

2 Terrorists Killed In Machil Sector: Police

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Police on Saturday claimed to have foiled an infiltration bid by shooting dead two terrorists along the Line of Control (LoC) in Machil Sector of Kupwara district.

Based on an intelligence input generated by police, a joint team of police and army launched a search operation in Kumkadi area along the LoC in Machil Sector, a police spokesperson said. Observing the movement of terrorists, he said, the joint team employed meticulous tactics and intercepted the terrorists, who fired indiscriminately upon the former.

"The fire was retaliated, leading to the elimination of two heavily" [More On P10](#)

Pesky Power Cuts Irk Consumers Ahead of Winter

- Why Long Cuts Despite Smart Meter Installation, Ask People
- Issues Will Be Resolved Within A Few Days: CE KPDCL

Agencies

Srinagar: Despite the augmentation of power infrastructure and the installation of much-hyped smart meters, the electricity woes continue to torment the valley residents ahead of the winter as since past one week, consumers are facing pesky power cuts across the Valley.

The situation is equivalent in towns, cities and villages as the consumers have accused the concerned Kashmir Power Distribution

Corporation Limited (KPDCL) of supplying inadequate electricity to them.

"Despite the installation of smart meters, which were aimed to ensure better power supply, we are getting nearly 4-5 hours of electricity supply on a regular basis, which has added to the misery of consumers here," said Jahangir Ahmad,

a resident of Natipora area.

"Crores of rupees have been spent on the power infrastructure augmentations in the last couple of years, which were giving a hope of round-the-clock electricity to the people, but all in vein as seemingly the winter power schedule has been

started in the valley during the Autumn season, thus pushing the people to the wall," the residents said.

Such unscheduled power cuts are being witnessed everywhere nowadays as the complaints are being received from several other areas also.

The consumers said that the electricity is being snatched for hours together and is being supplied for only a few hours in a day.

"The electricity" [More On P10](#)



Rs 2,000 Notes Can Now Be Exchanged Till Oct 7

Press Trust Of India



Mumbai:

The Reserve Bank on Saturday extended the special drive to withdraw Rs 2,000 bank notes from the system by another week, till October 7.

The central bank said ever since it announced the move to withdraw Rs 2,000 notes on May 19, Rs 3.42 lakh crore of such notes have been received into the system either by deposition into bank accounts or exchanging, from the public.

The currency returned is 96 per cent of the Rs 2,000 bank notes in circulation as on May 19, the Reserve Bank said in a statement, adding only Rs 14,000 crore of such notes are in circulation now.

Earlier, the deadline to deposit/exchange Rs 2,000 notes was September 30, 2023.

"It has been decided to extend the current arrangement for deposit/exchange of Rs 2,000 banknotes until October 07, 2023," the central bank said in a statement.

In a surprise move, it had announced withdrawal of Rs 2,000 notes in May, but maintained that it was not akin to the demonetisation carried out in November 2016 when Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes were made illegal tender overnight.

In May 2023, RBI said the higher denomination notes were introduced for a faster remonetisation of the economy and the move had served its purpose. Since it had" [More On P10](#)

Timing Changed In Srinagar Schools

Observer News Service

Srinagar- Director School Education Kashmir on Saturday ordered change in school timing for all educational institutions within the municipal limits of Srinagar city from October 01.

According to an order, the new timings for all schools will be from 9 am to 3 pm from tomorrow.

"In supersession of all previous orders, it is hereby ordered that all the government and private recognized schools within the municipal limits of Srinagar city" [More On P10](#)

Accessible, Quality Public Services For Citizens Our Priority: LG Says Grievance Disposal Rate On JKIGRAMS Has Gone Up To 97%

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Asserting that accessible and quality public services for every citizen is Union Territory administration's priority, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said Saturday that overall disposal rate on J&K Integrated Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (JKIGRAMS) has gone up to 97 percent, underlining enhanced people's institutional trust.

"We should not just reflect present achievements but make efforts to create a robust



system to shape the future," Sinha said.

He was addressing officers during his monthly "LG's Mulaqaat- Live Public Grievance

Hearing" programme through virtual mode. The LG interacted with citizens selected on the basis of grievances submitted on" [More On P10](#)

Dhangri Attack Case

NIA Conducts Multiple Raids In Poonch

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The NIA on Saturday conducted raids on the premises of several suspects in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district in connection with a Lashkar-e-Taiba attack that killed seven civilians in the Dhangri village of Rajouri district earlier this year, an official said.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) raids were conducted at five locations across the Gursai village of Mendhar tehsil in Poonch on

the disclosure of two arrested accused, a spokesperson for the central agency said.

The agency arrested Nisar Ahmad alias Haji Nisar and Mushtaq Hussain on August 31. They are currently lodged in Central Jail, Kot Bhalwal, Jammu.

Five people were killed when terrorists opened fire on civilians in the Dhangri village on January 1. Two civilians were killed the following day when an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) left behind by the" [More On P10](#)



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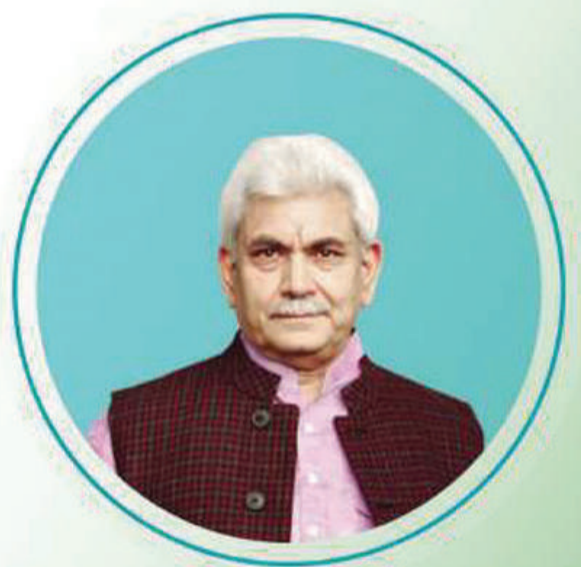
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Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir.

Scholarship Name 1: DXC Progressing Minds Scholarship Program 2023-24

Description: DXC Progressing Minds Scholarship Program 2023-24 aims to support the educational/sports expenses of students who belong to underserved groups.

Eligibility: Girls and transgender students pursuing graduation any year in STEM-related fields are eligible.

Female sportspersons aged between 13 to 25 years and who have represented the state/country at the state/national/international level in the last 2/3 years can also apply.

For students pursuing graduation, they must have obtained a minimum of 60% marks in their previous class/semester.

Applicants' annual family income must be less than or equal to 4,00,000 (5,00,000 for sportspersons).

Prizes & Rewards: For Graduation in STEM - 50,000

For Sportspersons - 1,25,000

Last Date to Apply: 31-10-2023

Application mode: Online applications only

Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/DXCS2

Scholarship Name 2: Chevening Scholarships 2024-25

Description: Chevening Scholarships 2024-25 is an initiative of the Government of United Kingdom in collaboration with the UK Universities



work experience (equivalent to 2,800 hours). Candidates must be willing to return to India for a minimum of two years after the completion of the award.

Prizes & Rewards: Fully-funded scholarship for the course for a year and other benefits

Last Date to Apply: 07-11-2023

Application mode: Online applications only

Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/CVSH1

Scholarship Name 3: GSK Scholars Programme 2023-24

Description: GSK Scholars programme 2023-24 aims to support meritorious and financially constrained students who are pursuing first-year MBBS studies from government colleges in India.

Eligibility: First-year MBBS students with at least 65% marks in Class 12 can apply. The annual family income of the applicants must be below INR 6,00,000 from all sources.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 1,00,000 per year

Last Date to Apply: 10-10-2023

Application mode: Online applications only

Short Url: <http://www.b4s.in/observer/GSKP3>

Before The Hon,ble Court Of Municipal Magistrate At Srinagar

Rubina Kousar D/o Ghulam Qadir Salati
R/o Near Masjid Taqwa Eidgah Tang Bagh Srinagar

Applicant

VERSUS

Registrar Birth & Deaths S.M.C, Srinagar

Non Applicant

in the matter of: Application for recording the date of birth of the below named child/person

May it please your honour;

The application is submitted as under

1 - That the date of Birth of the below named person has not so far been recorded in the records of S.M.C Srinagar. Non-availability Certificate to this effect issued by non-applicant enclosed herewith

2. That the applicant wishes to get the date of Birth of the said person be recorded in record of S.M.C Srinagar and solicits application accordingly.

3. The Application is supported by a duly sworn affidavit.

4. That this application is supported by duly sworn affidavit.

IN THE PREMISES IT IS THEREFORE prayed that the nonapplicant be directed to record the following particulars of the below named child/parson.

Name	Rubina Kousar
Sex	Female
Father's Name	Ghulam Qadir Salati
Mother's Name	Shamshada
Date of Birth	07-04-1964
Residence	Near Masjid Taqwa Eidgah Tang Bagh Srinagar
Place of Birth	At Home Near Masjid Taqwa Eidgah Tang Bagh Srinagar

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
E-NIT No:- 29 of 2023-24 Dated: 26-09-2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Kashmir invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/ Companies/Joint Ventures/ Consortiums between bidder/firm and Financier of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways/MSME or any other state Government for "Supply and fixing/installation including successful testing and commissioning along with trial run for a period of three (03) months GRP Hot Compressed Moulding SMC (Sheet Moulding Compound) tanks for OHTs on Turnkey Basis (EPC Mode) with ISI marks on each panel with certificate of ISI and in accordance with (IS: 14399-1996 Part I & II) for the storage of Drinking Water at various Water Supply Schemes in different Division/Districts of Kashmir Province in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)."

The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

Table: 1.1 General Details

Sr.No	Particulars of the Work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender Fee (in Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work (days)
1.	Supply and fixing/installation including successful testing and commissioning along with trial run for a period of three (03) months GRP Hot Compressed Moulding SMC (Sheet Moulding Compound) tanks for OHTs having ISI mark on each panel with certificate of ISI (IS: 14399-1996 Part I & II). The tank shall be assembled/constructed using GRP/SMC panel of 1m x 1m, 1m x 2m or 1m x 0.5m panel as per site requirement. The roof of the tank should have panel of size 1m x 1m or as per site requirement, one manhole should be provided on the roof of the tank with double lip construction and proper locking arrangement. The panel should withstand Hydro Static Pressure of at least 4 times the working load and should be provided with HUG nut bolts/washers. Rubber foam gasket cover washer, cleats, including air vents necessary support system of appropriate size for the roof top panels. The tank will be installed as per manufacturer's specification and meet all ISI standards. All M.S. Parts inside/outside should be painted with anti-corrosive paint to avoid rust. The tank should have ladders inside and outside, provision of inlet / outlet / overflow / drain etc. complete job. The rates include all Freight, lead, lift to any distance as also loading, unloading, all taxes (GST), charges, all L&M, T&P as a complete job. Nothing extra will be paid whatsoever the case may be.	Work/ Scheme Wise Details Given in Annexure A of Tender Document	As Per Table 1.3	2% of Tentative Advertised Cost	180 Days	30 Days

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
The tender inviting authority is Chief Engineer, Kashmir Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

Table 1.2: Critical Dates

Sr	Event	Date
i.	Publish Date	27-09-2023
ii.	Document Download/sale start Date	27-09-2023
iii.	Date of Pre-bid meeting (Optional) on specific request intending bidders only and may not be exercised.	30-09-2023 (02:00 PM)
iv.	Bid submission start date	27-09-2023
v.	Bid submission end date	10-10-2023 (2:00 PM)
vi.	Date and time of Bid opening	11-10-2023 (4:00 PM)

The complete tender document consisting of qualification / eligibility criteria, General and Commercial terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the e-procurement portal of J&K Govt. i.e. www.jktenders.gov.in. The bids shall be submitted in electronic format on the e-procurement portal: www.jktenders.gov.in. The bids uploaded on the portal up to due date and time, shall be opened on the date and time (given in the table above / General information), in the office of the Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Department Kashmir, in presence of the bidders who choose to be present. In case office happens to be closed due to a holiday, or any other reason/s, on the scheduled date of opening - the bids will be opened on the next working day at the scheduled time and venue or on any day convenient/feasible to the tender opening committee/authority of the Department during the tender period which shall be duly informed to the bidders.

THE COMPLETE BIDDING SHALL BE ONLINE IN TWO COVER SYSTEM:
The Cover 1st of bids shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Department Kashmir on the time and date given in the general information of tender or any other date and time convenient to Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Department Kashmir. The date and time of opening of 2nd cover i.e., Financial Bids shall be notified separately. The Financial bids of qualified bidders shall be opened online on same website in the office of Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE Department Kashmir.

The bids shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the date of opening Cover 1st/Technical bid.

INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS REGARDING E-TENDERING PROCESS:

- The interested bidder can download the NIT/bidding document from the website <http://www.jktenders.gov.in>
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get (DSC) "Digital Signature Certificate" as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding. This certificate will be required for digitally signing the bid. Bidders can get above mentioned digital certificate from any approved vendor. The Bidders, who already possess valid (DSC) Digital Signature Certificates, need not to procure new Digital Signature Certificate.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signature. The bids cannot be uploaded without Digital Signature. No Proposal will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule.
- Before submission of online bids, bidders must ensure that scanned copies of all the necessary documents have been attached with bid.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of bids for whatsoever reasons may be.
- All the required information for bid must be filled and submitted online.
- The details of cost of documents, EMD specified in the tender documents should be the same, as submitted online (scanned copies) otherwise bid will not be accepted.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on www.jktenders.gov.in, e-tendering portal to store important documents like Experience certificate, Balance sheet, GST Certificate, Income Tax Clearance Certificate and other related documents etc., and attach these certificates as non-Statutory documents while submitting their bids.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents or its name. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the net item rate inclusive of all taxes.
- Bidders are advised to scan their documents at 100 DPI (Dots per Inch) resolutions with Black and White, JPEG Scan properly, convert scanned images to PDF.
- The guidelines for submission of bid online can be downloaded from the website <http://www.jktenders.gov.in>.
- The hard copies of the Cover 1st (Technical Bid) with all other requisite documents as stipulated in this tender document, including EMD & Cost of tender document shall be asked to be furnished from successful tenderers, in separate envelopes within 05 (five) days from the date of issuance of the letter for the said purpose by the tender inviting authority. The documents shall be submitted in three envelopes: -

- Marked as (Technical Bid Documents)
- Marked as (EMD/CDP/Bank guarantee)
- Marked as (Cost of Tender Document)

& same shall be delivered personally in the office of the tender inviting authority against proper receipt.

