedicated team for their exceptional efforts in orchestrating a highly successful National Conference to explore into the pressing theme of the conference, which is the need of the hour.

J&K Bank

Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited

Impaired Assets Portfolio Management Department (IAPMD) Zonal office Pulwama

TENDER-CUM-SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF HYPOTHECATED VEHICLES

Notice is hereby given to the public in general that the below described Vehicles (4 in No.), hypothecated to J&K Bank Ltd. Branch Lassipora, Pulwama will be sold on "As is, Where is", "Whatever there is" and "No Recourse" basis for part recovery of outstanding amount due from Mr. Wahid Igbal Ganie.

Details of the Borrower	Model	Type/make of vehicles	Registration Nos:
Wahid Iqbal Ganie S/O Khazir Mohd Ganie R/O Kadlabal, Pampore,	2016	Four vehicles all of make and model	JK13C-9790
Pulwama		AMW Motors	JK13C-9787
		Ltd./4018TR-4X2 Tractor Chasis W With	JK13C-9791
		Trailer	JK13C-9729

The reserve price for the proposed sale has been fixed at Rs.6.75 lacs (Rupees Six Lacs Seventy Five Thousand only) per vehicle (Rs.27.00 lacs for all the 4 vehciles). The Vehicle is available for inspection on any working day between 11:00 a.m to 04:00 p.m at the premises of J & K Bank Branch Lassipora Pulwama. Sealed quotations in the prescribed format are invited from the interested parties for the purchase of said Vehicles to be accompanied by EMD amount in the form of Demand Draft for Rs. 1.00 lac per vehicle and Rs.4.00 lacs for all the 4 vehicles. drawn on any nationalized/scheduled Bank in favour of J&K Bank, Branch Lassipora, Pulwama, payable at Pulwama, which is to be deposited with the undersigned on or before 18.09.2023 during working hours at Zonal Office Pulwama. The sealed tenders will be opened on 20.09.2023 at 02.30 P.M. at the office of the undersigned in presence of the Bidders who choose to remain present on the given day and time. The Tender document containing the terms and conditions can be obtained, along with the prescribed Bid Form, from the office of the undersigned or from the J&K Bank, Branch Lassipora, Pulwama on any working day between 11:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m. (Altaf Ahmad Ringshawl)

Dated: 02.09.2023

Registered office: Corporate Headquarters, M.A.Road, Srinagar 190001, Kashmir, India $\textbf{CIN:} \ L65110JK1938SGC000048 \ ; \ \textbf{T:} + 91 \ (0)194 \ 2481 \ 930 - 35 \ ; \ \textbf{F:} + 91 \ (0)194 \ 2481 \ 928 \ ; \ \textbf{E:} \ info@jkbmail.com \ ; \ \textbf{W:} \ www.jkbank.com \ ; \ www.jkbank.com \ ; \ \textbf{W:} \ www.jkb$

DIPK-NB-3006/23 dated: 04-09-2023



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Pulwama

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Details of the Borrower	Model	Type/make of vehicles	Registration Nos:	
Mushtaq Ahmad Reshi S/O Abdul Aziz Reshi R/O Lethpora,	2016	Four vehicles all of make and model	JK13C-9758	
Awantipora, Pulwama			JK13C-9792	
,		AMW Motors Ltd./4018TR-4X2 Tractor Chasis W With	JK13C-9730	
		Trailer	JK13C-9789	

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In-charge

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DIPK-NB-3005/23 dated: 04-09-2023

Dated: 02.09.2023

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HIGHWAY STATUS



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



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This Day In History

- 1198- Philips of Zwabia, Prince of Hohenstaufen, crowned King of Germany and King of the Romans
- 1519- Second Battle of Tehuacingo, Mexico: Hernán Cortés vs Tlascala Aztecs
- 1550- William Cecil appoints himself English minister of foreign affairs
- 1590- Alexander Farnese's army forces Henry IV of
- France to raise the siege of Paris 1596- Dutch fleet commander Cornelis de Houtman
- taken hostage in Java, is later ransomed 1622- Bishop Richelieu appointed Cardinal under
- French King Louis XIII 1646- First public library in the Americas established when Bishop Palafox y Mendoza donates his personal library of 5,000 volumes to Tridentine
- colleges in Puebla, Mexico [1] 1666- Great Fire of London ends, leaving 13,200 houses destroyed and 8 dead
- 1698- Russian Tsar Peter the Great imposes a tax on
- 1717- Britain's King George I issues Proclamation "For Suppressing Pirates in the West Indies", granting pirates who surrender a pardon (re-issued 1718)
- 1774- The 1st Continental Congress, a meeting of delegates from 12 of the 13 British colonies that later became the United States, convenes at Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia
- 1795 USA and Algiers sign peace treaty
- 1800 Malta surrenders to British after they blockade French troops 1814 -Battle of Masurische Meren: Germans chase
- Russians out of East Prussia 1864 - British, French & Dutch fleets attacked Japan
- in Shimonoseki Straits 1914 - Great Britain, France, Belgium and Russia sign
- pact of London 1914 - US President Woodrow Wilson orders US Navy to make its wireless stations accessible for any transatlantic communications - even to German diplomats sending coded messages; leads to interception of the Zimmermann telegram, helping
- 1915 Anti-war conference in Zimmerwald, Switzerland
- 1915 Tsar Nicholas II, distressed by increasing Russian losses, assumes personal command of his nation's military forces; clearly a symbolic act and devastating for his leadership
- 1937 Spanish Civil War: Llanes falls

bring the US into the war

- 1939 FDR declares US neutrality at start of WW II in Europe 1939 - New Zealand Prime Minister, Michael Joseph
- Savage declares New Zealand's support for Britain in the war with Germany; Savage famously told the nation 'where she goes, we go. Where she stands, we stand'
- 1942 Battle at Alam Halfa ends
- 1942 British & US bomb Le Havre & Bremen
- 1944 Allies liberate Brussels
- 1944 Belgium, Luxembourg & Netherlands sign customs Unity treaty 1953 - 1st privately operated atomic reactor-Raleigh,
- 1953 US give Persian premier Zahedi \$45 million
- 1958 1st color video recording on magnetic tape
- presented, Charlotte, North Carolina 1961 - JFK begins underground nuclear testing
- 1961 USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalitinsk USSR
- 1973 Conference of less developed countries approves forming "producers' associations" and calls for withdrawal of Israeli forces from occupied Arab lands
- 1977 Voyager 1 (US) launched toward fly-by of Jupiter, Saturn
- 1978 Anwar Sadat, Menachem Begin and Jimmy Carter begin Egypt-Isreal peace conference at Camp
- 1980 World's longest road tunnel, St Gotthard in Swiss Alps, opens
- 1983 8th Space Shuttle Mission-Challenger 3-lands at Edwards AFB
- 1984 12th Space Shuttle Mission (41-D) -Discovery
- 1- lands at Edwards AFB

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Unusual weather pattern

eptember is expected to be one of the driest months of the year in Kashmir, with no significant precipitation anticipated for the first two weeks of the month, according to a forecast issued by the region's weather department (MeT). The alert comes amid an unrelenting heat wave that has gripped the region since the onset of summer, with temperatures in Srinagar soaring to 34.6 degrees Celsius. The unusual heatwave conditions began in May, continued through June and July, and extended into August. While heatwaves are not uncommon in May across north and central India, the exceptionally high temperatures in places like Jammu and Kashmir have raised concerns.

One factor contributing to these soaring temperatures has been the feeble presence of Western Disturbances, which usually bring rainfall and cooler conditions to J&K during this time of year. These disturbances have been disappointingly lacking in moisture, allowing the sun's radiation to heat the region unabated. Dry westerly winds have only exacerbated the situation, as they do not bring any moisture relief.

Despite the overall dry outlook for September, the MeT's data reveals an interesting twist: Precipitation in J&K, attributed to Western Disturbances and the monsoon, has been surprisingly above normal. From June 1 onwards, the region received 171.4 mm of rainfall, compared to the average 135.2 mm during this period. Both Kashmir and Jammu divisions experienced more rain than usual, with Jammu division recording 23.7 percent above-normal rainfall and Kashmir valley going a remarkable 34.1 percent beyond the usual figures.

This unusual precipitation created a flood-like situation in the second week of July. The water level of river Jhelum breached flood alert levels in south Kashmir and Srinagar, causing concern among the

The surprising combination of a dry September forecast and above-average rainfall in the preceding months shows the growing complexity of climate patterns in this region. We can still hope for the weather to pleasantly surprise us. As we deal with these weather extremes, it serves as a reminder of the urgent need for continued research and monitoring of climate patterns in J&K and Ladakh. Understanding and adapting to the evolving climate is crucial for the well-being of the residents of the region. It also serves to alert people as well as the UT government about the need to take concrete steps to protect our environment. It is true that climate change is a global phenomenon and the local measures - and that too in as small a region as Jammu and Kashmir won't make a big difference. But it hardly detracts from the urgent need to adopt a climate friendly approach in any part of the world, including in Kashmir.

OTHER OPINON

Mapping the way forward

week after the first conversation in many months between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping, India and China appear nowhere near coming to any kind of understanding to repair their relations. On the contrary, relations this week have faced yet another storm, with the two sides clashing over China issuing a new map and reports on Thursday suggesting that Mr. Xi may skip the G-20 Summit in New Delhi next week. The Chinese Foreign Ministry did not confirm those reports, but it also chose not to deny them. Events this week, meanwhile, served a reminder of the currently low levels of trust, with relations arguably at their lowest since the normalisation of ties in the 1980s. On August 28, China issued what it called a "standard map" for 2023, which showed the entire State of Arunachal Pradesh, the Aksai Chin region and the South China Sea as Chinese territory, drawing protests from India, Malaysia and the Philippines. Beijing defended the map as "routine" and asked India to not "over-interpret" it, after the Ministry of External Affairs lodged a strong protest. While it may be true that the map made no new territorial claims and depicted borders as in previous Chinese maps, it is clear that the needless issuing of a new map, amid multiple, live territorial disputes, has only further complicated them. The responses of China's neighbours make that clear.

When India in 2019 issued a new map following the internal reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir and creation of the new Union Territory of Ladakh, Beijing responded with strong statements and initiated discussions at the United Nations Security Council, even though that map, too, did not change India's external boundaries or territorial claims vis-à-vis China. In the view of some observers, China's increasingly aggressive mobilisation on the Line of Actual Control, leading to the ongoing crisis that has plunged relations to this low level, was partly a response to India's reiteration of its claims to Aksai Chin in 2019. In the recent up-and-down history of India's ties with China, summit meetings have offered the platform for the two countries to dial down tensions by giving the two leaders the opportunity for high-level interventions, as was the case at the 2017 BRICS Summit following the Doklam stand-off. Regardless of whether Mr. Xi visits New Delhi next week, the prospects of a similar rapprochement remain dim. Repairing relations will require slowly rebuilding trust on a foundation of greater mutual sensitivity. Indeed, China would do well to show its neighbours the sensitivity that it demands of them, if it has any inclination towards repairing increasingly fraught relations.

Celebrating Teachers Day

Modern Teachers and Their Unspoken Struggles

Modern teachers don't just impart knowledge; they light the way in the digital age, inspiring curiosity and creativity

Dr. Ashaq Hussain

eachers' Day is a special occasion dedicated to honoring educators for their invaluable contributions to society. Celebrated on the 5th of September in India, this day holds great significance as it marks the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a renowned philosopher, scholar, and India's second President. Dr. Radhakrishnan's deep dedication to education and his transformative ideas about teaching continue to inspire educators across the nation. On this day, we not only pay homage to the memory of a visionary leader but also recognize the modern teachers who embody the spirit of teaching in a rapidly evolving world. Today, on this special day, it is essential to reflect on the changing landscape of education and how modern teaching skills are shaping the future of our students.

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan once said, Teachers should be the best minds in the country." His words underline the vital role teachers play in shaping the future of a nation. Dr. Radhakrishnan's emphasis on the role of teachers and their potential to inspire and guide students is as relevant today as it was in his time. Today, the field of education is constantly evolving due to advancements in technology, changes in societal norms, and the growing diversity of students. Additionally, modern teachers face an immense workload that often goes unnoticed. The demands of curriculum development, lesson planning, grading, and administrative tasks can leave teachers feeling overwhelmed and burnt out. With increasing class sizes and pressure to meet standardized testing requirements, the workload continues to mount, leaving teachers with limited time for personal and professional growth. But, to honor the spirit of Dr. Radhakrishnan, modern educators have adapted to these changes by embracing modern teaching skills to provide the best possible education to their students by advancements in technology, changing societal needs, and innovative pedagogical approaches, thus we find ourselves at the forefront of this shift, embracing new methodologies and adapting to the ever-evolving educational landscape.

Despite the importance of education, many teachers struggle with insufficient resources in their classrooms. Inadequate funding for teaching learning material often leads to outdated teaching aids, limited technology, and a lack of essential supplies. But still, modern teachers try their best to be resourceful and creative to provide quality education despite these limitations. Today, teachers utilize online platforms, multimedia resources, and interactive applications to make learning engaging and accessible. Virtual classrooms have become the norm, enabling educators to reach students worldwide, transcending geographical boundaries.

Modern teachers understand that every student is unique, with different learning styles and paces. They strive to create personalized learning experiences that cater to individual needs, fostering a deeper understanding of the subject matter. This approach not only enhances student engagement but also promotes critical thinking and problem-solving skills. In today's knowledge-driven economy, creativity and innovation are highly prized. Modern teachers encourage students to think outside

the box, explore their passions, and develop a creative mindset. They create an environment that nurtures curiosity, enabling students to become lifelong learners who continuously seek knowledge and innovation. The world is more interconnected than ever before, and modern teachers recognize the importance of global awareness. They incorporate global perspectives into their lessons, exposing students to diverse cultures, ideas, and issues. This broadens students' horizons, instilling empathy and a sense of responsibility towards global challenges. While academic knowledge is crucial, modern teachers also focus on nurturing

and challenges that come with modern teaching and teachers. In the spirit of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, teachers should strive to adapt, evolve, and equip themselves with the necessary skills to provide a high-quality education that prepares students for the demands of the 21st century. By embracing change and adopting modern teaching skills, educators on their part have proven their skills and are continuing to inspire and shape the future of our nation, just as Dr. Radhakrishnan envisioned.

Thus, it is essential to recognize and appreciate the dedication and resilience of these modern teachers who continue to inspire



work, and emotional intelligence. These skills are vital for success in the modern workforce, and educators play a pivotal role in helping students develop them

So, everyone today knows and recognizes that the spirit of teaching extends beyond the classroom and goes far beyond the mere transmission of information and as such teachers are essential contributors to society, yet they sometimes feel undervalued and unsupported. The lack of respect for the teaching profession is reflected in lower facilities compared to the education and experience required. Additionally, teachers may face criticism from parents, administrators, and policymakers, making it challenging to perform their duties effectively. Managing a classroom with diverse students and their unique needs is no easy feat. Many modern teachers encounter disruptive behavior, lack of discipline, and the increasing prevalence of mental health issues among students. Addressing these issues requires both patience and empathy, often without the necessary training or resources to do so effectively.

Last, but not the least, Education policies, examination/evaluation patterns are changing frequently, affecting curriculum standards, evaluation criteria, and teaching methods. Teachers are often required and forced to adapt quickly to these changes, which disrupt their established teaching practices and lead to added stress and confusion.

To conclude with, Teacher's Day is not only a day to celebrate the contributions of educators but also a reminder of the responsibilities

and educate future generations, and side by side face numerous challenges that often go unnoticed. On Teachers' Day, let everyone recognize the modern teachers who embody the evolving spirit of teaching by adapting to changing times, embracing technology, and inspiring students to become lifelong learners and responsible global citizens. As we honor their dedication and passion, let us remember that education is the cornerstone of progress and that modern teachers are the architects of our future. It's thus crucial for society, policymakers, and educational institutions to address their issues, provide support and resources, and ensure that teachers receive the respect and recognition they truly deserve. In doing so, we can help create a more nurturing and sustainable environment for both educators and students.

On this special day, we pay our tribute to those whose guidance is absolute. They have opened doors to worlds unknown, and made our dreams steadily grow. In your lessons, we've found our way, thank you, teachers, for every day. So let us celebrate this day, to honor you in every way. For your dedication, we say "hooray," Happy Teachers' Day, we proudly say.

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Play School Teachers are Unbelievably Underpaid in Srinagar!

young woman, just out of college, is teaching at my son's play school. She works **■**from 10:00 - 3:00 pm. Young toddlers such as mine are very difficult to handle and one would think that these teachers would be compensated fairly for their work. Would you believe me if I say that these teachers who take care of so many toddlers and give a full working day worth of time every single day a week in every month. are paid as low as three thousand rupees a month!