Position of Funds: - Available under JJM and shall be ensured after successful completion of work.

Table 1.3: Tender Fee Details.

S.No	Tentative Cost of Tender	Tender Fee
1.	For tenders upto Rs. 5.00 Lakhs	Rs. 200/-
2.	For tenders more than Rs. 5.00 Lakhs and upto 10.00 Lakhs	Rs. 500/-
3.	For tenders more than Rs. 10.00 Lakhs and upto 50.00 Lakhs	Rs. 1000/-
4.	For tenders more than Rs. 50.00 Lakhs and upto 1.00 Cr.	Rs. 2000/-
5.	For tenders more than Rs. 1.00 Cr. and upto 2.50 Cr.	Rs. 3000/-
6.	For tenders more than Rs. 2.50 Cr. and upto 5.00 Cr.	Rs. 4000/-
7.	For tenders more than Rs. 5.00 Cr. and upto 10.00 Cr.	Rs. 5000/-
8.	For tenders more than Rs. 10.00 Cr. and upto 20.00 Cr.	Rs. 10000/-
9.	Above Rs. 10.00 Cr.	Rs. 20000/-

(LIST OF WORKS)

S.No	Name of Work/Site	Capacity	Concerned PHE Division	Tentative Cost (in Lacs)
1.	Supply and fixing installation including successful testing and commissioning along with trial run for a period of three 03 months GRP Hot Compressed Moulding SMC Sheet Moulding Compound tank for 0.70 Lac Gallons OHT on Turnkey Basis EPC Mode for WSS Lokipora.	0.70 Lac Gallons	Handwara	38.13
2.	Supply and fixing installation including successful testing and commissioning along with trial run for a period of three 03 months GRP Hot Compressed Moulding SMC Sheet Moulding Compound tank for 0.70 Lac Gallons OHT on Turnkey Basis EPC Mode for WSS Yunsu Wahipora.	0.70 Lac Gallons	Handwara	38.13
3.	Supply and fixing installation including successful testing and commissioning along with trial run for a period of three 03 months GRP Hot Compressed Moulding SMC Sheet Moulding Compound tank for 1.50 Lac Gallons OHT on Turnkey Basis EPC Mode for WSS Aarth Churpora.	1.50 Lac Gallons	Budgam	68.10
4.	Supply and fixing installation including successful testing and commissioning along with trial run for a period of three 03 months GRP Hot Compressed Moulding SMC Sheet Moulding Compound tank for 1.0 Lac Gallons OHT on Turnkey Basis EPC Mode for WSS Mazhama.	1.0 Lac Gallons	Budgam	51.30
5.	Supply and fixing installation including successful testing and commissioning along with trial run for a period of three 03 months GRP Hot Compressed Moulding SMC Sheet Moulding Compound tank for 0.20 Lac Gallons OHT on Turnkey Basis EPC Mode for WSS Nangerpora Roshanabad.	0.20 Lac Gallons	Budgam	14.52
6.	Supply and fixing installation including successful testing and commissioning along with trial run for a period of three 03 months GRP Hot Compressed Moulding SMC Sheet Moulding Compound tank for 0.60 Lac Gallons OHT on Turnkey Basis EPC Mode for WSS Najin Gadkhud.	0.60 Lac Gallons	Sopore	34.59
7.	Supply and fixing installation including successful testing and commissioning along with trial run for a period of three 03 months GRP Hot Compressed Moulding SMC Sheet Moulding Compound tank for 0.50 Lac Gallons OHT on Turnkey Basis EPC Mode for WSS Bohripora Sheeraz Colony.	0.50 Lac Gallons	Sopore	30.41
8.	Supply and fixing installation including successful testing and commissioning along with trial run for a period of three 03 months GRP Hot Compressed Moulding SMC Sheet Moulding Compound tank for 0.50 Lac Gallons OHT on Turnkey Basis EPC Mode for WSS Nowpora Kalan.	0.50 Lac Gallons	Sopore	30.41
9.	Supply and fixing installation including successful testing and commissioning along with trial run for a period of three 03 months GRP Hot Compressed Moulding SMC Sheet Moulding Compound tank for 0.25 Lac Gallons OHT on Turnkey Basis EPC Mode for WSS Nathipora.	0.25 Lac Gallons	Sopore	16.68
10.	Supply and fixing installation including successful testing and commissioning along with trial run for a period of three 03 months GRP Hot Compressed Moulding SMC Sheet Moulding Compound tank for 0.25 Lac Gallons OHT on Turnkey Basis EPC Mode for WSS Wadoora Bala.	0.25 Lac Gallons	Sopore	16.68

Sd/-
Chief Engineer,
Jal Shakti (PHE) Department Kashmir

No.: CE/PHEK/JJM/22221-60
DIPK-9624/23 Dated: 30-09-2023

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ACCTS SECTION
TENDER NOTICE

For and behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, sealed tenders affixed with revenue stamp of Rs 5/ are hereby invited from duly registered manufacturers/ Importors/distributors/authorized dealers for installation of Tent on rental basis at various places of this District as per below mentioned details. The tenders must reach to the office of undersigned by or before 05 October 2023 up to 2:00 P.m. the tenders shall be opened on the same day In the office chamber of undersigned at 3:00 p.m. In presence of the committee constituted for the purpose and Bidders or their authorized representatives.

S.No	Name of the Item	Specification	Total Requirement
1	Tent with public address system and 100 chairs	20 x30 = 600 feet	1 No on rental basis

Terms and Conditions: -

- The rates offered shall be inclusive of all Charges like transportation charges, miscellaneous charges and must be mentioned both in figures and words and should be without any cutting or overwriting.
- The concerned committee has the right to accept or reject the tender in part or full without assigning any reason whatever.
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Sd/-
District Sheep Husbandry Officer
Pulwama

DIPK-9590/23
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Protection and conservation of the flora and fauna occupies significant position in our cultural and religious traditions. Jammu Kashmir is richly endowed with biodiversity and our folklore and arts reflect reverence for the wildlife. In the last few years, much progress has been made in implementing action plan for conservation, preservation and sustenance of wildlife and several other initiatives are being taken with greater speed.

The Department of Wildlife Protection is making concerted efforts to conserve rare and endangered wildlife species through improvement of their habitat. Our National Parks, Sanctuaries and Conservation Reserves are repositories of a vast variety of life forms. Forest areas outside protected area network also support a wide variety of precious wildlife. Jammu Kashmir is home to many charismatic and iconic species including Hangul, Snow Leopard, Markhor and Musk Deer.

People are guardian of unique and rich ecological diversity and they should volunteer to preserve this beautiful inheritance. We urgently need to increase the people's participation at all levels to effectively tackle the challenges of climate change and institutionalize people-centered conservation of wildlife.

Wildlife week coincides with the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, who gave us the most powerful instrument of nonviolence to bring change. May his ideals continue to guide our path to preserve the natural treasures. On this occasion, let us reaffirm our commitment to protect habitat of wildlife and conserve our biodiversity.

29th September, 2023
Srinagar
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DATED: 30-09-2023

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AS College Organises Contest On 'Truth & Non-Violence'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Amar Singh College organized a Divisional-level declamation contest on the theme of 'Truth and Non-Violence' two key ingredients of Gandhian thought and the strongholds of his spiritual journey that led India to its path to freedom.

The Declamation contest was organized as part of the Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations commemorating the 154th birth anniversary of the father of the nation, Mahatma Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

The contest was the final phase of the three-tier competition held in Valley colleges and the nine contestants were the winners from their respective districts appearing for the final face-off at the divisional level.

The declamation contest commenced with the Welcome address by Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Principal of the host college and Nodal Principal of Kashmir Division Colleges. He emphasized the need to organise such declamation contests to stir the spirit of Ahimsa and patriotism among the youth.

Presidential lecture was delivered by Prof. (Dr) Yasmeen Ashai, Director of Colleges UT of Kashmir. Prof. Ashai asserted that it is important to pass on the Gandhian Message to the next generation as we cannot conceive a peaceful society without imbuing the ideals of Gandhian philosophy. Padmashree S.P. Verma, President Gandhi Global

Family, and guest of honour for the event also delivered a speech on the occasion. He highlighted the good work that the Gandhi Global Family is doing by spreading the light of Gandhian thought internationally. He lauded the efforts of the Higher Education Department for organizing the Declamation contest among college students.

Kumar Kalanad National Delegate of GGF was also present at the occasion and spoke on Gandhian Values.

The declamation contest began immediately after the inaugural proceedings. The contestants explored and deliberated upon the different dimensions of the theme of Truth and Non-violence aspiring to put their best arguments forward and were successful in enthralling the audience. The First prize for the declamation contest was won by Zainab, student of GDC Kulgam, the Second prize was awarded to Yaruq Bilal of Amar Singh College and the third prize was won by Ulfat, student of GDC Women Sopore.

The winners of the divisional contest will be awarded cash prizes by Honourable LG on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti at SKICC.

Prof. Masood Malik, Principal GDC Bandipora, Kumar Kalanad (GGF), Prof. Rabia Ahmad (SP College), Prof. Asmat Wahid (AAA College), Prof. Abdul Majid (ICSC College) and Prof. Abdul Waheed (A S) were the judges for the contest and were also present with the memento.



Photographers Delight- Sunset turns Srinagar skyline crimson red - PIC: Abid Bhat/KO

Bidhuri Launches Cleanliness Drive At Div Com Office Complex

Administers 'Swachhta Pledge' To Officers & Officials

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Stressing on maintaining cleanliness in and around our surroundings to live healthy and better lives, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri Saturday launched a cleanliness drive as a part of 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign within Div Com office complex, here.

Addressing the officers and officials, the Div Com highlighted the importance of the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign, emphasizing its significance in promoting cleanliness, hygiene, and environmental consciousness.

Bidhuri termed the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign as the right moment for all of us to have a look at our surroundings especially offices and homes and free them of the old waste.

On the occasion, Div Com also administered the 'Swachhata Pledge', making a commitment to upholding cleanliness and environmental integrity.

During the drive, Div Com along with other Officers, officials and Safai Karamcharis of SMC

of Swachh Bharat Mission; to disseminate the importance of a sampoorna swachh village; to reinforce the concept of Sanitation as everyone's business; and as a prelude for the Swachh Bharat Di-was (2nd October) with nationwide participation.

During the drive, Div Com along with other Officers, officials and Safai Karamcharis of SMC collected waste within the office premises for its proper disposal.

Meanwhile, 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign is being celebrated from 15th September to 2nd October this year for undertaking shramdaan activities aiming to generate jan andolan through community participation; to provide impetus on implementation

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Jt. Financial Commissioner, Additional District Development Commissioner Srinagar, Additional Commissioner Kashmir, CRPF Bn and Jt. Commissioner SMC besides other officers and officials of the Div Com Office and DC office participated in the cleanliness drive.

Swachhata Pakhwada

Gandhi College Conducts Cleanliness Drive At Khanqah-e-Maula

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The NSS Wing of Gandhi Memorial College Srinagar conducted a mega cleanliness drive at Khanqah-e-Maula, Srinagar, as part of the Swachhata Pakhwada initiative.

The program was inaugurated by the Principal, Prof (Dr) G. M. Lone.

A group of 20 dedicated NSS volunteers, led by NSS Programme Officers Prof. Abida Manzoor, Prof. Tariq Ahmad, and Prof. Mohammad Zubair Ud Din, along with two faculty members from the Department of Life Sciences, embarked on foot to Khanqah-e-Moulla, a place of great religious, historical, and cultural importance.

The NSS volunteers

then took on the responsibility of cleaning various areas within the Shrine compound at Khanqah-e-Moulla. Their efforts were highly appreciated by the administrators of Khanqah-e-Maula.

Following the cleanliness drive, an awareness campaign was conducted in the nearby market at Khanqah-e-Moulla, further emphasizing the importance of cleanliness and hygiene.

Earlier, Prof. Mohammad Zubair Ud Din delivered an informative lecture highlighting the importance of Swachhata Pakhwada.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Fatima, expressing gratitude for the collective dedication to the cause of cleanliness.

Aasiya Visits Youth's Home Who Died In Saudi

Agencies

Srinagar: PDP senior leader and ex minister aasiya Naqash visited Kalwal Mohalla Rainawari to condole the demise of Aadil Shaban who recently died in a road accident in Saudi Arabia

According to the press note she was accompanied by vice

district president Srinagar Mohd Sadeeq, Yousuf, Mir Bilal Ahmed, Nasar Ahmed and others

Naqash while condoling the death of the Aadil Shaban and expressed deep sympathy and solidarity with the members of the bereaved family It was stated that the deceased was a noble soul who earned the love and admiration of the people for his straight forward

ness, sense of community service, innate simplicity and honesty, he was a noble human being, polite, humble and has always remained social and helpful to the community and society in general

Naqash prayed that may Almighty Allah grant solace and peace to the departed soul and give patience to the members of the bereaved family to bear the loss.