While we often applaud teachers for their dedication and contributions to society, it is disheartening to witness the exploitation of these

educators, particularly in the critical early childhood education sector.

Play schools serve as the foundation for a child's educational journey, where teachers play a pivotal role in shaping young minds. However, the teachers in Srinagar's play schools are facing dire financial circumstances due to inadequate compensation. Most of these play schools aren't even registered! These educators, responsible for nurturing the intellectual and emotional growth of our children, are often subjected to meager salaries that do not align with the value of their work.

Low wages not only lead to financial stress for teachers but also hinder their ability to provide quality education. Underpaid teachers may struggle to make ends meet, resulting in reduced motivation and, ultimately, a decline in the quality of early childhood education. This vicious cycle affects the very foundation of a child's learning experience.

It is essential for the government, educational institutions, and society as a whole to recognize the significance of early childhood education and the vital role teachers play in it. Adequate compensation is not only a matter of fairness but also an investment in the future of our children Well-paid and motivated teachers are more likely to deliver high-quality education, ensuring that our youngest learners receive the best possible start in their educational journey.

I urge the relevant authorities and stakeholders in Srinagar to address this issue promptly by implementing fair compensation packages for play school teachers. It is time to acknowledge their dedication and hard work by providing them with wages that reflect the importance of their role in shaping the future of our children and our society.

> Sincerely, A Parent

Teacher's Day Special

A Student's Ode to His Mentor

Shahid Shafi

In India, Teacher's Day is celebrated on 5th of September every year to mark the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and to realize the contribution and importance of teachers. Teachers play a significant role in shaping the future of students.

Teaching is a noble profession acknowledged as sacred in every religion and aspired by every successful person. APJ Kalam once said, "Teaching is a very noble profession that shapes the character, caliber, and future of an individual. If the people remember me as a good teacher, that will be the biggest honour for me".

After passing 12th Standard examinations, I was not really interested in joining college but still did. I joined Govt Degree College Sogam in 2020. That year was chaotic due to the Covid-19 pandemic. No one was expected to be attending. Yet, even in my second year, I skipped college because I had no interest in my course. However, things changed for good in the third year of my college.

We see it in movies and popular stories but we rarely think that we'd ever get to live to see ourselves get so inspired by a teacher's guidance. For me, the unbelievable turned out to be believable when I met a veteran and venerable person, my mentor, Dr Tauseef Ahmad Parray, an Assistant Professor in the Islamic Studies department. Prof. Tauseef is known for being an accomplished author and promising scholar.

When I met him for the first time, I asked him several questions on writing skills. His patience baffled me at first and then kept inspiring me as we went on with the discussion. He shared his experiences with me and suggested different techniques.

As fate would have it, our college organized an essay competition on International Women's Day in which I secured 2nd position, which was my first feat in writing.



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After some time, I was told that I had become a Gender Ambassador for my college. For the same, I was required to turn in a 250 word blog. I completed it in a short span of time and couldn't help

but notice my phobia of writing evaporating and a renewed sense of confidence dawning on me. However, I knew who I needed to thank. It was Prof. Tauseef who gave me the confidence to think clearly,

to write impactfully and to create confidently.

Last year, on the annual day's felicitation ceremony at my college, I was awarded the 'Best Writer of the Year' title. The victory made me remember being a student of 10th Standard, petrified at the thought of having to write something in English! From that scared student to now being published and awarded — it sure has been a long journey and successful journeys are rarely ever possible all alone. It is teachers like Prof. Tauseef who believes in giving every child a chance. Who bet their last penny on each one of us and inspire us through their hope in us.

While struggling with writing, I would contact Prof. Tauseef innumerable times at unusual hours. Yet, he would respond cordially and constantly gave me encouraging responses. This attribute is missing

in many teachers.

In current times, most teachers castigate their students, whenever students ask questions in lieu of clarifying doubts. How can students stay in an unquestioning state, it's their right! Instead of castigating and demoralizing, teachers should anchor students, talk to them politely and in a friendly manner as teachers are the only hope of students who can stride them from the swamp of darkness to the paradise of light.

I once read that APJ Kalam was asked, "who is a good teacher?" He replied, "A good teacher is one who radiates knowledge and radiates purity of life". Fortunately I found both in my mentor, Tauseef sir.

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Celebrating Teachers' Day: Honoring the Guiding Lights of Tomorrow

Aubaid Ahmad Akhoon

s we turn the calendar to September 5th each year, we embark on a journey of gratitude and reflection. Teachers' Day, a day dedicated to celebrating the mentors and guides who illuminate our paths, is a time to appreciate the incredible role educators play in shaping the future of society.

THE TEACHING PROFESSION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

An effective teacher in the 21st century embodies a unique blend of knowledge, skills, beliefs, values, professional aspirations, and unbridled motivation. They transcend the traditional confines of curriculum and content mastery, possessing a wealth of soft skills that enable them to empower students with advanced knowledge and skills. These educators are beacons of guidance, nurturing their students with the latest research and the seamless integration of cutting-edge educational technologies.

When we reflect on the luminaries who have shaped our world, let us not forget the dedicated teachers who worked tirelessly in the shadows, the quiet heroes of our progress. To nurture students with not just knowledge but also values like environmental awareness, social consciousness, tolerance, altruism, and respect, we must ensure teachers can develop without constraints, equipped with all the resources they need to excel.

THE TEACHER-STUDENT RELATIONSHIP AND ITS SACRED SIGNIFICANCE

The teaching profession is more than just a job; it creates the foundation for all other professions. Among the various human relationships in the world, one stands as particularly sacred:





WHEN WE REFLECT ON THE LUMINARIES WHO HAVE SHAPED OUR WORLD, let us not forget the dedicated teachers who worked tirelessly in the shadows, the quiet heroes of our progress

the teacher-student relationship. In Islam, the teacher's status is deemed equal to that of biological parents. A teacher is considered the second parent of a student. After parents, it is the teacher who imparts the real meaning of life—how to behave, how to live, how to differentiate between right and

A good teacher should possess certain qualities. They should

wrong, and more.

have a pure character and a welcoming demeanor. Effective communication skills, education, and knowledge are essential. Teachers should be role models for their students, diligently revising and reinforcing previous lessons. They should avoid overwhelming students with excessive homework, instead, assessing their performance empathetically. Scolding and corporal punishment should be avoided, with attention given to students' feelings, emotions, and self-esteem. Individualized methods of discipline should be adopted, and special support provided to slow learners. Teachers should also nurture physical and aesthetic development and foster students' character development. Above all, they should use appropriate methods of communication, presenting themselves as role models in words, actions, morals, and intellect.

TEACHERS AND THE MODERN AGE

The teacher can impart others the same knowledge that they themselves have access to. However, the teaching profession is far from easy; it demands constant hard work, up-to-date knowledge, dedication, passion, ethics, humanity, consciousness, spirituality, and a calm demeanor.

In the present age, moral education is as crucial as secular education because knowledge without moral principles is like a fruitless tree, a futile endeavor. The Quran underscores moral education as a central theme, with numerous verses emphasizing the formation of good character and embodiment of morality.

Knowledge is intrinsically tied to morality. Knowledge pursued solely for personal gain is like poison, lacking in productivity.

APPRECIATION & CRITICISM

We often hear about government teachers who struggle with basic tasks, like writing a simple application, betraying the great profession they represent. It is disheartening to witness some teachers who, during the pandemic, remained idle for nearly three years, yet proudly celebrate Teachers' Day, seemingly unaware of the true essence and responsibilities of the teaching profession.

On the other hand, we have seen teachers who dedicatedly fulfilled their duties, even joining forces with healthcare professionals to combat COVID-19 while continuing to teach online. There are also honorable government teachers who provided free home tuition during the pandemic, significantly contributing to the improvement of education standards in government schools.

standards in government schools. To uplift government schools, it is imperative to introduce inservice training courses to equip teachers with modern education, ensuring they can impart cuttingedge knowledge to their students. Regular assessments of teachers' performance, similar to student evaluations, can maintain high standards in government schools. Encouraging government teachers to enroll their own children in government schools would also foster a personal investment in improving these institutions.

A PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO

Whether in a supporting role behind the scenes or in more direct involvement, I, like many others, contribute to students education by orchestrating exams, creating assignments, and providing practice papers. We are silent observers to the remarkable dedication of teachers who mold the minds of our budding learners. With a profound sense of pride, we find ourselves deeply engaged in their educational journey, sowing the seeds of knowledge alongside these inspiring educators.