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NOTICE

The below mentioned vehicles (Wagan-R) was seized along with illicit Deodar timber round to the tune of 02 logs = 09 Cft. by Police Personnel of Police Station Magam and Forest officials of SPSP Range Beerwah in a joint operation and the case is under process of confiscation before this Authorized Forum in terms of Section 52 Sub-section 4(a) of Indian Forest Act 1927 amended under J&K Reorganization (Adaptation of central laws) order 2020. The hearing in this behalf has been fixed on 04-10-2023 at 11:00 AM. The details of seizure is as under:

S.No.	Type of Vehicle	Registration No.	Date of Seizure	Place of Seizure	Details of Seizure (timber in Cfts.)	FIR NO. with Police Station
1	Wagan-R	DL9CN/8043	30-10-2022	Kandhama	Deodar round 02 logs = 09 Cft.	FIR No.168 of 2022 Dated. 30-10-2022 Police Station Magam

Till date in the previous hearings no one appeared before this forum to claim the ownership of the vehicle. Now through the medium of this notice the owner of above-mentioned vehicle or any other interested person are advised to appear before this Authority on scheduled date & time for recording their statements. In case they fail to appear, ex parte proceedings shall be initiated.

(A.O)
Divisional Forest Officer,
Special Forest Division,
Tangmarg.

No. DFO/TNG/Legal/2023-24/102-05 DIPK-9595/23
Dated:- 30-09-2023

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092, 2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488, 2452222, 2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 946949081
- Ambulance: Kashmir EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

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SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

RAILWAYS

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

HIGHWAY STATUS

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

HIJRI CALENDAR

14 Rabi-ul-Awwal
1445

PRAYERS	
FAJR	5:03
ZUHR	12:22
ASR	4:37
Magrib	6:23
ISHA	7:43

This Day In History

- 331 BC - Alexander the Great defeats Darius III of Persia in the Battle of Gaugamela
- 911 - During a siege in Constantinople, the Theotokos (Mary, the mother of Jesus) appeared at the church in Blachernae holding her veil over the praying faithful, among them St. Andrew of Constantinople.
- 965 - John XIII Crescentii elected to succeed Pope Leo VIII
- 1606 - Spanish troops under Spinola occupies fort Rhine birch
- 1632 - Battle at Castelnaudary: Duke Henri de Montmorency's rebel army loses
- 1653 - Russian parliament accepts annexation of Ukraine
- 1768 - British troops under General Thomas Gage land in Boston
- 1787 - Russians under Suvorov defeat the Turks at Kinburn.
- 1795 - France annexes Southern Netherlands
- 1795 - Belgium is conquered by France.
- 1800 - Spain cedes Louisiana to France in a secret treaty
- 1801 - Britain & France sign Preliminary of London
- 1864 - Cyclone strikes Calcutta: 70,000 killed
- 1867 - Karl Marx' "Das Kapital" published
- 1887 Balochistan conquered by the British Empire.
- 1904 - Netherlands and Portugal lay down boundaries splitting the island of Timor in two
- 1918 - World War I: Arab forces under T. E. Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia") capture Damascus
- 1928 - USSR launches its first 5-year plan
- 1934 - Adolf Hitler expands German army and navy, violating Treaty of Versailles
- 1936 - Generalissimo Francisco Franco establishes state of Spain
- 1943 - Allied forces captured Naples during WW II
- 1943 - Germans attack Jews in Denmark
- 1947 - The F-86 Sabre flies for the first time.
- 1949 - People's Republic of China proclaimed by Mao Zedong (National Day)
- 1949 - Republic of China (Taiwan) forms on island of Formosa
- 952 - Monte Bello-Island (Great Britain 1st atom bomb explosion)
- 1953 - Indian state of Andhra Pradesh partitioned from Madras

From KO Archives

Delhi Fruit Traders Refusing Kashmiri Apple

400 Trucks Lying Unloaded At Azadpur Mandi

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR-Nearly 400 trucks laden with Kashmiri apple are stranded at the Azadpur mandi in Delhi, as traders refuse to unload them because of their preference for fruit from Himachal Pradesh.

The situation has sent a wave of concern through fruit traders in Kashmir, and the matter has been taken up with the Delhi government.

A delegation of the Fruit Growers Association said that different varieties of apple are being exported in this season and 400 trucks laden with the fruit arrived in the Azadpur mandi in Delhi four days ago.

"Traders in the capital are declining to unload the trucks because preference is being given to fruit from Himachal over that from Kashmir," it said.

The trucks are stranded at the mandi, causing deep concern among the growers community, it said. The stranding of 400 trucks has caused a shortage of vehicles to ferry fruit to outside the state, and as a result freight charges have jumped through the roof, it said.

"Only a few days ago, the freight per carton from Shopyan to Delhi was Rs 40. This had now been hiked to Rs 50," it said. Sources said that the union minister for water resources, Prof Saifuddin Soz, has conveyed his concern by raising the issue with the horticulture department in Delhi after the matter was brought to his notice by fruit traders.

(Kashmir Observer, October 01, 2000)



Yerevan Says Almost All Ethnic Armenians Flee Karabakh

Agencies

Yerevan says almost the entire population of ethnic Armenians have fled Nagorno-Karabakh since Azerbaijan managed to reclaim full control of the region last week.

Nazeli Baghdasaryan, a spokeswoman for Armenia's prime minister, said Saturday that the number of refugees entering the country over the past week had reached 100,417, out of Nagorno-Karabakh's estimated population of 120,000.

The United Nations refugee agency (UNHCR) also said that 100,000 people had fled the region. It said many of those fleeing "are hungry, exhausted, and need immediate assistance."

"At most a few hundred persons remain, most of whom are officials, emergency services employees, volunteers, some persons with special needs," Artak Beglaryan, a former separatist official, wrote on social media.

Nagorno-Karabakh is a landlocked region in the Caucasus and lies within Azerbaijan's borders.

The region has always been internationally recognized as part of Azerbaijan though it is mostly populated by ethnic Armenians, who have resisted Azerbaijan's sovereignty over the territory.

Last week, Azerbaijan launched an operation designed to seize control of the breakaway territory and perhaps end a three-decade-old conflict.

The operation ended on Sep-

tember 20, after the Azerbaijani military routed Armenian forces in 24 hours and made the separatists agree to lay down weapons, under a Russian-mediated ceasefire.

Azerbaijan's president Ilham Aliyev said at the time that his government "began sending humanitarian aid to Azerbaijan's Karabakh region. Fuel, food-stuffs, medicines were sent."

Yerevan, however, accused Baku of conducting a campaign of "ethnic cleansing" to clear Nagorno-Karabakh of its Armenian population.

Baku has denied the claim and has publicly called on the Armenian residents of the territory to stay and "reintegrate" into Azerbaijan.

On Thursday, the separatist region's leader Samvel Shakhramanyan agreed to dissolve the government by the end of the year and become a full part of Azerbaijan. The decision marked the end of a 30-year struggle for independence from Baku.

Shakhramanyan said in his decree that "all state institutions and organizations under their departmental subordination by January 1, and the Republic of Nagorno Karabakh (Artsakh) ceases to exist."

Residents were instructed to "familiarize themselves with the confusion of reintegration presented by the Republic of Azerbaijan," it added.

Baku is now holding "re-integration" talks with separatist leaders.

Under-Trial Accused Cannot Be Jailed For Indefinite Period: Bombay High Court



Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: A person cannot be incarcerated for an indefinite period of time pending trial as it is violative of the fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution of India, the Bombay High Court said while granting bail to a man, accused in a double murder case.

A single bench of Justice Bharati Dange on September 26 granted bail to Akash Satish Chandalia, arrested in September 2015 by the Lonavala police in Pune district on the charges of double murder and conspiracy.

The court in its order said a balancing act has to be struck between the gravity and seriousness of the charges, which the accused is facing, and the long time taken for conclusion of trial.

"The seriousness of an offence and its heinous nature may be one aspect, which deserves a consideration while exercising the discretion to release an accused on bail, but at the same time, the factor of long incarceration of an accused as under-trial prisoner, also deserve its due weightage," the court said.

Pending the trial, a person cannot be kept in custody for

an indefinite period of time and it clearly violates the fundamental right enshrined in the Constitution, and time and again has been considered to be a justifiable ground to exercise the discretion to release an accused, it added.

The court in its order noted that despite directions being issued to conclude the trial in a time-bound manner, it has not yielded any result and in such circumstances, there is no option but to release an accused on bail.

"A balancing act, therefore, will have to be struck between the gravity and seriousness of the charges, which the applicant has to face and the long time consumed for conclusion of the trial, as the question of great significance, which all the stakeholders in the system must ponder is, after this long period of trial, if the accused is acquitted, how shall the system compensate him," the order said.

Justice Dange noted that deprivation of personal liberty, without ensuring speedy trial was not in consonance with Article 21 of the Constitution.

"Access to justice and speedy trial has been well-recognised as a hallmark of liberty guaranteed in Part III of the Constitution and when

a timely trial is not possible, the accused cannot be made to suffer further incarceration," the court said.

If an accused has already undergone a significant period of the proposed sentence then the court would ordinarily be obligated to enlarge him on bail, keeping aside the seriousness of the accusations faced by him, it said.

Chandalia's advocate Sana Raees Khan argued that he was incarcerated for almost eight years and the trial is yet to conclude.

"Incarceration for an indefinite period will amount to pre-trial conviction and deprivation of personal liberty without ensuring speedy trial is not in consonance with Article 21 of the Constitution and the same is violative of his fundamental right," Khan submitted to the court.

The bench noted that Chandalia faces a charge under Indian Penal Code (IPC) section 302 (murder) and the manner in which the alleged offence has taken place is undisputedly serious in nature.

The case against Chandalia is that he and the co-accused in the case, a gangster, allegedly kidnapped two persons and assaulted them to death.

World Noticed The "Firm Manner" In Which We Stood Up To China: Army Chief

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The resolute and firm manner in which the Indian troops stood up to the Chinese forces during the eastern Ladakh border standoff has made the world take notice of the "political and military resolve of a rising India", Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande said on Friday.

In his address during an event held here, he also said "Chinese belligerence is evident in its continuing propensity to project power outside its region", in turn presenting a "threat to the rules-based international order".

Gen Pande in his speech mentioned the Indo-Pacific Army Chiefs Conclave, recently hosted by the Indian Army which witnessed the participation of army chiefs or delegation leaders from 30 Indo-Pacific littoral countries.

The next significant pointer is the "rise of China". Position of political, economic, technological and military power has accorded it a "new position in the world order, which it intends to lead," he said.

"With its economic heft, China has been looking at geopolitical and trade agreements as zero-sum games. Concurrently, Chinese belligerence is evident in its continuing propensity to project power outside its region, in turn presenting a threat to the rules-based international order.

"The resolute and firm manner in which we stood up to our northern adversary during the events of April-May 2020 has made the world take notice of our political and military resolve of a rising India. Many nations today also appear ready to take our northern adversary on various issues, head-on, especially post the pandemic, as realisation of its predatory economic pursuits sinks in," he said.

The eastern Ladakh border



standoff between the Indian and Chinese militaries erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong Lake areas.

India today reflects a confident optimism about the future. There is an improved consumer affluence, better standards of living, higher literacy quotient and "rising aspirations of our people", the Army chief said.

"We are also witnessing, our nation's growing stature in the international environment, and a new perspective of how the world community views India," he added.

As a nation's influence expands, new challenges are bound to emerge, Gen Pande said.

Some will question our rise, some will contest it, while some will attempt to compete. Grey-zone pursuits by "our adversaries" continue even as we speak. Also, the country is dealing with internal security situations, which have a unique set of challenges, he said.

But, the most important pointer for us is that our legacy challenges of unsettled borders continue and stand amplified due to the collusion between "our western and our northern neighbours," he said.

"Speaking of conflicts, the character of war has undergone a profound change, disruptive technologies today have blunted the conventional force ratio superiorities. Kinetic weapons such as the guns and tanks too have witnessed, immense progression towards increased precision and destructive potential," the General said.

New Rent Rules In Maharashtra Soon After Marathi Woman Denied Office Space

Press Trust of India

THANE: The Maharashtra government will formulate a set of rules on renting out premises in buildings, state Woman and Child Development Minister Aditi Tatkare said on Saturday.

The minister's statement has come after a 35-year-old woman lodged a police complaint accusing a man and his son of refusing to rent out premises in a building to her as she is Marathi speaking.

According to the police, an offence was registered against an 80-year-old man and his son for allegedly denying an office space to the woman at Shiv Sadan building in the eastern suburb of Mulund in neighbouring Mumbai.

A case under sections 341 (wrongful restraint), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) of the Indian Penal Code was registered against the duo, who were produced in court and released on bail, he said.



The minister on Saturday met the complainant woman at her residence and assured her of strict action against the accused in the case.

Speaking to reporters, Ms Tatkare said refusing premises to someone because he or she is Marathi speaking is unfortunate and condemnable.

The police have registered an offence against the alleged accused and the Women's Commission has taken a serious note of the incident, she said.

The state government has taken the issue seriously and will come out with a set of regulations about renting out premises, Ms Tatkare said.

Medical Colleges Could Be Fined Rs 1 Crore For Violation Of New NMC Rules

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Medical colleges that fail to comply with statutory provisions and National Medical Commission's regulations can be fined Rs 1 crore per violation, according to the new set of rules notified by the apex regulator on medical education and profession.

A penalty of Rs 5 lakh can be imposed on the faculty/head of department/dean/director/doctor submitting false declaration/documents/records, including patients' records.

Further, they can also be charged or penalised for misconduct under the Registered Medical Practitioner (Professional Conduct) Regulations and the 'Maintenance of Standards of Medical Education Regulations, 2023, the new rules notified on September 27 stated.

If a medical college fails to comply with the statutory provisions and regulations as prescribed by the respective boards of the NMC, the commission may also withhold and withdraw accreditation for a period up to five academi-



ic years, the regulations said.

The regulations stated that any attempt to pressurise Under-Graduate Medical Examination Board (UGMEB), Post-Graduate Medical Education Board (PGMEB) or NMC through individuals or agencies will lead to immediate halt of the processing of all applications/requests by the medical institution.