As we celebrate Teachers' Day, let us recognize the profound impact teachers have on society. They are not only educators but also mentors, shaping the character and future of our youth. It is a day to honor their dedication, inspire change, and pledge our support to empower these guiding lights as they lead us toward a brighter and more enlightened future. "Teachers have three loves: love of learning, love of learners, and the love of bringing the first two loves together. - Scott Hayden

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How Cannabis Research

could be done on the plant. This eventually led to a fading of interest in research on it," he

In 2015, the institute revisited their previous literature and work done on this plant, hoping to revive the research. "Due to the prohibitions surrounding Cannabis, we faced various obstacles. Simultaneously, we applied for a research license from the J&K government. In India, our institute became the first one to obtain the license which allowed us to conduct laboratory research using this plant material," he said.

The second part of this license involved captive cultivation. "This means we had to grow the plants in a controlled environment to prevent any unauthorized access. We designated one acre of land at Chatha Farm in the outskirts of Jammu city for this purpose, and we collected over 500 plant accessions (An accession is a group of related plant material from a single species which is collected at one time from a specific location) from various regions in J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Arunachal Pradesh," Dr. Zabeer said.

Medical Benefits of Cannabis and Research Findings

Cannabis is made up of more than 120 components, which are known as cannabinoids. Cannabidiol (CBD) and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), are the two most well-known and researched cannabinoids. THC is responsible for the "high" that many people associate with cannabis, while CBD is a non-intoxicating, noneuphoric component, according to the studies.

"While researchers are still working to understand how effectively cannabis can be used for medical purposes, there have already been a lot of promising results in the Western world. Some noteworthy examples include the first drug, Merinol, approved for treatment of nausea in 1995. Over the past decade, another botanical drug called Sativax was approved for neuropathic pain and stress, featuring key components like THC and CBD. Additionally, in 2018, Epidiolex gained fame as a wonder drug for epilepsy," Principal Scientist, Medicinal Chemistry Division, CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Dr. Parvinder Pal Singh told Kashmir Observer.

The Cannabis research project involves three organizations: CSIR, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) in New Delhi, and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). "The operational framework has been established. In this mechanism, the CSIR will provide funding for the foundational research. When addressing safety and toxicological studies, DBT will offer its support," he said.

Dr. Singh said their ongoing research started with comprehending the various species, subspecies, and chemical constituents of cannabis plant in India. "This foundational knowledge guides our research direction, including the study of cannabinoids. Of the 125 types of components present in the plant, only 10 have been studied. This leaves 90 percent of them largely unexplored, especially for pharmacological and medicinal purposes."

The scientist said their research focuses on developing indigenous technology for two drugs, akin to Sativax and Epidiolex. "This is done in order to make them more accessible and affordable in J&K and India likewise, benefitting the common people. At present, a 100 ml bottle of epidiolex oral solution costs 30,000 rupees."

Elaborating on the project, Dr. Singh said, although the compounds were already known in the Western world; the institute became the first to conduct this type of research activity in India.

"Among the compounds studied, CBD and THC are the main ones. Our research aims to identify varieties that produce CBD and THC separately. We have grown these varieties and compiled a list of CBD-rich and THC-rich varieties. Also, through our findings, we observed variations among different plant accessions. We analysed the chemical constituents of each plant material and identified the most suitable accession for our research," Dr. Singh said.

Difference between wild and medically grown Cannabis

Cannabis is considered as a highly heterogenous plant. Even small changes in its environment can alter its chemical makeup, according to the researchers.

"In controlled conditions, we allow these plants to cross-pollinate, enabling us to perform comprehensive botanical and molecular characterizations of the resulting plants. This is the primary purpose of captive cultivation. Also, we carefully select and cultivate the identified plants. We continuously monitor their growth and pollination as well as the growth of subsequent generations," Dr. Zabeer said.

Seconding him, Dr Singh said, their goal is to understand these factors. "Since THC, a psychoactive compound, might not always receive government approval, we're working on creating a variety that produces only CBD, a non-psychoactive substance. To achieve this, we're conducting controlled experiments on specific land by monitoring and optimizing conditions," he added.

Dr. Singh detailed out that the chemical compounds are present in the flowering part of the plant. "We call it as inflorescence. The compounds are also present in the leaves and stems but high concentration is mostly found in the flower part. Also, these compounds are typically found in the female plant while as the male plants possess very less quantity," he said.

Current status of the 'Cannabis Research Project'

The project has marked the completion of the exploratory research phase. The next steps involve drug development, including regulatory toxicological studies (Toxicology is a field of science that helps us understand the harmful effects that chemicals, substances, or situations, can have on people, animals, and the environment), safety assessments, and advanced clinical trials.

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"However, conducting these trials and Goods

manufacturing practice (GMP is a concept for ensuring that products are consistently produced and controlled according to quality standards) in our facility is not possible, so we need to collaborate with the industry. To facilitate material transport and GMP manufacturing, we've submitted another application to the J&K government. This application is in the advanced stages of processing, with some clarifications and observations addressed. The government has cleared the NOC for the first part. But they need to establish UT-level policies for cannabis research. Once these policies are in place, we can proceed with advanced studies on this plant," Dr. Zabeer emphasized.

The institute has also signed an MOU with a Canadian firm. "We've set specific goals for this collaboration, including understanding Indian cannabis varieties and their chemical profiles. However, we can't begin with the collaboration yet as we still await certain approvals," he said.

Dr. Singh further said that the Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai is eager to collaborate on our research. They plan to conduct a clinical trial involving cancer patients. "The only thing holding us back is the need to finalize transportation and complete our pre-clinical studies. Once those are done, we can move forward with this initiative," he added.

The scientist said the potential of this plant is remarkable. "With further research, we aim to develop a cannabis variety that contains optimal quantities of beneficial compounds and minimal psychoactive compounds. This is our ultimate goal, and we are actively working towards its realization. The transformation in this area of research could revolutionise the whole health sector."

Dr. Zabeer stressed that the policy regarding cannabis should extend beyond just the Union Territory level. It should be enacted at the national level through legislation in parliament. "By implementing a unified national policy for cannabis research, we can transform this onceprohibited plant into a valuable resource, yielding useful components. Through research and product development, we can make significant contributions to the healthcare system while also benefiting J&K by potentially establishing local industries and creating jobs."

Last Day For

character once the term of the constituent assembly of Jammu and Kashmir got over in 1957 after drafting the state's Constitution.

"We should interpret the Constitution textually and contextually, but not by looking at what there is in silence," he said.

Sibal said abrogation of Article 370 is a political process and it must have a "political solution".

"So, you are saying there is no solution for abrogation of Article 370 within the Constitution and that a political solution has to be found. We have to keep in mind that all solutions have to be within the framework of the Constitution," CJI Chandrachud told Sibal.

Sibal's submissions remained inconclusive and will continue on Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, the top court heard arguments of counsel for intervenors, who are defending the Centre's August 5, 2019 decision to abrogate Article 370 that accorded special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Among those who advanced their arguments included KM Nataraj and Vikramjeet Banerjee (both Additional Solicitor General), senior advocate V Giri and others.

The bench made it clear that Tuesday will be the last day for hearing submissions on Article 370.

The intervenors had told the apex court on September 1 that the decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370 was not made by the political executive alone and Indian Parliament was

taken into confidence.

Several petitions challenging the abrogation 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.

Asks Akbar Lone

central government wanted Lone to apologise for raising Pakistan zindabad' (long live Pakistan) slogan in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly in 2018.

Lone has to state that he owes allegiance to the Constitution and apologises for raising the slogan on the floor of the House, the law officer said.

On September 1, a Kashmiri Pandit group had questioned in the top court the credentials of Lone, claiming he was a supporter of secessionist forces.

An intervention application in the apex court has been filed by an NGO 'Roots in Kashmir', which claims to be a group of Kashmiri Pandit youths, seeking to bring some additional documents and facts on record in the matter. It alleged that Lone is known as "a supporter of secessionist forces operating in J-K, who support Pakistan."

Will Work On PM's

Srinagar are open till 11 pm and people can move around safely. There had been a couple of attacks on Kashmiri Pandits, a Sikh teacher and non-Kashmiris but we have not only traced the attackers but those who provided them finance and logistics support as well," he said.

The LG said that his administration has received investment proposals of Rs 78,000 crore so far and parcels of lands are being identified for setting up industries.

He also highlighted the increasing footfall of tourists to Jammu and Kashmir, including foreigners.

"In the last year, 1.87 crore tourists visited Jammu and Kashmir. There is a 59 percent increase in the number of foreign tourists," he said.

"The number of daily flights arriving and departing from Jammu and Kashmir has gone up from 36 to 126 in this period. Soon, the railway line to Srinagar will be completed. After that, there will be direct rail connectivity between Kanyakumari and Srinagar," he added.

The LG further said that almost 300 films have been shot in the UT, where five government-run and one private cinema hall are operational. He said that almost 60 lakh people participated in the sports events.

"We don't want to buy peace. We want to establish it." he said.

According to the News9 Plus, the LG also reassured on the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir

"Union Home Minister has committed it on the floor of the Parliament that the restoration of statehood is a three-phase process. First, there will be delimitation, then the assembly election, and lastly the statehood will be restored. We have completed the delimitation. The electoral rolls too are almost complete," he said.

"We are going to hold the panchayat elections soon. The Election Commission of India will take a decision on the Assembly election. The commitment made in the Parliament will be honored," he added.

Sinha said Centre's rankings show that J&K is at the number one position in the 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' campaign.

"The tricolor is flying everywhere. There is a 300 percent incentive on GST (Goods and Services Tax) in Jammu and Kashmir. Our tax collection has gone up by 34 percent," he said.

On the return of Kashmiri Pandits' to the valley, Sinha said the process of rehabilitation started when Manmohan Singh was the Prime Minister.

"He had announced plans to build 3,000 homes for the Pandits but only 698 were built. PM Narendra Modi has announced plans to build 6,000 houses for the community. Out of them, 800 have been already handed over. Almost all of the 3,000 posts for Kashmiri Pandits in government jobs have been filled," he added.

Terrorist Killed

have been hospitalised, officials said.

The encounter broke out around 2 pm when a joint team of police, Army and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) zeroed in on a house where the terrorists had taken shelter at gunpoint on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday, they said.

After receiving information about the presence of terrorists in the house, the security forces reached the village after trekking for over four hours. They cornered the terrorists, who opened indiscriminate firing to escape the cordon but in vain, the officials said.

The exchange of fire between the two sides stopped late in the evening. Due to the darkness, the security forces are exercising caution and not moving inside the house to find out the fate of the second terrorist, who is also believed to have been killed, they said.

The identity and group affiliation of the terrorists would be known once the operation is over, they added.

The border district of Poonch along with nearby Rajouri has witnessed several encounters this year, resulting in the killing of around 20 terrorists and 10 security personnel.

Most of the terrorists were killed while attempting to sneak into India from across the border, according to officials.

Ola, Uber Soon

"In exercise of the powers conferred by section 93 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988) read with Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways, Government of India on 27.11.2020 and all other enabling provisions in this behalf, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir hereby publish the draft Jammu and Kashmir Motor Vehicle Aggregator Rules, 2023, as required by sub-section (1) of section 212 of the said Act," reads the notification, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer.

Now, after considering the objections and suggestions received from the public/stakeholders, the Transport Department has notified J&K Motor Vehicle Aggregator Rules, 2023 and the same are applicable with immediate effect.

"These rules are applicable to aggregators onboarding transport vehicles in the area of operation and the vehicles that may be integrated by the aggregator shall include all motor vehicles under the Act and e-rickshaw", the notification said, adding "no person shall act or permit any other person to act as aggregator unless he holds an effective license issued under these rules".

The radio taxis need to have a 24×7 call centre as well as a GPS that can track the cabs and even alert the system in case someone tries to tamper with it or turn it off.

Only those drivers who have transport badges issued by the transport department after a mandatory police verification can be hired.

In addition, radio cab services own the cabs that they operate and these are pre-conditions for an operating license. But that is not the case with other services like Uber.

The move has been hailed by the public, who would often complaint about the non-availability of public transport especially during the evening hours. Notably, the mini buses in Srinagar city remain overcrowded and most of the people struggle to find a seat.

"This will surely ease our travel and the services of Ola and Uber are affordable too," said Danish Ahamd, a resident of Dalgate.

He further said the new cab service can create new job opportunities for unemployed youth, who could wish to register as a driver.

J&K Motor Vehicles Aggregator Rules, 2023 also specify the requirements for drivers to register with a cab aggregator. The drivers must have a valid driving license, at least 2-year driving experience and a police verification certificate.

The vehicles must be in good condition and must meet all applicable safety standards. The aggregators would charge drivers a small fee to register with them and to use their app.

Syed Shahnawaz Bukhari, Regional Transport Officer Kashmir, told Kashmir Observer that as of now no one has qualified for the service and they are still looking for the players to apply.

He further said that the players need to apply for a license before the transport commissioner of J&K. "As of my knowledge few people have applied

for a license but they don't qualify for it. So no license has been issued in this regard," he added.

To Inaugurate 'Community

in the national endeavour for integrated development of the country," Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, Umesh Rai told reporters

Sharing the Jammu University's achievements

in the past year, the VC said the recent nomination of the varsity by the University Grants Commission (UGC) as the nodal university to lead the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in the Union Territory has helped the institute "indisputably" claim a high status in academic leadership.

This nomination, he added, came on the heels of the widely acclaimed 'Design Your Degree' programme recently launched by the university and showcased during the two-day Akhil Bhartiya Siksha Samagam-2023 at New Delhi on July 29.

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Designed in consultation with experts across a wide spectrum, this programme focuses on the holistic development of young minds and sets the tone for transdisciplinary knowledge and is therefore in the true spirit of NEP-2020 as envisaged by the Prime Minister of India, the VC said.

Rai also shared that among various other initiatives planned by the Higher Education Council, the university is spearheading a unique project named 'College on Wheels' or 'J&K Gyanodaya' through which about 800 students along with 100 faculty members from various universities of Jammu and Kashmir would undertake an educational tour covering various parts of India.

Court Awards

two thousand by execution, attachment through civil process against both movable and immovable property of the accused."

The accused had on 11 August 2020 issued a cheque for an amount of Rs.8,51,000 at J&K Bank Tarzua Sopore in discharge of legally recoverable liability owed to the complainant, Ramesh Kumar Vasandani of New Delhi, by the accused.

Online Services

less than 10 paise would reach the ground. Today such a system has been created where the entire rupee reaches the ground," the officer told reporters after launching the 'Bhrashtachar Mukt J-K' campaign here.

No money can be withdrawn without administrative approval, technical approval, e-tendering and geospatial photography, he said.

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Mehta said there were still some complaints of malpractices which the administration is

working to address.

"Our aim is to address the remaining complaints as well. The government is doing whatever possible, but the people also have to come forward and support this initiative to build a corruption-free society," he added.

The chief secretary said the Jammu and Kashmir administration was trying to become number one in governance in the country.

"We have made a lot of progress in many sectors. Now we want to be number one in governance as well. We are number one in IT services and are doing well in several other sectors too," he said

On reinstatement of lecturer Zahoor Ahmad Bhat who had appeared as petitioner-in-person before the Supreme Court bench hearing Article 370 petitions, Mehta said, "Let's leave it at that."

'Digitalisation Holds

Srinagar digital and future ready," he told reporters after launching one-day Digital Fest at the Lal Chowk here.

He asserted that the development in Srinagar was because of digitalisation.

"Srinagar has never been like this before as Dal Lake, Lal Chowk and Polo View market have been improved and this has been possible only because of digitalisation. We have unleashed the power of digital and it has led to the power of huge improvement in the way public delivery (of services) happens," he added.

Asked about the rising unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir, Mehta said people were basing their comments on unverified data.

"Those unaware of the data keep making unverified statements. Self employment in 2022-2023 and in 2021 -2022 has been three lakhs in each year. That means six lakh self employment. Four years earlier, these numbers were only 40,000. The difference between these numbers is in the intentions," he added.

Owais Mukhtar from the Jammu and Kashmir Bank said the mission of the bank is to digitise all the accounts in J-K.

"We have already achieved 80 percent digitisation in our accounts which means 80 percent of the population banking with J-K Bank have digital mode - ATM card, mobile banking or ebanking. Our mission this week is to take this percentage to 90 percent and in coming months we are targeting at 100 percent of digitisation of these accounts," Mushtaq said.

26000 Smart Meter

integration process is going and the smart meters will be switched into prepaid mode once the integration process is completed. "It will hopefully be started from next month," he said.

Earlier in July this year, the Kashmir Power Development Corporation Limited (KPDCL) had directed over 57,000 smart electricity meter users to switch from postpaid to the prepaid mode to keep receiving electricity. Else, their connections would be cut off.

About installation of smart meters, the KPDCL Chief Engineer, said that the process is going on and will take almost one or two years more to complete.