"Where the respective board has reason to believe that a medical institution has failed to comply with any statutory provision, regulations framed thereunder or has not complied with the Minimum Standards of Requirements (MSR) as prescribed by

their respective Boards, or has conducted themselves in any manner which is not in accordance with the goals of medical education and practice, the board shall either penalise the medical college or medical institution and/or conduct further enquiry into such act and wherever needed provide an opportunity to rectify the same," the regulation said.

As per the regulations, medical colleges will have to furnish an "Annual Disclosure Report" to the corresponding board clearly demonstrating that they fulfil the required MSRs notified by UGMEB or PGMEB and regulations of NMC, as the case may be.

Nuh Violence Accused Congress MLA Gets Bail, To Be In Jail In Other Cases

Press Trust of India

NUH, HARYANA: Congress MLA Mamman Khan, arrested in connection with the July 31 violence in Haryana's Nuh, was granted bail in two cases by a court today, the police said.

However, the MLA will remain in jail since he is yet to get relief in the two other cases connected to the violence.

The court will hear his bail plea on October 3, they added.

After hearing both sides today, Additional Sessions Judge Sandeep Duggal reserved his order on the Congress MLA's bail plea till 4 pm.

"The court granted bail to the Congress leader in FIR numbers 149, and 150, but Khan has not yet got bail in FIRs 137, and 148 of Nagina police station. Due to this, he will have to remain in jail for now and the next hearing on the bail is fixed for October 3," his counsel Tahir Hus-

sain Dewla said. The allegations of the special investigation team are baseless, the lawyer said, adding that the MLA should get bail.

Prosecution advocate Surendra Kumar said that enough evidence has been found against the MLA during the investigation.

The accused did not cooperate with the investigation even during the period, Mr Kumar alleged.

A religious procession led by the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) was attacked by mobs in Nuh on July 31. Six people were killed in the incident and the ensuing communal violence. A cleric was killed in an attack on a mosque in adjoining Gurugram.

The Congress's Haryana unit had alleged that its MLA was arrested due to a "political witch-hunt" and demanded a judicial probe into the violence under the supervision of a High Court judge.



Toll Rises To 65 In Friday's Twin Suicide Attacks In Pakistan

Press Trust of India

KARACHI: The death toll in the two suicide attacks in Pakistan's restive Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces has risen to 65 even as counter-terrorism authorities said they have registered a first information report in connection with the Balochistan blast on Saturday.

A total of 60 people were killed and more than 60 others were injured in a grisly suicide blast on Friday in Balochistan that targeted a procession to celebrate Prophet Muhammad's birthday near the Madina Masjid at a place called Mastung, an official said.

In the second bomb attack that took place in Khy-



ber Pakhtunkhwa's Hangu, targeting a police station's mosque, five people were killed, and 12 others were injured as the mosque's roof collapsed in the explosion's impact, it said.

Wasim Baig, the spokesperson for Quetta's Civil Hospital, where several of the injured were admitted, on Saturday said that the blast toll has now risen to 60.

"The death toll of the Mastung blast has risen to

60. Among those injured at least 25 have been discharged," he said.

Earlier on Friday, it was reported that 54 people were killed and over 100 others were injured as the powerful suicide blast ripped through the mosque. Hours later, another blast at the mosque in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Hangu city had killed at least four people and injured 12 others.

Mastung's City Station House Officer Mohammad Javed Lehri confirmed on Friday that the explosion was a "suicide blast" and that the bomber exploded himself next to the Deputy Superintendent of Police's car.

On Saturday, the Dawn quoted a statement from the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) that said an FIR with murder charges and terrorism offences has been filed against an unidentified attacker.

Manas National Park & Tiger Reserve To Reopen From Oct 1

Partha Chatterjee

KOLKATA: Manas National Park and Tiger Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Assam, is all set to welcome tourists once again for the 2023-2024 season starting on October 1, 2023.

The park was temporarily closed since June 5, 2023, as a precautionary measure in the wake of the monsoon season.

The announcement of the reopening was officially made by Rajen Choudhury, field director of Manas National Park, through a communiqué issued on Tuesday.



Director General STPI Calls On LG Sinha



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Arvind Kumar, Director General, Software Technology Parks of India called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan here on Saturday.

The DG, STPI discussed promotion of IT Sector, startup innovation, entrepreneurship and setting up of a Centre of Entrepreneurship in UT of J&K. He also informed the LG on various steps taken by STPI for growth of IT sector across the country.

Mehbooba Asks Army To Probe Bonded Labour Allegations

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Saturday requested the Army to investigate allegations that some units in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district were harassing local youth by putting them into bonded labour. A defence spokesperson, however, refuted the allegations. "Received distressing calls from residents of Kanslo Kanda area in Kulgam about them being allegedly harassed by 9 RR camp troops. Also concerned that they are summoning young men to the

army camp and forcing them to do labour work for free," Mufti said in a post on X. "Request GOC Awantipora Balbir Singh to kindly look into these worrying allegations. If true he must ensure those involved are taken to task," she said. However, Srinagar-based PRO Defence Lt Col Manoj Sahu said the allegations were "not true". "It's not true. It has been checked from the local formation. Casual labourers employed by the army are paid in time and no such thing has happened," the PRO Defence said.



CUK Holds Workshop On Financial Code, CSR; R&O

Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: The Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir under the patronage of Head and Dean Prof. (Dr.) Farooq Ahmad Mir has successfully conducted a daylong workshop on Financial Code, CSR and Rules and Orders for the Guidance of Subordinate Courts for the candidates appearing in Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Judicial) Examination - 2023.

Pertinent to mention here that the department has received around 115 registrations for the event. The candidates from different districts of Jammu and Kashmir (U.T) have appeared in this day-long workshop.

The workshop was conducted a panels of reputed and learned experts from the fields of Finance, Judiciary and Accounts. The eminent resource persons include Formerly Commissioner Secretary Jammu and Kashmir Govt Sheikh Mushtaq Ahmad, Formerly, Finance Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Govt. Mohammad Ashraf Malik, Registrar (Rules) Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Rajinder Sapru and Chief Accounts Officer-cum-Senior Instructor ATI, Srinagar Dr Farooq Ahmad Lone. The event was organised by the event convener Dr Mudasar Bhat, Assistant Professor, Criminal Laws and Criminalistics and Consultant Legal, Central University of Kashmir.

SPO Allegedly Kills Brother In Scuffle Over Land Dispute

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A Special Police Officer (SPO) allegedly killed his elder sibling, a teacher by profession, during a scuffle over land dispute in Bhaleesa in Doda district. News agency GNS reported that a scuffle broke out at Sanwara in Bhaleesa over a land dispute. During the course of the scuffle, one Imtiaz Ahmed allegedly attacked

his elder brother Ishiyaq Ahmad Wani, resulting in his instant death. The victim is said to be a teacher by profession while the accused an SPO. Confirming it, a police official said that they have arrested the accused. "We are collecting the relevant details into the incident and share them accordingly as they emerge", the official said.

Rail Traffic Restored In Jammu After Farmers End Protest In Punjab

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The train traffic was restored at the Jammu Railway Station Saturday evening after agitating farmers in Punjab called off their three-day long strike, a senior railway official said.

"The resumption of rail traffic provided much needed relief to hundreds of passengers including Vaishno Devi pilgrims who were left stranded at Jammu and Katra railway stations owing to the farmers' strike.

"Five trains were cancelled earlier in the day but the service resumed after the farmers in Punjab moved away from the tracks at 4 pm," senior railway official Prateek Shrivastav told PTI.

He said a total of 50 trains got cancelled, while 85 others were diverted over the past three days in view of the protest



by the farmers.

"We are resuming normal operations from tomorrow (Sunday). In case of need, additional trains will be made available to clear the stranded passengers," Shrivastav said.

Members of several farmers' bodies in Punjab launched "Rail Roko" agitation on Thursday to press their demands

such as a financial package for losses caused by recent floods,

legal guarantee to minimum support price (MSP) and debt waiver.

As part of the protest, farmers squatted on train tracks in many places, including Moga, Hoshiarpur, Gurdaspur, Jalandhar, Tarn Taran, Sangrur, Patiala, Ferozepur, Bathinda and Amritsar.

Shrivastav said the agitation had directly affected Ambala and Firozpur railway divisions.

PM Has Steered India Ahead Of World's Best Developed Economies: Singh

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership is now ahead of the best developed economies of the world and this achievement was "unimagined a decade ago", Union minister Jitendra Singh said on Saturday.

Addressing a gathering during an event at Bharatiya Vidya Mandir Senior Secondary School, Dadwara, Billawar in his home constituency Kathua, Singh said the "world now wants India to lead them in almost every sphere".

The Union minister said India's education system offers a unique fusion of traditional knowledge and latest world-class technology, therefore giving an exclusive advantage to the nation to lead the world. He added that the National Education Policy-2020 has opened up new vistas for



the youth of this with numerous opportunities knocking at their doors.

Singh also appreciated the contribution of Bharatiya Vidya Mandir Schools across India to improving the education scenario in the country.

He said these schools have not only instilled the cultural ethos among its students but have made them capable to be part of India's development journey. This was showcased when its alumni were part of the G20 and Chandrayan Mission.

Speaking of India's achievements in the global arena, Singh said, "The success of G20, acceptance of the proposal of declaring 2023 as the International Year of Millets, and International Yoga Day becoming a global phenomenon show the prowess of India under the present government."

The minister of state in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said under Modi's leadership, India is now ahead of the best developed economies of the world and that this success was "unimagined a decade ago".

The Union minister said Chandrayan-3, Aditya-L1 and the world's first made in India DNA vaccine endorse this exclusive advantage of Indian grooming.

He said India is also committed to achieve the 'Net Zero' emissions target through research, innovation and international collaboration.

PRS Counter Comes Up At Railway station Anantnag

Long pending demand fulfilled, ticket booking services to start from Monday: Official

Agencies

ANANTNAG: In a significant move aimed at enhancing passenger convenience, the Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counter has been successfully installed at Anantnag railway station, Railway officials said.

A top railway official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that this newly introduced facility empowers travellers to book their tickets directly from a mobile phone application and manage their travel plans with ease.

He said in the event of ticket



cancellation, the refund will be credited directly to the passenger's account, eliminating the need for physical contact with railway authorities.

This progressive step has been warmly welcome by the general public, as it not only streamlines the ticketing process but also promotes safety during challenging times.

The ticket booking services at Anantnag railway station are set to commence from

Monday, fulfilling a long-pending demand, particularly from passengers hailing from South Kashmir districts.

Additionally, railway authorities said a similar passenger-friendly initiative by installing similar counters at other railway stations along the Baramulla-Banihal railway track will come up soon. This expansion is expected to further facilitate the seamless travel experience for the commuters, they said—(KNO)

BJP Ready For J&K Polls To Decimate Opponents: Gupta

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Hitting back at the National Conference's (NC) Omar Abdullah, BJP leader Kavinder Gupta has said the party leadership in Jammu and Kashmir is waiting for all kinds of political contests to decimate its opponents "brutally".

Gupta on Friday said the BJP is always ready for all types of polls in Jammu and Kashmir and it is up to the Election Commission (EC) to take a call on holding the Assembly election in the Union Territory.

He was reacting to Abdullah's remarks that the BJP does not want to hold the Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Those accusing the BJP of deliberately delaying the election are simply daydreaming because the BJP leadership in Jammu and Kashmir is waiting for all kinds of political contests to decimate its opponents brutally as the party enjoys tremendous support of the electorate -- whether it is in Jammu, Kashmir or any other part of the Union Territory," Gupta said.

The former Jammu and Kashmir deputy chief minister said the saffron party is ever ready for polls in Jammu and Kashmir

and it is up to the EC to take a call on holding the Assembly election.

He said Abdullah is living in fool's paradise because the BJP's accomplishments have changed the scenario not only in Jammu but also in Kashmir.

After terrorism was ended in Jammu and Kashmir and normalcy restored by the BJP government at the Centre, the electorate has been galvanised and is standing shoulder

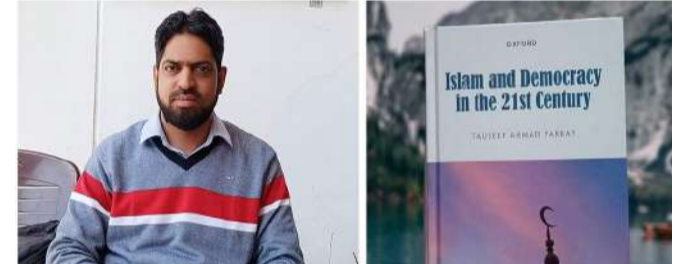
to shoulder with the party to teach a lesson to the dynastic parties that ruined several generations of Kashmiris just to satiate their vested interests, Gupta said.

"The situation in Jammu and Kashmir has improved a lot over the last few years under the Narendra Modi government, but it is up to the EC to decide when the election will be conducted. As far as the BJP is concerned, it is always ready for elections, whether it is the panchayat, Assembly or Parliament," he added.

Gupta said it was the Modi government that strengthened democracy at the grassroots level by conducting elections to the district development councils (DDCs) and block development councils (BDCs).



Kashmir College Professor Publishes Book With Oxford University Press



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A college professor from the J&K's Higher Education Department (JK-HED) has published a book with the Indian branch of the reputed publishing company, Oxford University Press.

The book, authored by Dr. Tauseef Ahmad Parray, highlights an emerging discourse in the Islamic political thought, "Islam and Democracy in the 21st Century". Dr. Parray, an Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies in the JK-HED since 2016, is presently posted at GDC Sogam (Kupwara) and hails from South Kashmir's Tral, Pulwama.

Dr. Parray has done his Masters and PhD from University of Kashmir and Aligarh Muslim University, respectively, and has a numerous publications (journal articles, book chapters and essays/ reviews) and seven (07) books to his credit. His major areas of specialization are Islamic political thought, Islam and modernity, Islamic intellectual tradition and Quranic studies.