Amidst the installation of smart meters, the KPDCL Chief Engineer said that the cabling work is also being done simultaneously. "In many areas, not only in Srinagar but in towns too, the new cabling work has been done and furthermore, the process is still going on," he added—(KNO)

Tractor Crushes

a team is on the spot to collect the necessary

LG Chairs

The Lt Governor expressed gratitude to the board members for their continuous guidance and support to improve the facilities for pilgrims and successful conduct of the annual yatra.

The Board discussed various ongoing and upcoming projects including creation of new infrastructure and maintenance and restoration of the existing ones.

The meeting also discussed additional measures to further improve the overall spiritual experience for the devotees.

Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, CEO Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, Rahul Singh, Additional CEO SASB and other senior officers also attended the meeting.

2 Lakh Pilgrims

Machail Mata Yatra has experienced a remarkable surge in attendance this year, with a staggering increase from around 58,000 arrivals in 2022 to 1.94 lakh this year, an official spokesperson said.

"This meteoric rise can be attributed to a

myriad of factors, primarily the foolproof arrangements, augmentation of boarding facilities by the administration, coupled with the seamless execution of the pilgrimage's schedule," the spokesperson said.

"The Yatra's new-found popularity and its

remarkable growth in turnover underline the enduring spiritual significance it holds for countless devotees, drawing them in increasing numbers," he added.

The doors of the Himalayan temple are every year opened on the auspicious Baisakhi festival in April.

The Shree Machail Mata Yatra commenced officially on July 25, witnessing a substantial influx of devotees right from the outset, the official said

provision of accommodation at the Yatri Bhawan in Gulabgarh, capable of hosting 2,000 pilgrims simultaneously, he added.

A tent city surrounding the temple and local

One of the notable accomplishments was the

homestays became a significant attraction this year, beckoning pilgrims with open arms.

Kishtwar Deputy Commissioner Devansh Yadav oversaw the arrangements, ensuring

seamless coordination with local, civil and po-

lice administrations besides other departments,

army personnel, and teams of the Border Raod Organisation, the official said. This comprehensive approach catered to the needs of the Yatris while unlocking the region's

tourism potential as well, he added. The Machail Yatra of 2023 would conclude on September 5, officials said.

Proclamation Order

sections 18, 20, and 38 of the UA(P) Act at Police Station Tral, and FIR No 36/2023 under sections 7/25 I.A Act, 18, 20, 23, 25, 38, and 39 of the UA(P) Act at Police Station Tral.

According to a statement, the police identified the involved militants as Owais Feroz Mir, son of Feroz Ahmad Mir, a resident of Frestibal Pampore; Gowhar Manzoor Wani, son of Manzoor Ahmad Wani, a resident of Hurdumir Tral; Mubashir Ahmad Dar, son of Ghulam Nabi Dar, a resident of Syedabad Tral; and Feroz Ahmad Ganie, son of Gh Nabi Ganie, also known as Nabir Ganie, a resident of Noorpora Awantipora.

The spokesman further stated that before issuing the proclamation orders, the Court had already issued open-ended Non-Bailable Warrants (NBW) against these militants. On Monday, the proclamation orders were publicly posted in conspicuous places in their native villages, as well as on the residential houses and in conspicuous places within their villages.

Before initiating further legal proceedings against militants Owais Feroz Mir, Gowhar Manzoor Wani, and Mubashir Ahmad Dar, the Court has given them until or before October 10, 2023, to surrender before the competent authority. The NIA Court has also granted terrorist Feroz Ahmad Ganie the opportunity to surrender before the competent authority, as per the statement. (GNS)

Bank Accounts

to flee but was apprehended tactfully, a police spokesman said.

During the search, police said that 13 grams of Brown sugar concealed in a nylon bag was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Zulfikar Shafi Malik son of Mohammad Shafi Malik resident of Dalipora Pulwama. The recovery was seized in presence of Executive Magistrate on spot and seizure memo was prepared accordingly. Motorcycle used in the commission of crime has also been seized, police

In Kulgam, a police party headed by SHO Police Station Qazigund during Naka checking at Qazigund intercepted a vehicle (Truck) bearing registration number JK18A-7101, police said.

During the search, two nylon sacs containing 57 Kgs of Poppy Straw were recovered from the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle identified as Nazir Ahmad Moochi son of Sanaullah resident of Mohammad-Pora, Kulgam A/P Chawalgam Kulgam was arrested on spot and the vehicle used in commission of crime was also seized, police said.

Moreover, a police party during naka checking at Nassu Badragund intercepted a suspicious person who tried to flee but was apprehended tactfully. During the search, 2 Kgs of poppy straw concealed in a nylon bag was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Umer Bashir Ganie son of Bashir Ahmad Ganie resident of Nassu Badragund. Both the accused persons have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody, police said.

Accordingly, police said that cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective Police Stations and further investigation has been initiated.

Moreover, police in Bandipora have frozen 08 bank accounts and have seized a vehicle from 04 notorious drug smugglers, police said.

"Two bank accounts having savings of Rs 3,97,603/- has been frozen and an Auto load carrier with market value of Rs 3,18,000/- belonging to a notorious drug smuggler Irshad Ahmad Khan son of Ab Samad Khan resident of Asham Hajin has also been seized under NDPS Act after obtaining approval from competent authorities. Besides, 06 more saving bank accounts to the tune of Rs 176,899/- belonging to three notorious drug smugglers namely Mohmad Ayub Dar son of Gh Ahmad Dar resident of Ganastan Sumbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Rather son of Mohmad Kamal Rather resident of Ajas and Irshad Ahmad Wani son of Habib-Ullah Wani resident of Hajin freezed U/S 68F (2) of NDPS Act by the Competent Authority & Administrator, SAFEM (New Delhi). All these savings were illegally acquired through the sale of narcotic drugs," police said.

Over 14000 Events Planned During 'Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K' Week

CS Calls For Quality Redressal Of Every Grievance By The End Of Vigilance Week In Oct

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday in presence of Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioner and other officers kick-started the week long 'Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K' campaign here across all the districts of the UT. Outstation based officers participated through video conferencing.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Mehta observed that UT of J&K has made remarkable progress in ensuring transparency and accountability, and there is need to institutionalize it so that it becomes intrinsic to the system.

Dr. Mehta maintained that the initiatives taken during the recent past have reinforced the trust of people in the governance. He recalled that unlike the present system, there was earlier a system of giving contracts without going for tendering process or appointing people without going for due recruitment process.

Implementation of measures like BEAMS, e-tendering, seeking of Administrative Approval and Technical Sanction have resulted in establishing financial discipline which has resulted in phenomenal increase in the number of projects being completed, from merely 9,000 projects during 2018-19 to 92,000 during 2022-23 with nearly same expenditure. The Chief Secretary remarked that IT interventions have brought about more transparency where all details of projects and services

are being put in public domain. Through RTI and Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA), citizens who seek their rights, have been empowered, as guaranteed under law. The accessibility of people to project their grievances before senior functionaries and their timely disposals have been greatly facilitated through IGRAMS and KGRAMS portals.

The Chief Secretary complimented 'Team J&K' for their untiring efforts for taking J&K to the top performing States/UTs in the Country. While directing all the Prabhari Officers to visit their concerned panchayat atleast once during this week, the Chief Secretary asked the Incharge Secretaries of the districts to intensively monitor the activities carried out under the Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K in their concerned districts. Dr. Mehta further advised the Deputv Commissioners to fully involve all representatives of Urban and Rural Local Bodies in this intensive campaign against corruption.

Earlier, Commissioner Secretary, GAD, Sanjeev Verma gave an overview of the activities planned during the week as well as about the improvement in the overall working of the Government which has been made possible through slew of measures taken in the recent past. He informed that the week is going to provide an open platform to the citizens for two way exchange of ideas with the administrative machinery. He revealed that thousands of camps are going to be held across the districts of the UT right from Panchayat, Block, Sub-Division to District level.

India Should Reconsider Support To One China Policy If Beijing **Does Not Change Stance: Omar**

NEW DELHI: Asserting That The Country's Foreign Policy Should Always be based on reciprocity, former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah said on Monday if China does not accept "one India" policy, New Delhi should reconsider support to Beijing's 'One China' policy.

Asking why China should have a problem with any meeting in Jammu and Kashmir or any other part of India, the Na-Conference Vice President said if China continues with this stance, India

should also raise questions on Tibet, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

"I think it's extremely unfortunate that the government of India keeps repeating its (adherence to) One China policy yet for some reason, China doesn't reciprocate.

"Our foreign policy should always be based on reciprocity. If China doesn't accept a one India policy, then why should India accept One China policy," Omar, a former Minister of State of External Affairs, said.

"It shouldn't be one-sided that only China can raise questions about what happens in India and not vice versa. I believe that if China is going to continue to do this, then India must also revisit its One China policy," he told reporters.

China, a G20 member, and Pakistan had objected to the decision to hold G20 events in Kashmir, which they call "disputed". China also disputes India's sovereignty over Arunachal Pradesh. India has consistently dismissed such claims by China and Pakistan.

When asked about the issue, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had in an exclusive interview

> to PTI late last week said, "Such a question would be valid if we had refrained from conducting meetings in those venues. Ours such a vast, beauti ful and diverse nation. When G20 meetings

are happening, isn't it natural that meetings will be held in every part of our country.'

India held the third G-20 working group meeting on tourism for three days from May 22 in Srinagar. Delegates from all G20 countries, barring China, visited the picturesque Valley for the event. A large number of delegates had also visited Arunachal Pradesh in March for a G-20 event.

Dismissing Chinese claims, India had then said that it was free to hold meetings on its

own territory. By the time India's G20 presidency term ends, Modi had said, over 220 meetings would have taken place across 60 cities in all 28 states and eight Union territories, and added that over one lakh participants from around 125 nationalities would witness the skills of Indians.

LG Felicitates Officers For Successful Amarnath Yatra

'All The Stakeholders Are Source Of Our Strength And Pride'



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday felicitated officers of Civil Administration, Jammu and Kashmir Police, Army, Air force, CAPFs, NDRF, SDRF, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board and the service providers for the successful conduct of 62-day long annual pilgrimage

At a felicitation ceremony held at Raj Bhawan Auditorium, the LG expressed gratitude to all the officers and the service providers for making the holy pilgrimage memorable for the devotees.

"Shri Amarnath Ji yatra is the symbol of our ancient culturalspiritual heritage. Over the years this annual pilgrimage has influenced the socio-economic life of Jammu Kashmir. It is also a reflection of the diversity, integrity and greatness of the eternal tradition of our cultural values," Sinha said

He said that the officials of Civil Administration, Jammu and Kashmir Police, Army, Air force, CAPFs, NDRF, BRO, SDRF, Medical Staff, sanitation workers have worked with diligence, going beyond their call of duty.

He said various stakeholders including ponywallahs, pithuwallahs, health care professionals, social organisations, volunteers, workforce and the media fraternity had made commendable contributions in the smooth conduct of the

to Team Jammu Kashmir and for the love and enthusiasm shown by all sections of society towards the devotees who came from all over the country and abroad. The successful conduct of Yatra signifies pursuit of excellence and extraordinary accomplishments by team J&K," the LG said.

"In today's felicitation, we have honoured not only a set of team leaders, but also the entire community, group of service providers, workers, who effectively handled every challenge. They are source of our strength and pride," he

He said the selfless volunteers from across the country with soaring idealism, rooted in the age-old concept of Seva, were our silent workforce, who ensured the needs of devotees are taken care of.

"The collective and coordinated efforts for successful conduct of Yatra are also the reflection of Aspirational J&K," he said.

Sinha also expressed gratitude towards the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for the continuous support and guidance for the successful conduct of the Yatra.

This was the longest ever pilgrimage of Shri Amarnath ji in which 4.45 lakh devotees performed Puja and darshan at the holy cave. It is also the highest number in the last 10

"Team Jammu Kashmir is the driving force of the un-"I am extremely grateful precedented growth. I am

witnessing a new work culture, devoted, disciplined and determined. It motivates us to aim higher and work hard to realize the aspirations of the society," the LG said.

The LG suggested for identifying the officers from all the line departments who are willing to serve the devotees of Shri Amarnathji Yatra and that their deployment on the Yatra duty can be ensured.

"4.5 lakh devotees will be the ambassadors of Jammu Kashmir who will carry the saga of transformation, tales of peace and prosperity of Jammu Kashmir to their respective states and UTs. It will encourage more tourists to visit Jammu Kashmir and give a fresh impetus to the tourism sector," he said.

It was informed that impeccable arrangements were put in place by various agencies and Government organisations on both the Yatra Tracks. Yatris were facilitated with E-KYC, RFID and prepaid system for availing the services easily.

More than 50 medical facilities, 440 clinical beds and 26 oxygen booths were created along the yatra route and health of devotees was given the top priority. Optical fiber cables were laid on both routes by Telecom providers along with many other facilities.

Yatri feedback through Rapid Assessment System (RAS) was put in place and daily real time feedback from pilgrims on both the axis was collected. 95% pilgrims had rated the services as 'Good'.

Jammu Records Over 350 Dengue Cases, Doctors Urge Calm

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu district has recorded more than 350 cases of dengue, which is showing an increasing trend in the past fortnight in the region, prompting authorities to take steps to deal with the mosquito-borne viral infection.

Doctors at the city's Government Medical College and hospitals, however, said there's no need to panic as the season always witnesses such increase in dengue cases.

A total of 486 dengue cases have so far been detected in the Jammu region and out of these, a maximum of 357 infections are recorded in Jammu district, officials said.

They said 46 cases were reported from Kathua, and 42 cases from Samba district. In other districts, there are dengue 10 cases in Rajouri, eight in Reasi, five in Udhampur, six in Poonch, four in Doda, one in Kishtwar, four in Kashmir, and three in other regions.

The majority of cases are reported from three districts of the Jammu region -Jammu, Samba, and Kathua, they said.

As many as 33 and 77 cases have been reported in Jammu on Saturday and Sunday, they

They said several of these patients have been admitted to hospitals and more than 100

have been discharged.

"This is a viral infection, we have to understand how it happens. First of all we need to understand that not everybody requires hospitalization, the majority of cases are selflimiting and they get better in a short while.

"However, people feel that this is a very dangerous disease. This misconception needs to be removed", Head of department (HoD), Microbiology, Government Medical College (GMC) hospital Dr Sandeep Dogra told PTI.

Allaying fears about a potential shortage of platelets for dengue patients, hospital authorities state that they have adequate facilities and sufficient stock of platelets

"In dengue when there is a shortage of platelets, people panic that they aren't available, but there's no need to panic. We always have sufficient and adequate stock of platelets. The platelets that we make from whole blood, are called 'random donor platelets', they too are available and we also have Apheresis platelets", Head of Department (HoD), Blood bank, GMC, Dr Meena Sidhu told PTI.

"We always keep platelets in ready supply, because the shelf life of platelets is five days, after which they get spoiled. So there is some problem sometimes but even then we have

BJP Leader Questions Outcome Of Spl Camps Held For KPs In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Girdhari Lal Raina on Monday demanded a detailed response from the Lt Governor-led administration on the outcome of special camps organized here early this year to ensure 100 per cent saturation of social security schemes for migrant Kashmiri Pandits.

The former member of legislative council (MLC) and a prominent community member expressed pain and anguish over lack of "seriousness" in the administration to address issues pertaining to the displaced community.

"Over six months have elapsed since Lt Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated a special governance camp for Kashmiri migrants at lagti in February, yet there is no movement forward in this regard," Raina said in a statement

at six locations aimed to ensure 100 per cent saturation of social

security schemes for Kashmiri migrants were held with a lot of fanfare and publicity.

"However, unfortunately no action seems to have been taken after the conclusion of these camps. The situation even after six months is where it was before these camps were organized," he alleged. Raina demanded a detailed re-

sponse from the authorities concerned on the outcome of these camps and asked the administration to be more "sensitive and spontaneous" in handling the concerns of people.

He said thousands of displaced youths visited these camps and registered themselves under different schemes for self-employment, skilling and up-skilling.

There were a large number of other individuals, particularly differently-abled, who submitted for extension of social security He said 12-day long camps or welfare schemes to them for which they are eligible, the BJP



JKSCERT Frames Timeline Of Formative Assessments For Classes Upto 8th Standard

Agencies

SRINAGAR: JKSCERT has framed a timeline for conduct of formative assessment of students under the Student Assessment and Evaluation (SA&E) up to Class 8th for the summer and winter Zone Schools of Jammu and Kashmir.

Formative assessment is a range of formal and informal assessment procedures conducted by teachers during the learning process in order to modify teaching and learning activities to improve student attainment.

Jammu and Kashmir State Council of Educational Research and Trainings (JKS-CERT) has said that under

SA&E in accordance with the provisions in National Education Policy-2020 and Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2019 (Amended) for classes up to 8th has framed a timeline for the summer and winter zone schools of JKUT from Academic Session 2023-24.