Spanning over 400-pages, the book offers very "useful discussions in framing the contemporary debates surrounding Islam and democracy", by treading through "diverse theoretical Islamic texts like the Qur'an, Sunnah and other more contemporary works by eminent scholars" and analysts and activists of the Arab world, Sub-continent and the Muslims scholars of the West

of the last two-and-half-centuries. It consists of seven (7) chapters and discusses democracy and democratization in the Muslim world, democratic notions in Islam, Islam, democratic discourse (from mid-19th to 21st centuries) in the light of both proponents and opponents. In short, it addresses the crucial question: Is Islam compatible with democracy?

The book was announced officially by OUP on 13th September 2023 and is currently available on OUP website, Amazon and other online portals (Publisher's Link; Amazon Link)

By publishing this book, Dr. Tauseef, in his late 30s, has become one of the youngest academicians of J&K to be published by OUP and thus is a feat attained by a college Professor. It is "a huge accomplishment at such young age", said a professor.

The book has endorsements and praise from internationally acclaimed eminent scholars and specialists of Islamic Studies and Islamic political thought from USA (Professor Asma Afsarudin), Australia (Professor Abdullah Saeed), Qatar (Professor Louay Safi) and Bosnia (Dr. Joseph J. Kaminski). Furthermore, it has a Foreword by Dr. M. A. Muqtadar Khan (an Indian-American Professor and expert on Islam and global affairs at the University of Delaware, USA), who has described it as being "central to Islam and democracy, and any future research on the topic can and should begin with this book".

J&K Achieves 100% ODF Plus Model Status J&K

Declares All 6650 Villages As ODF Plus Model Under Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: In yet another remarkable accomplishment, achieved during the ongoing 'Swachhata Hi Seva' Campaign, the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir has declared all its 6650 villages across 285 blocks in 20 Districts as ODF Plus Model.

The achievement of ODF Plus Model for all villages in the UT is a significant milestone as it goes beyond constructing and use of toilets towards cleanliness by managing Grey water and Solid Waste in each village. For a village to achieve the status of ODF plus Model, it is required to pass through three stages of ODF Plus namely Aspiring, Rising and Model. When a village achieves a condition where it is visually clean with minimal litter and stagnant water, apart from solid and liquid waste management (SLWM) and adequate cleanliness awareness generation activities, it is declared as ODF plus Model.

In its attempt to make all villages ODF Plus Model, comprehensive plans were made, bringing all the stakeholders on board before execution. The Village Sanitation Saturation Plans (VSSP) for each village were made to ensure it has assets available for SLWM. Based on the plans, considerable SLWM infrastructure has been created under SBMG and MGNREGA. For Grey water management i.e., water generated from kitchen, bathing etc. soak pits, magic and leach pits have been developed at household and community level. 4,83,404 individual soak pits and 24,088 community soak pits have been constructed in J&K. Wherever kitchen gardens are available people have been motivated to dispose grey water through the kitchen gardens. For Biodegradable waste management individual and

community compost pits have been constructed. 1,77,442 individual compost pits and 12,621 community compost pits have been constructed either by the government or by people themselves in their households under MGNREGA. More and more of these assets are being constructed thereby making people accept and adopt of self-disposal of their organic waste, whether solid or liquid. People are being encouraged to segregate dry and wet waste and process wet waste in compost pits. 6509 waste collection and segregation sheds have been constructed for proper disposal of waste. 5523 number of Community Sanitary Complexes and 17,46,619 Individual Household toilets have also been constructed in J&K, since it embarked on the journey of ODF and ODF plus.

To cater to plastic waste in villages, Plastic Waste Manage-

ment Units (PWMU) are being established in each block, which are at different stages of completion. The plastic in these centers would be cleaned, shredded, bailed etc. for its final disposal. The complete life cycle of the waste is properly managed.

For declaring a village as ODF plus besides the uploading of ground reporting with clear visual, videos of Gram Sabhas being conducted and declaring their villages as ODF Plus are all required to be uploaded on the portal, thereby making the entire process very transparent and public. The work done on the ground was captured and updated on the IMIS portal of SBM-G by the Blocks and Districts which facilitated in declaring J&K ODF Plus Model which is a remarkable accomplishment.

To enhance Capacity Building of officers, village level workers, elected representatives about Swachhata, Capacity Building

programs across 285 blocks in 20 districts have been conducted at the panchayat level in which entire Rural Development Department's team and swachhagrahis have been trained to further train the people professionally for sustaining the goals of the mission.

Trainers have been trained to dispense information and provide orientations at the panchayat level. SBM(G) is not just a scheme for asset creation but is a behavioural change program which each household of the UT has to embrace for its success.

Throughout Phase II of the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen campaign, J&K has carried out many innovative campaigns and initiatives such as "Pink Toilets" to improve school attendance, Zero Landfill Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, Give Polythene Get Gold campaign, pink societies to promote holistic development, Sarpanch Samvads,

Swachhata internship, Swachhata quiz and Swachh Yodha Pratiyogita.

In another remarkable move to combat the sanitation challenges in rural areas of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the Directorate of Rural Sanitation, J&K announced the nomination of country's highest gallantry awardee, the Param Vir Chakra recipient Captain Bana Singh, a dedicated and decorated former soldier, as the ambassador for the "War Against Waste" initiative in Jammu & Kashmir.

As part of other new initiative aligning with the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, the Directorate of Rural Sanitation in Jammu and Kashmir has introduced the 'Swachhata Bulletin' Through consistent efforts, support of the people and elected representatives the department has achieved the status of ODF Plus Model. However,

the biggest challenge shall be in sustaining the efforts that have been put to ensure that J&K becomes the cleanest UT of the country.

Moreover, leveraging technology and innovation can significantly enhance sustainability. The use of smart sanitation solutions, remote monitoring, and data analytics can help in efficient resource allocation and timely maintenance.

Sustainability in ODF Plus is not a one-time achievement but a continuous journey. It requires a multi-dimensional approach encompassing infrastructure development, behavioral change, community engagement, financial sustainability, technology integration, and more. By embracing these principles, J&K can not only sustain its ODF Plus Model status but also maintain it for generations to come, ensuring a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable future.

Beyond Stereotypes

Exploring the Complex Reasons Behind Our Boys' Violent Behaviour

Farooq Shah

Emerging from intricate family dynamics, educational hurdles, and the overarching shadow of societal unrest, this escalating violence paints a grim picture of the youth in Kashmir. Exploring the root causes and unraveling the alarming consequences is imperative to grasp the gravity of the situation

A disturbing reality grips the youth in Kashmir: a sharp rise in violent behavior, particularly among boys. This unsettling trend, deeply embedded in the region's social fabric, has profound implications.

Emerging from intricate family dynamics, educational hurdles, and the overarching shadow of societal unrest, this escalating violence paints a grim picture of the youth in Kashmir. Exploring the root causes and unraveling the alarming consequences is imperative to grasp the gravity of the situation.

At the nucleus of this issue lies the influence of parents, the primary architects of a child's upbringing. The significance of parental guidance cannot be wished away; parents serve as the first teachers, shaping their children's personalities and behaviors.

Children, in their formative years, absorb not just words but actions, imitating the conduct they witness within the confines of their homes. However, in Kashmir, familial peace is often disrupted by frequent conflicts, especially between parents. The relentless sparring serves as a breeding ground for violent tendencies in impressionable young minds.

When parents have multiple children within a short span, the competition for resources intensifies dramatically within the confines of the household. For instance, the older child might enjoy unrestricted access to a mobile phone, leaving the younger siblings feeling deprived.

This inequality fuels intense sibling rivalry, sometimes escalating to a point where it fosters resentment and even contributes to their subsequent violent behavior. In joint families, where space is limited, the potential for this rivalry to escalate uncontrollably is significantly heightened.

Mothers, too, inadvertently contribute to the problem, particularly in joint families. Driven by concern for their children's well-being, mothers clandestinely arrange special diets, segregating high-nutrition foods away from the prying eyes of other kids in the family. This act, while rooted in maternal love, deprives children of the essential values of empathy, sharing, and caring.

As these children grow, they emerge as individuals lacking in essential social skills, ready to confront the world with hostility. Others, affected by this suspicious outlook, focus intensely on material accumulation, further deepening the societal malaise.

When a family consists of a single child, several factors can contribute to the emergence of violent tendencies. One significant factor is the child's sense of loneliness, stemming from the absence of siblings with whom they can share experiences and emotions. This isolation can lead to frustration and aggression as the child struggles to cope with their solitary existence.

Moreover, the parental dynamic in such families plays a crucial role. Often, the parents, especially mothers, tend to shower the lone child with excessive attention and care.

While this affection stems from genuine concern, it can inadvertently stifle the child's independence and resilience. Overprotective parenting might shield the child from challenges, but it can hinder their ability to navigate the complexities of the real world.

Moreover, the lack of the father's active involvement in the child's developmental journey further compounds the issue. A father figure is essential for a child's holistic growth, providing a different perspective, support, and a sense of balance.

When this paternal influence is absent, the child might miss out on valuable life lessons and coping mechanisms that are typically imparted through a balanced parental partnership.

Compounding this issue is the gaping chasm of communication between parents and their children.



In an era dominated by digital technology, parents find themselves struggling to bridge the divide. The internet, as we know it, is a vast repository of information and entertainment, becoming a double-edged sword.

While it offers boundless knowledge, it also instills isolationist behavior in children. Parents, burdened by daily chores and responsibilities, inadvertently resort to pacifying their children with mobile devices, unwittingly relinquishing direct control and encouraging an unhealthy dependence on technology.

The impact of this digital dependency is painfully evident in a heart-wrenching tale: a four-year-old girl, her vocabulary stunted by a screen, struggling to communicate except through the language of touchscreen buttons. Only through the intervention of the psychiatrists does she begin to relearn the art of human connection.

This story, tragically common in today's Kashmir, highlights the detrimental consequences of unchecked technology use on the developmental milestones of a child.

The virtual world, too, plays a sinister role, inundating young minds with content steeped in violence. Animated shows and games, easily accessible online, desensitize children, blurring the line between fiction and reality. As they grow, this desensitization morphs into tangible, aggressive behavior, mirroring the virtual violence they once innocently consumed.

Conflict, an ever-present specter in Kashmir, casts its long shadow over the lives of children. Raised amidst perpetual tension, these young souls find solace within the four walls of their homes, unable to explore the world outside due to safety concerns. This confinement breeds exclusionist behavior, severing ties with peers and fostering a sense of alienation.

Yet, the challenges extend beyond the home. Schools, touted as sanctuaries of education and enlightenment, often become battlegrounds for young minds. The educational landscape, marred by archaic teaching methods and unqualified faculty, fails to engage students meaningfully.

In the digital age, where information is a click away, traditional teaching methods falter. Students, armed with smartphones and access to vast online resources, find themselves disenchanted with class-

room lectures. The gap between teacher and student widens, leading to disinterest, disengagement, and, ultimately, a disdain for education itself.

Teachers who possess a profound understanding of their subjects and stay updated with the latest advancements establish a more meaningful rapport with their students in contrast to those who squander their time idling on the campus. This emphasizes the fact that a positive teaching environment can indeed have a significant impact.

Tragically, for many, education becomes a privilege accessible only through exorbitantly priced coaching centres. Those left adrift, outside the hallowed halls of learning, seek solace in self-destructive behaviours. Substance abuse and delinquency become their coping mechanisms, perpetuating a cycle of violence and despair.

This triggers a series of rivalries among the boys, and when blended with the early lessons learned at home, the situation can escalate beyond the control of law enforcement.

A recent incident at Government Polytechnic College Bemina saw a 19-year-old hospitalized after an alleged stabbing. Similarly, in 2018, a clash at Kashmir University led to at least six students being injured, with three reportedly stabbed by a fellow student.

Amidst all these challenges, the Kashmiri youth grapple with an unconducive external environment. The heavy presence of security forces, a reminder of the region's volatile past, contributes to their psychological distress.

In this atmosphere, devoid of constructive entertainment, they succumb to dark temptations, further entrenching themselves in a web of violence and self-destruction.

In this tragic narrative of youth violence in Kashmir, the responsibility rests on society's shoulders. It demands introspection, empathy, and proactive measures. Only through concerted efforts, both within homes and in the broader community, can the cycle of violence be broken.

It is a collective duty to pave the way for a brighter, violence-free tomorrow, where the children of Kashmir can flourish, unburdened by the scars of the past.

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International Day for Older Persons

Old Age Homes: Outsourcing Responsibility

Amir Suhail Wani

WHEN objects are put on a pedestal, people, by default, slip to the status of objects. The tragedy with parents and the institution of parenthood in our times very much reflects this paradox. The recent spree of setting up of old age homes and initiating a chain of "senior citizen centres" in Kashmir has not only alerted society to the changes in social dynamics but has also compelled us, irrespective of our ideological predilections, to revisit our social ethics and contemplate the erosion of our values, traditions and morals.

Martin Buber, while writing about the tragedies facing mankind had observed that the relationships which ought to have had "I-Thou" character have transformed into relationships possessing "I-It" status. By this classification, Buber stated, in technical language, the bitter fact that relationship with people has been devalued to the typos of our relationship with material and inanimate objects and the objects have started to occupy the positions which erstwhile used to be reserved for our loved ones.

The morphology of love and the structure of our relationships have witnessed a radical departure from their established age old norms and precedents. All relationships have come to be reevaluated in the framework of material perimeters. The elements of love, empathy, compassion, selflessness, sacrifice and attachment which once decided and defined the contours of our relationships have all been left behind and the perspective of consumerism and opportunism has invaded the landscape of our relationships – the point in case being the relationship of parenthood and the consequent damage foisted on this sacred and pristine relationship by the setting up of old-age homes.