It said that formative assessments have been conducted during the current academic session 2023-24 by the concerned schools of JKUT.

"Formative Assessment from classes I-VI shall be conducted by subject teachers to evaluate the level of preparation and progress of the child throughout the year as per School Based Assessment and Holistic Progress Report (HPC) without

disturbing the routine classwork," JKSCERT said.

It also said that mentoring of students should be done by mentor teachers as per mechanism notified by School Education Department I&K.

According to the JKSCERT. teachers are required to identify the learning gaps and focus should be on the attainment of Learning Outcomes and competences as envisaged in National Education Policy 2020 through Formative and Summative Assessments.

"Teachers are required to use different techniques to assess the Children with following major objectives including identifying the child's strengths, needs, interests and preferences," it reads—(KNO)

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER HYDRAULIC DIVISION URI

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER e_NIT_No._38/Hyd/Uri_of_2023-24,Dated: 02/09/2023

For and on behalf of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, e-Tenders on item rate basis are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with Jammu and Kashmir UT Government, for the fol Position of AAA: Accorded Position of Funds: Demanded/Committee

S. No.	Name of work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time of Completion	Class of Contract	Major Head	Cost of Tender document (In Rs.)	TENDER-ID
1	Construction of Irrigation canal and retaining walls from land of Moham- mad Saleem Khan of Noorkha to Noor-ul-Aloom Noorkha	1 50	3000/-	15-days	DEE	5475-DDC Grants	200	2022_ IFC_228532_1
2	Construction of M.S Pipe Flume (Steel Flume) on Mohura Kanderwan Khul	5.15	10300/-	20-days	DEE/CEE	2702-M&R	300	2022_ IFC_228532_2
The NIT consisting of Qualifying information, eligibility criteria specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of contract and othe details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.infrom :								
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For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir. DATED: 02/09/2023

DIPK-8254-23 DT: 04/09/2023 Executive Engineer,

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DT: 04/09/2023

Reference

CORRIGENDUM 02

For Date Extension

Design Supply of Variable Snow Ploughs compatible with Ashok Leyland Stallion(4x4)/Ashok Leyland Guru 715 vehicles of MED Kashmir

1) This office NIT: MDS/TS /2023-24/47 Date:-14-08-2023 (Tender ID: 2023_PWDJK_226340_1) 2) This office Corrigendum 01 issued vide no. MDSK/TS/79-83 Date: - 29-08-2023.

In view of the representation of the firm and for wider participation, the critical dates of the above referred NIT issued for the subject work is extended again as under:

S.No.	Description	New Dates				
01.	Last date of downloading/ submission of bids	11-09-2023 upto 06:55 PM				
02.	Date of opening of bids online	12 -09-2023 at 02:00 PM				
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All other terms, conditions and specifications of the NIT shall remain unchanged. No: MDSK/TS/ 176-80

(Er. Reyaz Ah. Khan) **Executive Engineer Machinery Division,** Srinagar

Afghanistan Play Sri Lanka In

Srinagar Premier League: Ali Jana, Star Kashmir Win

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two matches were played in the 2023 Srinagar Premier League on Monday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

Star Kashmir FC beat Jehlum FC 2-0. Shariq Hussain (71', 80') scored both the goals and was awarded man of the match.

Real Kashmir FC (Re-

serves) took on Ali Jama FC 54th minute

J&K Bank FC in a blockbuster clash today, Tuesday, September 5, at Synthetic Turf TRC, with kick off at

'Sultan Classic' Body Building C'ship Ends At Tagore Hall



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The first edition of the Sultan Classic 2023 Body Building Championship & Men's Physique Sports successfully concluded on Sunday at Tagore Hall here.

The championship was organised by AHP Vitals and Planet Nutrition, and saw nearly 45 participant take part in Kashmir Body Championship, while 51 competed in the Sultan Classic Body Building Championship and Men's Physique Sports from all districts of Kashmir Valley.

Suhail Mohiuddin from Pampore was declared "Sultan Classic 2023" and

in the day's second game. The hard fought match saw a solitary goal as Ali Jana took the three points after Rivas scored the winner in I&K Police will take on

awarded 31000 cash prize

and stack of 50000. Hamza

Fayaz was declared "Men's

Physique Sports Cham-

pion" and awarded 11000

cash prize stack of 50000.

The organiser also distrib-

uted refreshment among

athletes and distributed Rs.

3 lakhs worth of supple-

ments, stacks, trophies,

medals, galons and shakers.

Riyaz Ahmad Bhat, Founder of Sultan Clas-

sic, distributed the prizes

among the players. He also

gave away the date for up-

coming event: 3rd Septem-

ber 2024. "Five lakhs of

stacks will be distributed

among athletes and winner

will get Rs. 1 lakh 1 thou-

sand cash prize," he said.

Press Trust of India

BCCI Officials In Pakistan

AMRITSAR/LAHORE: For the first time in 17 years, two senior BCCI office-bearers --- president Roger Binny and vice-president Rajeev Shukla -- travelled to Pakistan and reached Lahore on Monday after crossing the Attari-Wagah border, honouring the PCB's invitation to watch Asia Cup there.

While seasoned politician Shukla urged people "not to mix politics with cricket", a beaming PCB supremo Zaka Ashraf hoped that the acceptance of invitation by the BCCI was a welcome step towards improving the relations between the two cricket boards.

It was the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) management committee head Ashraf, who received the BCCI brass at the Wagah border and took them to Gadaffi Stadium in Lahore. The duo will watch a couple of Super Four Games on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The last time an Indian

cricket team travelled to Pakistan was back in 2008 for the Asia Cup. Pakistan last hosted India for a bilateral series in 2006. Their cricket team last visited India for a bilateral white-ball series in 2012.

Cricket And Politics Shouldn't Be

Mixed, Urges Shukla As Ashraf

Hopes For 'Better Relations'

The BCCI had refused to send its team to Pakistan for the Asia Cup, which led to a bi-nation 'Hybrid Model' arrangement. But in a heartening gesture, the BCCI approved former Test player Binny and Congressman Shukla's participation in a dinner hosted by the Governor of Punjab province of Pakistan. "Pakistan is the host of Asia Cup. The visit by this delegation is purely cricketing and there is no politics involved. It is a twoday visit and the Governor of Punjab is hosting us for dinner and all three teams Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan will be present. We shouldn't mix cricket with politics," Shukla told mediapersons.

Shukla, who has been the Indian cricket **Battle For Super 4 Spot Press Trust of India**

board for more than two

decades, was a part of BCCI

delegation that came for the

historic 'Friendship Series'

of resumption of bilateral

cricketing contests, the Ra-

jya Sabha MP said: "The decision with regards to bi-

lateral series is taken by the

Indian government and we

would follow whatever the

government suggests." PCB

chairman Ashraf conducted

an impromptu press confer-

ence with Binny and Shukla

and Mr Shukla from the core

of my heart for accepting

our invitation. We invited

and they responded and if

they reciprocate by invit-

ing us to their country, we

will also accept it with all

warmth. Inshallah, we will

grow together," Ashraf said.

Binny recollected his last visit to Pakistan which

incidentally was more

than 16 years ago when

he was a part of the Asian

Cricket Council.

"I thank both Mr Binny

Asked about the chances

back in 2004.

by his side.

LAHORE: Afghanistan will need to up their game with the ball when they face a skillful Sri Lanka in the battle of a Super4 spot in the Asia Cup here on Tuesday.

Afghanistan not only find themselves in a mustwin situation after the loss to Bangladesh but they also need a victory with a massive margin to finish in the top two of Group B. Their run-rate is in the negative following the defeat here on Sunday night while Sri Lanka, who beat Bangladesh in their opening game, are in the positive



with a NRR of 0.951 Having put 300 plus against Afghanistan, Ban-

gladesh have a much superior run rate and are all but through to the next stage.

ELECTION COMMISSION GC LASSIPORA 2023-25

Ref No: CEC/009/23

Date: 04/09/2023

CORRIGENDUM

In continuation to notification no CEC/008/2023 dated: 02/09/2023. It is notified that the Last date for obtaining and submission of **Election Voting Right Forms** is extends. The dates are as follows:

Last date for issuance of forms 07/09/2023 4PM Last date for submission of forms 09/09/2023 4PM

This is the last opportunity for voter enrolment as no form can be issued or received after the dates mentioned above.

> **Chief Election Commissioner IGC Lassipora**

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