Old age homes are supposed to be the last refuge for the destitute and shelterless elder citizens but even children who are otherwise well equipped to take care of their elder parents often outsource them to old age homes. While the utility and the essential purpose of age old homes is well accepted, people must not take them as sites to dump their parents. We may have fancy reasons to suit our conveniences but the fact remains that making old age homes a norm only breeds a host of social issues that can have detrimental consequences and can set a very odd precedent in the

society.

Every evil starts with necessity but once it overruns its legitimate boundaries and starts serving every trifling purpose, it not only self-defeats the raison d'etre of its existence but opens up itself to all sorts and scales of misuse and abuse. Old age homes also emerged in response to the pressing necessity of catering to the needs of helpless and left out section of elderly people in our society. However, selfish values pushed men into misusing this institution and turning it into a space where they can outsource their responsibilities and shun their parents at a time when parents need them the most. The recent mushrooming of these spaces and upcoming projects in Anantnag, Bandipora, Rajouri and other places in Jammu and Kashmir have and will make it quite easy for people to admit their parents in these centres even if they could have easily taken care of their parents. This is not a shallow admonition. So desperate were some in our society to drop their parents to old age homes that the Government had to come up with the statement that "people cannot come and drop their parents there".

The trend of nuclear families along with the primary and sole emphasis on material well-being

and economic prosperity has drastically altered the map of relationships and everything has come to be reevaluated in terms of its transaction value. It should not have taken more than a moment of introspection to understand and acknowledge the sacrifices that our parents make, the risks they run into and the hardships they withstand, for the comfort, joy and well-being of their children. Does it behoove us as humans to ignore, neglect and alienate our parents when they need us the most? The maxim that "Do not do unto others what you won't like to be done to you" sets the standard and touchstone and asks us earnestly, would we prefer to be thrown into old age homes by our children at our turn? If the answer is no, as it obviously is, people who deport their parents to old age homes must ask themselves as to what justifies their behaviour and what legitimises their asymmetry.

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ENDOCRINOLOGY UNVEILED

Dr. Mohammad Ashraf Ganaie's Vision for a Healthier Kashmir

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In Jammu and Kashmir, Dr. Mohammad Ashraf Ganaie stands as a beacon of knowledge and expertise in the field of endocrinology. Dr. Ganaie's journey has been one marked by dedication and resilience. From his early days in medical college to his illustrious career at the All-India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) in New Delhi, his unwavering commitment towards his profession and patients has impacted the lives of many here.

In a candid and enlightening interview with Kashmir Observer's Nazir Ganaie, Dr. Ashraf delves into the nitty-gritties of Kashmir's challenges with ailments, shedding light on prevalent health issues in the region.

Q. Can you tell us about your initial days in medical college, and how your overall journey has turned out?

The journey overall has been great, considering the fact that my education in medical sciences went smoothly regardless of the environmental setbacks I had. When I entered the All-India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) for my doctorate degree, I got to know, much to my relief, that my training and prior education was no less in quality than any of my peers. A good number of students across a variety of courses even sought academic guidance from me from time to time — thanks to my reputation in the college.

That said, the academic scene for us was very good; education was great and satisfactory, while the competition was relatively lesser as it is today.

Q. Talking about the academic scene you just mentioned, how good do you think it is nowadays?

A lot of things have undergone significant advancement for sure; though due to a number of reasons, quality education isn't in a great place right now. The presence of distractions, a lack of the number of teachers, or an overall lack of good teachers are some of the reasons.

Q. We've noticed that people tend to describe endocrinology as something related to diabetes; could you describe your field to our readers in simple terms?

Endocrinology would be described simply as the study of diseases related to the endocrine system and glands. Our body has a lot of endocrine glands inside it which secrete different hormones. This system consists of the Pituitary Gland near the brain, the Thyroid gland in the throat, reproductive glands, the Pancreas, Adrenals on the Kidneys, and a large number of smaller glands distributed throughout the body. Even fat can be considered something like an endocrine gland, since a lot of hormones are released from it. As a consequence of the number, a lot of diseases are prevalent that are related to the Endocrine system.

I agree with the fact that people think that an endocrinologist just treats diabetes; they even go as far as calling an endocrinologist a "sugar doctor". This is primarily because of the lack of awareness, but a part is also played by the fact that a large set of endocrine diseases are hardly present in our society. A case of type one Diabetes can be treated by any trained physician; it's only the group of people who suffer from secondary diabetes — where it is a part of a bigger disease — and people who have a problem specifically in the pancreas that need the attention of an endocrinologist.

Q. Since other than being a conventional doctor, you are also involved in a lot of research — like the tribal affairs



PROBLEMS STARTED ARISING AS PEOPLE STARTED SLOWLY ADDING TO THIS DIET, LIKE REGULAR CONSUMPTION OF FATTY MEAT COOKED in a lot of oil, high-calorie snacks like potato chips and biscuits, and regular use of cream and butter, all the while not engaging in any kind of outdoor activity. This has made diseases like fatty liver very common

you've worked on — did you come across anything valuable or revealing that concerns the scene of diabetes and endocrinology in Kashmir?

We indeed have done a lot of research, all the way back since I was in AIIMS; which, as you mentioned, consisted of projects related to tribal people at times.

Most of my experience is in the area of lifestyle or non-communicable diseases. Especially the problem of abnormal blood pressure, which is widespread in Kashmir. Some of the causes include Endocrine Hypertension, which usually occurs in younger people, and is difficult to control; such cases are some that we've seen being common in Kashmir. A lot of commonplace health practitioners prescribe steroids to patients at times, which can cause abnormality in blood pressure as a side effect. Another major cause is Hyperaldosteronism, a disease related to an excess of Aldosterone — a hormone secreted by the Adrenals — which has the ability to increase blood pressure. After being diagnosed, it's treated by surgery, and the high blood pressure is controlled. The problem here lies in the lack of awareness, which causes a lot of people to miss out on diagnosis. After some time of surveying around, we found that a lot of people suffer from Hyperaldosteronism that aren't diagnosed initially.

Q. A lot of people in Kashmir mention consuming blood pressure medication at some point; and sometimes it's a case of self-medication. Can you educate our readers regarding blood pressure, hypertension, and medication?

Abnormal blood pressure is something that is very simple to diagnose; though unfortunately it's very common in Kashmir, especially with tribal people. When compared to people from other states, it is very largely prevalent here. We've observed a common occurrence of brain hemorrhage or paralysis caused by hypertension. It even acts as a major cause of heart attacks.

People in Kashmir take hypertension very lightly, and a lot of myths about it are present. Problems like kidney failures and strokes are also caused by it, which renders a lot of people disabled, or results in death at times.

The major cause of abnormal blood pressure in Kashmir is that Kashmir is a hilly area and therefore has a higher altitude, acting as a factor to increased hemoglobin; and the common usage of high amounts of salt. Studies show that salt and hypertension have a hundred percent correlation.

An article based on our research published in The Outlook magazine mentions the frequency of occurrence of hypertension in Gujjars and Bakarwals; highlighting that fifty percent of them suffer from hypertension, and thirty-three percent have pre-hypertension symptoms. Since no facilities are available with such people, which would have included doctors, or just people who could check blood pressure, these people take blood pressure medication usually just once a week, when they have a headache or something. This causes fluctuation in their blood pressure, which is said to be more damaging than steady hypertension.

Q. Is there a common symptom or sign that can help us recognize hypertension?

There is almost no primary or major symptom of high blood pressure, it can only be surely diagnosed when one checks it with proper instruments. Though people commonly feel exhaustion or body aches when it happens, which they can't properly explain to the doctors, resulting in misdiagnosis. Headaches or a problem with vision are not just common symptoms, rather signs of a hypertensive emergency.

Q. Talking about Diabetic people, how can they live with their disease while maintaining their health?

They should first of all avoid getting hypertension at any cost; and it's easy, they just have to lessen the amount of salt intake. A study highlights that if a person with diabetes has their body damaged to a certain point, a person with blood pressures receives five times as much damage, and a person with both diabetes and blood pressure gets their body damaged up to nineteen times the amount.

They should also comply with their doctor. Non-compliance, or not taking medication regularly is a disastrous problem that is present in Kashmiri people.

Q. People in Kashmir have this habit of taking medication for years on end, all the while not reducing salt intake, which hinders their process of getting better. What would you suggest in this matter? Is it required that their medication be changed?

Periodic and regular follow-up is must in such diseases. We can't just keep taking medication continuously without any changes, since a lot of them have side-effects, and some drugs don't have the desired effect at times, because of factors and targets of the medicine varying from patient to patient. These factors include age, sex, whether a person is diabetic or not, and pregnancy.

People, due to misconceptions, have erratic medication taking habits, which is detrimental to their health.

Diabetic patients also have this habit of increasing salt intake against their decrease of sugar consumption, which is also a problem. When we look at the resources provided by American

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Diabetes Association and International Diabetes Federation online, it's evident through research that a patient can easily consume 15-20g of free sugar without any disturbance, but if the patient increases 5-10g of table salt intake, the blood pressure will shoot up.

Q. We've heard about your achievements and great work in AIIMS and in treating influential people such as politicians. Could you tell us something about them?

AIIMS New Delhi is an institute that is central and different, it is on a level that is in direct competition to the rest of the world; the programs they hold are a lot of the times in collaboration with prestigious universities like Oxford or Harvard. So, it gives a person this sort of a platform to shine, which it did to me too, and I worked very hard when it did. The institute encourages people under it to grow, and appreciates innovations and any new ideas. I took a step in my time there to try and create this research ecosystem, which got me a letter from the health ministry saying they'd be pleased to allow me to do so. AIIMS Delhi as an institute and the people there encourage you and mentor you into excellence.

Q. Could you educate us regarding diet regulation and maintenance that keeps a person, or maybe a diabetic person or such healthy?

An initiative of diet control to promote a healthy well-being is surely a productive pursuit. We've seen, more so in earlier times, that an average Kashmiri man would work hard in the field and come home to a fibrous meal of rice and vegetables twice a day, which would yield a calorie count equal to what he needed for working in the field. This would keep the person healthy, and prevent a lot of lifestyle-borne diseases. Problems started arising as people started slowly adding to this diet, like regular consumption of fatty meat cooked in a lot of oil, high-calorie snacks like potato chips and biscuits, and regular use of cream and butter, all the while not engaging in any kind of outdoor activity. This has made diseases like fatty liver very common. Such a lifestyle has to be brought under control in any way, for a healthy lifestyle. A person should always keep track of the number of calories being consumed. Processed food items should also be avoided, as they contain a lot of contaminants that disrupt the endocrine system.

A lot of areas have specific diseases, these are determined by altitude, geography and diet. Iodine deficiency for example is common in hilly areas, due to a low Iodine percentage in the soil, contrary to coastal areas, where Iodine is high in almost everything. Kashmiris also have a deficiency of thiamine or vitamin B1 at times which causes a lot of diseases. Many such things which include endocrine diseases are prevalent because of the mentioned factors.

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Gender Bias Seen In AI-Generated Content On Leadership, New Research Says

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New research has revealed an inherent gender bias in the content - text, images, other media - generated by artificial intelligence (AI).
Analysing AI-generated content about what made a 'good' and 'bad' leader, men were consistently depicted as strong, courageous, and competent, while women were often portrayed as emotional and ineffective, researchers at the University of Tasmania, Australia, and Massey University, New Zealand, found.
Thus, AI-generated content can preserve and perpetuate harmful gender biases, they said in their study published in the journal Organizational Dynamics. "Any mention of women leaders was completely omitted



ted in the initial data generated about leadership, with the AI tool providing zero examples of women leaders until it was specifically asked to generate content about women in leadership. "Concerningly, when it did provide examples of women leaders, they were proportionally far more likely than male leaders to be offered as examples of bad leaders, falsely suggesting that women are more likely than men to be bad leaders," said Toby Newstead, the study's corresponding author.
Generative AI learns the patterns in input data, using which the AI is trained, and then creates content bearing similar characteristics. The AI depends on machine learning concepts

for content creation.
For training these generative AI technologies, vast amounts of data from the internet along with human intervention to reduce harmful or biases are processed.
Therefore, AI-generated content needs to be monitored to ensure it does not propagate harmful biases, said study author Bronwyn Eager, adding that the findings highlighted the need for further oversight and investigation into AI tools as they become part of daily life.
"Biases in AI models have far-reaching implications beyond just shaping the future of leadership. With the rapid adoption of AI across all sectors, we must ensure that potentially harmful biases relating to gender, race, ethnicity, age, disability, and sexuality aren't preserved," she said.

Blocking Abnormal Stem Cell Signal During Aging Lessens Related Bone Loss: Study

ANI

Cellular signal essential to the development of the skeleton increases during aging to weaken bones, finds a new study in mice.
The study, led by researchers from NYU Grossman School of Medicine, found that blocking the signaling pathway, called Notch, in aging skeletal stem cells caused a "massive increase" in bone mass and restored lost bone-healing ability during aging.
The study results revolve around immature stem cells, which have the capacity to mature into more than one cell type. Bone is among the tissues that keep pools of stem

good target for drug therapy, but the study authors pinpointed a protein called Ebf3 that carries the Notch signal forward, and which could be targeted by drugs.
"Our findings reveal that Notch in skeletal stem cells becomes abnormal with age, and that blocking it prevents age-related skeletal degeneration," says corresponding study author Philipp Leucht, MD, PhD, the Raj-Sobti-Menon Associate Professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Cell Biology at NYU Langone Health. "The reprogramming of adult stem cells as a source of bone-making cells in healing-compromised people has profound therapeutic potential, and we hope to confirm the value in future studies of Ebf3



cells on hand into adulthood, ready to mature into replacement cells that maintain healthy tissue and repair broken bones.
Skeletal stem and progenitor cells, or SSCs, in the bone marrow have the capacity to become either new bone-making cells called osteoblasts or fat-making cells called adipocytes, the researchers say. Past studies have shown that such cells are more likely to become cells that make fat than bone as skeletal tissues age, making bone more vulnerable to fracture. The cellular signals involved, however, had been unclear going into the current work.
Published online September 27 in Bone Research, a Nature journal, the new work, by looking closely at the genes expressed in SSCs of mice as they aged, found the Notch pathway to become abnormally active, shifting the cells toward the fate that increases fatty degeneration of bone marrow. When the authors genetically engineered mice to lack Nicastrin, a core part of the Notch signaling chain reaction, it returned the stem cells to the bone-making cell pathway, and increased bone formation "even beyond that seen in young mice."
Notch signaling, woven as it is into so many cellular pathways, is not a

as a drug target in preventing osteoporosis.
Aging is known to come with loss of the ability of stem cells to become bone-making cells, with related skeletal deterioration among the most common causes of age-associated impairment. To date, there are no therapeutics to rescue or maintain the bone-making function in aging SSCs, say the authors. As such, they say it is an imperative to clarify the mechanisms that trigger the bone-to-fat shift in the skeleton to prolong healthy lifespans.
To address this challenge, the research team used a technique called single-cell RNA sequencing of young and aged mouse bones to reveal that Notch signaling becomes elevated in SSCs during aging. Genetic information is captured in the molecular "letters" of DNA chains, which are converted into RNA snippets on the way to becoming proteins that make up cell signals and structures. Sequencing technologies reveal the order of the genetic letters in healthy function, and the changes linked to diseases, with a newer capability being to look at genetic activity based on RNA profiles in single cells. This provided the research team with a closer view of cellular differences in SSCs as they aged.

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Subject: Registration of candidates for 3rd/Mop-up Round of counseling following issuance of Revised cut off scores of NEET- MDS 2023 after lowering of qualifying percentiles: submission of documents physically thereof.

- Reference: i) No.V.12025/14/2023-DE dated 21/09/2023 issued by MOH&FW, (Dental Education), New Delhi
ii) Notification No. 038-BOPEE of 2023 dated 12-07-2023
iii) Notification No. 052-BOPEE of 2023 dated 07-08-2023
iv) Notification No. 068-BOPEE of 2023 dated 20-08-2023
v) Notification No. 087-BOPEE of 2023 dated 25-09-2023

Notice No: 030-BOPEE of 2023
Dated: 27-09-2023

It is hereby notified for the information of all the concerned candidates that the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, (Dental Education), Government of India vide letter No. V. 12025/14/2023-DE dated 21.09.2023 followed by Notice dated 22.09.2023 of NBE, has lowered the minimum qualifying percentiles for NEET MDS-2023 as follows:

Category	Revised Cut-off Score (out of 960)
General(UR/EWS/JKPM/CDP)	168
SC/ST/OSC/RBA/ALC/IB/PSP(including PwD of these reserved categories)	125
UR-PwD	159

The candidates who fall within the ambit of said revised cut off score and are willing to participate in the 3rd/Mop-up round of counseling against the seats which have remained unfilled during 2nd round of counseling as mentioned in the Notification No. 087-BOPEE of 2023 dated 25-09-2023 are advised to register themselves and submit all the requisite documents as mentioned in Notification No. 038-BOPEE of 2023 dated 12-07-2023 physically at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar within 03 days of uploading of this Notice on the official website of the Board and any eligible candidate, who has not registered himself/herself earlier and does not figure in the UT Merit list of 2023 notified vide Notification No. 052-BOPEE of 2023 dated 07-08-2023 but wants to be considered against the unfilled seat(s) during 2nd round of counseling may also submit their documents physically at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar for registration within the prescribed time schedule as mentioned above.

Notes:

- Mere registration of candidates does not confer any right on any candidate(s) to have a claim on any vacant seat(s) which as of now are to be filled up on the basis of the merit/preference from the eligible/registered candidates.
- The candidates should go through all relevant Notifications/Notices along with the e-Brochure notified by the Board with particular reference to the mop-up round of counseling.
- The Seat Matrix shall be uploaded a day before start of counseling
- The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as contained in the e-Information Brochure, Notifications/ Notices issued by the Board from time to time in this regards.

E&OE

Sd/-
Controller of Examinations,
J&K BOPEE

No. BOPEE/Exam-10/2023

DIPK-NB-3442/23
DATED: 30-09-2023

ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDERS FOR KIOSKS
Sealed tenders affixed with Revenue Stamp worth Rs. 5/- are invited for and on behalf of Islamic University of Science & Technology, Awantipora from the registered KIOSKS service providers for running of the following:
i) 01 KIOSK in the premises of Govt. Polytechnic College IUST, Awantipora.
ii) 01 KIOSK in the premises of Alambdar Memorial College for Nursing & Medical Technology, Charar-e-Sharief, Budgam.
The detailed Tender Notices and Tender Documents can be collected from the office of the Estates, IUST Awantipora on all working days (Monday - Friday) between 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. The Tender Notices / Documents can also be downloaded from the University website www.iust.ac.in. Tender Documents complete in all respects must be submitted in the office of the Estates, IUST by or before 16-10-2023 (2:00 PM)
No.:IUST/Tender/Kiosks/23/250 Sd/-
Dated: 27-09-2023 Deputy Registrar, Estates

DIPK-NB-3438/23 DATED: 30-09-2023

NOTICE
I intend to rectify the name of my daughter, studying in the Grade 9th, Session 2023-2024 in Usmania model high school Buchpora, Srinagar from Hawzan to Hawzan Aziz Khan as per aadhar which in inadvertently entered in school record. Candidate is not registered in Jkbose yet. Should there be any objection in this regard, from any person or quarter, the same may be reported to the concerned institute within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there is no objection from any person or quarter.
Aziz Ahmad Maqsood Ali Khan
F/O: - Hawzan Aziz Khan.

REGD. No. D. L-33004/99

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सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय
अधिसूचना
नई दिल्ली, 14 अगस्त, 2023

का.अ. 3632(अ).- केन्द्रीय सरकार राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग अधिनियम 1956 (1956 का 48) (जिसे इसमें इनके पश्चात् उक्त अधिनियम कहा गया है) की धारा 3 क की उप-धारा (1) द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, यह समाधान हो जाने के पश्चात् कि जम्मू एवं कश्मीर राज्य के बारामूला जिले में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग संख्या NH-1 के कि.मी. 17+400 से 101+000 कि.मी. तक धीनगर-बारामूला-उरी मार्ग (सेक्शन-1B) का निर्माण (चौड़ीकरण/चार-लेन का बनाने आदि), अनुसंधान, प्रबंधन और प्रचालन के लोक प्रयोजन के लिए वह भूमि अधिष्ठाित है जिसका संक्षिप्त वर्णन नीचे अनुसूची में दिया गया है, ऐसी भूमि का अर्जन करने के अपने आशय की घोषणा करती है।
कोई व्यक्ति, जो उक्त भूमि में हितबद्ध है, उक्त अधिनियम की धारा 3 ग की उप-धारा (1) के अधीन पूर्वोक्त प्रयोजन के लिए ऐसी भूमि के उपयोग पर राजपत्र में इस अधिसूचना के प्रकाशन की तारीख से इकह्रस दिन के भीतर आक्षेप कर सकता है।
ऐसा प्रत्येक आक्षेप सक्षम प्राधिकारी, अर्थात् डिप्टी कमिश्नर (राज्य) एवं भूमि अधिग्रहण अधिकारी बारामूला, जिला बारामूला, को लिखित रूप में किया जाएगा और उसमें उसके आधार अधिष्ठाित किए जाएंगे और सक्षम प्राधिकारी, आक्षेपकर्ता को व्यक्तिगत रूप में या किसी विधि व्यवसायी द्वारा सुने जाने का अवसर देगा और ऐसे आक्षेपों की सुनवाई के पश्चात् तथा ऐसी और जांच करने के पश्चात्, यदि कोई हो, जिसे सक्षम प्राधिकारी आवश्यक समझे, आदेश द्वारा या तो आक्षेपों को अनुज्ञात कर सकेगा या अनुज्ञात कर सकेगा।
उक्त अधिनियम की धारा 3 ग की उप-धारा (2) के अधीन सक्षम प्राधिकारी द्वारा किया गया कोई आदेश अंतिम होगा; और

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इस अधिसूचना के अंतर्गत आने वाली भूमि के रेखांक और अन्य व्यौर सक्षम प्राधिकारी के उक्त कार्यालय में उपलब्ध हैं और उनका हितबद्ध व्यक्तियों द्वारा निरीक्षण किया जा सकता है।
अनुसूची
जम्मू एवं कश्मीर राज्य के जिले बारामूला में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग संख्या NH-1 के कि.मी. 17+400 से 101+000 कि.मी. तक धीनगर-बारामूला-उरी मार्ग (सेक्शन-1B) के निर्माण के लिए भू खण्ड अर्जन की जाने वाली संरचना रहित अथवा संरचना सहित भूमि का संक्षिप्त विवरण।

राज्य का नाम: जम्मू और कश्मीर		जिले का नाम: बारामूला			
क्रमिक संख्या	सर्वेक्षण संख्या	भूमि का प्रकार	भूमि की प्रकृति	भूमि का क्षेत्रफल (स्थानीय इकाई)	भूमि का क्षेत्रफल (हेक्टेयर)
1	2	3	4	5	6
सापेक्ष का नाम: सोपोर					
गाँव का नाम: संग्रामा					
1	684 Min	निजी	बाग़ी - खुशुकी	0.0353 (हेक्टेयर)	0.0353
Total					0.0353

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अभय जैन, उप मन्त्रि

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 14th August, 2023
S.O. 3632(E).-In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building/widening/4 laning divided carriage Way), maintenance, management and operation of National Highway no. NH-1 in the stretch of land from Km. 17+400 to 101+000 Km Srinagar-Baramulla-Uri Road (Section-1B) in the District of Baramulla, in the state of JAMMU & KASHMIR (UT) hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.
Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.
Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, the Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) and Land Acquisition Officer Baramulla, District Baramulla, in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.
Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.
The land plans and other details of the land covered under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

भाग II-खण्ड 3(ii) भारत का राजपत्र : बसाधारण 3

SCHEDULE
Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km. 17+400 to Km. 101+000 Srinagar-Baramulla-Uri Road (Section-1B) of the National Highway NH-1 in the District of Baramulla in the state of JAMMU & KASHMIR (UT).

State: JAMMU & KASHMIR		District: BARAMULLA			
Sl. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectares)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Sopore					
Village: Sangrama					
1	684 Min	Private	Baghi - Khushki	0.0353 (Hectare)	0.0353
Total					0.0353

DIPK-NB-3455/23
DATED: 30-09-2023 [F. No. 1/3A]
ABHAY JAIN, Dy. Secy.



CS For Developing World's Highest Rail Bridge Site In Reasi As A Tourist Spot

Directs for development of Road and other amenities at this site for increasing the footfall

Observer News Service

REASI: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta Saturday along with Deputy Commissioner and other officers visited the World's highest steel arch rail bridge site near Jyotipuram in district Reasi which is nearing its completion.

On the occasion, Dr Mehta had a detailed inspection of this structure in presence of the engineers of the executing agency and officers of Indian Railways. They apprised him about the unique features of this engineering marvel which has no parallel in the world and stands about 29 meters taller than the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

The Chief Secretary appreciated the engineering staff for moving towards completing this challenging task. He observed that this feat in itself speaks volumes about the capacity of engineers of our nation and boosts the morale of others as well. He said that this is a pride for the citizens and is a steel monument.

Dr Mehta took this occasion to impress upon the district administration to take immediate measures for turning this architectural marvel into a tourist spot. He observed that the location of the bridge is also impressive in terms of its aesthetic appeal as it lies in the lap of nature. He made out that with little interventions the

spot could turn into a great attraction for the tourists.

He enjoined upon the Divisional and District administrations to take measures for better upkeep of the road from Reasi to Bridge site. He advised them to install crash barriers wherever required. He also instructed for improvement of road between Katra and Reasi forthwith.

Dr Mehta maintained that the District Reasi has highest tourist footfall in J&K which nearly crosses a crore mark each year. He made out that the District has a very good potential to attract many more people to its historic and natural places. He stated that it has many well known sites such as Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, Shiv Khori, Salal Dam, Bhimgarh Fort, etc which offers it a huge opportunity to tap its potential by further developing these to bring them on the national tourism map.

He also gave many other suggestions to make this District a tourism hub which would create employment opportunities not only for locals but other residents of the UT as well. He called for having a well developed plan to develop tourist circuit(s) inside this district by developing all the relevant amenities and enhancing the connectivity between these places for hassle-free movement of the tourists.

RBI Extends Deadline To Exchange Deposit ₹2000 Notes Till Oct 7



Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI- The Reserve Bank on Saturday extended the special drive to withdraw Rs 2,000 bank notes from the system by another week, till October 7.

The central bank said ever since it announced the move to withdraw Rs 2,000 notes on May 19, Rs 3.42 lakh crore of such notes have been received into the system either by depositing into bank accounts or exchanging, from the public.

The currency returned is 96 per cent of the Rs 2,000 bank notes in circulation as on May 19, the Reserve Bank said in a statement, adding only Rs 14,000 crore of such notes are in circulation now.

Earlier, the deadline to deposit/exchange Rs 2,000 notes was September 30, 2023.

"...it has been decided to extend the current arrangement for deposit/exchange of Rs 2,000 banknotes until October 07, 2023," the central bank said in a statement.

In a surprise move, it had announced withdrawal of Rs

2,000 notes in May, but maintained that it was not akin to the demonetisation carried out in November 2016 when Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes were made illegal tender overnight.

In May 2023, RBI said the higher denomination notes were introduced for a faster remonetisation of the economy and the move had served its purpose. Since it had stopped printing the notes from FY19, there were also concerns surrounding the quality of the notes in circulation.

The Rs 2,000 note withdrawal move had some unseen impacts like helping banks report a higher deposit growth, a challenging aspect for the system for some time.

In the statement on Saturday, RBI said the Rs 2,000 notes "shall continue to be legal tender" even beyond October 7, but asked the public to deposit or exchange the notes "without any further delay".

From October 8, the deposit/exchange facilities at bank branches will be stopped, and

people will have to get them exchanged at 19 offices of RBI, the statement said.

For exchange of the notes, a cap of Rs 20,000 per transaction has been imposed while there is none for the notes which are tendered at the RBI offices for crediting into bank accounts.

People within the country can also send Rs 2,000 notes through India Post, addressed to any of the 19 RBI Issue Offices for credit to their bank accounts in India, the statement said, specifying that such a transaction will be subject to regulation of the government and submission of documents.

RBI also said that courts, law enforcement agencies, government departments or any other public authority involved in investigation proceedings or enforcement can also deposit/exchange Rs 2,000 notes at any of the RBI offices without any limit.

"The facility for deposit/exchange of Rs 2,000 banknotes at the 19 RBI Issue Offices shall be available until further advice," RBI said.

SKUAST-K Holds Awareness Program On Wool Processing Under HADP in Gurez

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir held an awareness program on processing and marketing of wool under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) at Gurez.

The awareness program was organised by the SKUAST-K's Division of Livestock Products Technology, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences in collaboration with KVK Gurez and NRLM at Purana Tulai area of the Gurez Valley with an objective of developing the wool processing cluster there for the revival of wool-based cottage industry.

The team of scientists from SKUAST-K that took part in the program included Dr Asif Hassan Sofi, Head Division of LPT, SKUAST-Kashmir, Dr Bilal Ahamd Bhat, Programme Coordinator KVK Gurez; Dr Afzal Haq Akhand, Associate Professor Division of VAHE,



possible benefits from the scheme. Dr Afzal highlighted the significance of community participation in owning the programme that helps in the sustainability of the different activities. The project team assured the participants that handholding in the form of processing tools; skill upgradation through capacity building programmes as well as promotion and marketing of the products shall be provided under the project. 15 participants were identified who will undergo a weeklong skill upgradation programme in the first phase at SKUAST-Kashmir during the first week of October. They were also assured that the spinning and weaving clusters shall be developed in the area on a cluster basis in mid-October. The programme is just the beginning of many programmes which shall be conducted in the area for the overall development of wool-based cottage industry.

'Office Space Leasing Up 2% In July-Sep Across 6 Cities Despite Demand Fall In Bengaluru'

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Gross leasing of office space rose 2 per cent across six major cities to 13.2 million square feet during the July-September period driven by sharp increase in demand in Hyderabad, according to Colliers India.

The gross absorption of office space stood at 12.9 million square feet in the year-ago period. Gross absorption does not include lease renewals, pre-commitments and deals where only a letter of intent has been signed.

Real estate consultant Colliers India on Friday released the data of key office markets for the third quarter of 2023 calendar year, showing that the demand increased in four cities -- Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad and Chennai -- but decreased in Bengaluru and Delhi-NCR.

As per the data, the gross office space leasing in Bengaluru declined to 3.4 million square feet during July-September from 4.4 million square feet in the year-ago period.

Delhi-NCR market too saw

a fall in leasing to 3.2 million square feet from 4.3 million square feet.

On the positive side, the leasing of office space in Hyderabad jumped 2.5-fold to 2.5 million square feet from 1 million square feet.

In Mumbai, the absorption of office rose marginally to 1.7 million square feet from 1.6 million square feet.

The gross leasing of office space in Chennai grew to 1.4 million square feet from 1 million square feet.

In Pune, the absorption of office space increased to 1 million square feet from 0.6 million square feet.

"Contrary to earlier belief, India office demand for the first three quarters of 2023, has followed an overall trajectory almost similar to 2022. With strong domestic macro-economic indicators backing the demand for office space, the momentum is likely to continue in the last quarter of the year," Peush Jain, Managing Director, Office Services, India at Colliers, said.

Airtel Continues Its 5G Growth Streak With 50 Mn Unique Customers On Its Network

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Within 1 year of the launch of Airtel 5G Plus, Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), one of India's leading telecommunications service provider, today, announced that it has over 50 million unique 5G customers on its network. The company also announced that Airtel 5G Plus services is available across all districts in the country.

Making it one of the fastest rollouts in the country, Airtel 5G Plus is available across all the 28 states and 8 union territories. From the scenic Balia in Bihar to the historic Cuttack in Odisha, the smallest Ramgarh district in Jharkhand to Bishnoi a land for wildlife lovers in Rajasthan, from the serene Serai of Kerala to the marshy villages of Kashmir, Airtel customers



are now onto the digital superhighway and are enjoying blazing fast speeds.

Commenting on the milestone, Randeep Sekhon, CTO, Bharti Airtel said, "We are thrilled at the speed of adoption to 5G by millions of our customers and we are reaching this milestone earlier than planned. This marks a big expansion of Airtel's 5G coverage going from 1 million in October of 2022 to 50 million in just 12

months of the launch. The expansion continues at full speed and I am sure, we will continue to rapidly multiply as we work towards nationwide coverage and enable all our customers to enter the 5G age."

*With the exception of districts in Pakistan occupied Kashmir, Naxal affected areas of Chhattisgarh and the islands of Lakshadweep, which are connected through VSAT.

Series Of Entrepreneurship Awareness Programs Held In Gurez

Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: In order to create awareness about the self employment opportunities available in the service sector, Br MSME Development and Facilitation office Srinagar under Ministry of MSME organized series of entrepreneurship awareness programs in Kanzalwan Bagtore and Dawar areas of Gurez region.

During the programs, participants were made aware about the various self employment schemes of Govt. DIC officials explained the process of applying for the PMEGP Scheme in detail with focus on the service sector.

Manager J&K Bank also deliberated about the smooth process of availing the benefits under the Scheme.

Mukhtar Ahmad, SDM Gurez said that such awareness programs are necessary as Gurez

generally remains cut off for many months. He motivated youth for taking steps towards entrepreneurship, and explained how a successful entrepreneur can be of great help to the region. He assured complete support from the administration in this direction.

Sabeel Alaqband AD MSME said the aim of such programs is to make sure that the people, especially youth of Gurez, should be self employed as there are numerous opportunities available in the service sector.

He said, tourism has so much to offer for the people of Gurez and they must be made aware about the schemes available with the government, for establishing their own enterprises. He further said, Gurez is becoming the popular tourist destination and will see a huge number of tourists in upcoming years.

EPFO Extends Deadline To Upload Details By Employers For Higher Pension Option By 3-Month Till Dec 31

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Retirement fund body EPFO has given three more months until December 31, 2023, to employers for uploading wage details regarding pension on higher wages. The deadline for uploading wage details which was ending on September 30 has been extended following representations from Employers & Employers' Associations, according to a labour ministry's release.

"Now, again many representations have been received from Employers & Employers' Associations wherein requests have been made to extend further time period for uploading wage details of applicant pensioners / members, 5.52 lakh Applications for Validation of Option / Joint Options are still pending with employers, as of September 29, 2023," the labour ministry said.

Therefore, the request has

ing wage details of applicant pensioners / members, the employers were also given further period of three months to submit wage details etc.

Online latest by September 30, 2023, it noted.

As many as 17.49 lakh Applications for Validation of Option / Joint Options have been received from pensioners / members till July 11, 2023.

Earlier an online facility was made available by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) for submitting Applications for Validation of Option / Joint Options for pension on higher wages, a labour ministry statement said.

According to the statement the facility was for eligible pensioners / members in compliance with the Supreme Court order on November 4, 2022.

The facility was launched on February 26, 2023, and was to remain available only till May 3, 2023. However, it stated



been considered sympathetically and the Chairman, Central Board of Trustees has extended the time, for the employers to submit wage details etc till December 31, 2023.

In view of representations received from Employers & Employers' Associations wherein requests were made to extend time period for upload-

ing wage details of applicant pensioners / members, the time limit was extended to June 26, 2023 in order to provide complete four months' time to eligible pensioners / members for filing applications.

A last opportunity of 15 days was further given to remove any difficulty faced by the eligible pensioners/ members.

Finance Ministry Notifies Oct 1 Date For Implementing Amended GST Law For E-Gaming



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NEW DELHI: The Finance Ministry has notified October 1 as the date for implementation of the amended GST law provisions for taxing e-gaming, casinos and horse racing.

According to the changes to the Central GST Act, these supplies will henceforth be treated as "actionable claims" similar to lottery, betting and gambling and subject to 28 per cent Goods and Services Tax (GST) on full face value of bets.

The amendments to Integrated GST (IGST) Act makes it mandatory for offshore online gaming platforms to take registration in India and pay taxes in accordance with domestic law.

In its meetings in July and August, the GST Council, comprising finance ministers of Centre and states, had approved

amendments to the law to include online gaming, casinos and horse racing as taxable actionable claims, and clarified that such supplies would attract 28 per cent tax on full bet value.

Parliament last month passed amendments to the Central GST and Integrated GST laws to give effect to the Council's decision.

The Finance Ministry has now notified that October 1 will be the appointed date for implementation of these provisions.

The GST Council in its meeting in August had decided that the amended provision to classify these supplies as actionable claims and clarifying the taxation provisions would come into effect from October 1.

A review of the implementation was proposed to be carried out after six months, which is April 2024.

Key Infra Sector Growth Rises To 14-Month High Of 12.1% In Aug

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NEW DELHI: The growth of eight key infrastructure sectors rose to a 14-month high of 12.1 per cent in August 2023 against 4.2 per cent a year ago, mainly due to expansion in production of coal, crude oil, and natural gas, according to the official data released on Friday.

The expansion in August is the highest since June 2022, when it was 13.2 per cent.

The production of refinery products, steel, cement and electricity also grew in August, the data showed. The core sector growth in July was 8.4 per cent, the Commerce and Industry Ministry data showed.

The output growth of the eight sectors was also lower at 7.7 per cent in April-August 2023-24 against 10 per cent in the year-ago period.

These industries account for 40.27 per cent of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

In August, steel output jumped 10.9 per cent against 5.8 per cent in the same month last year.

Natural gas production increased by 10 per cent during the month under review compared to a contraction of 0.9 per cent in August 2022.

Coal output surged 17.9 per cent in August 2023 from 7.7 per cent in August 2022.

The growth rate in the production of refinery products rose to 9.5 per cent against 7 per cent in August 2022.

Similarly, crude oil production rose to 2.1 per cent in the month under review.

Cement and electricity output jumped 18.9 per cent and 14.9 per cent in August, respectively. However, the growth rate in the production of fertilisers slowed down to 1.8 per cent in August against 11.9 per cent in the same month last year.

Social Media Has Become "Weapon Of Mass Distraction": Bombay High Court Judge

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Panaji: Social media or mass media have become weapons of mass distraction, but there are no concerted efforts yet to tackle them, Justice Mahesh Sonak of the Goa bench of the Bombay High Court said today.

Addressing the students of GR Kare College of Law in Margao town during a lecture series 'GRK-Law Talks', Justice Sonak also said that he prefers to remain "uninformed" about several issues by not reading or seeing the news, which he thinks is "better than being misinformed".

"Today, we live in an age where we adore and glorify machines like computers and smartphones that think. But we are extremely suspicious or even wary of the human beings that attempt to think," he said.

"Artificial intelligence has its own merits, but it would be a sad day and



sad world if we were to mortgage our ability to think, our ability to make intelligent and, moreover, sensitive choices, to a machine or an algorithm, however intelligent it may be," Justice Sonak said.

"We should not want to atrophy our thinking faculties lest there is no difference between a human being and a machine.

We cannot, or at least we should not, let humankind be robbed of its humanity," he added.

Justice Sonak said that this capacity to think clearly, independently and fearlessly would enable a student to sift, discern, and, if necessary, reject the ideas and ideologies that are perpetually inflicted by mass media tools that

are growing powerful each hour.

"A few decades ago, the world was at war against WMDs - weapons of mass destruction. Today, social media or the mass media have become weapons of mass distraction and yet there are no concerted efforts to battle them," he opined.

The judge said that in his own way, by way of experimentation, he has been on a "news diet" for almost four years.

"By not reading or seeing the news, I realise that I am uninformed about several issues. But I guess this is better than being misinformed. So, the choice, often, is between uninformed and misinformed," he added.

President of Vidya Vikas Academy Nitin Kunkolienkar, Vice President Pritam Moraes and Principal of the college Doretta Simoes were present at the event.

Non-bailable warrants issued against Haryana Congress MLA Dharam Singh Chhokar

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Gurugram: A court on Saturday issued non-bailable warrants against Congress MLA from SamalkhaDharam Singh Chhokar and his two sons Sikander Singh and Vikas Chhokar.

The trio are wanted by ED in a controversy regarding a real estate company Mahira Homes at Gurugram.

The court of Surya Pratap Singh Special Judge (under the prevention of Money Laundering Act 2022) issued orders against the trio.

According to sources, the MLA's son Sikander Singh Chhokar runs a real estate business in Gurugram. Sikander Singh is the Managing Director of the Mahira group of companies, seven projects of which are



embroiled in controversies for alleged irregularities, out of which six are affordable housing projects.

The trio is allegedly absconding ever since the last raid at their official and residential premises in July. Enforcement Directorate (ED) following these raids disclosed they have found four luxury vehicles,

jewellery worth Rs 14.5 lakh and Rs 4.5 lakh cash from Chhokar's house in Samalkha, office and fuel station in Panipat and properties in Hisar, Gurugram and Chandigarh. The ED then registered a case against Dharam Singh Chhokar under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Once before in 2021, the ED and Income Tax departments had conducted joint raids at Chhokar's properties. In the January 2021 raids, Sikander, his brother Vikas and 13 others were booked on charges of fraud in Gurugram. According to the FIR registered then, the suspects had committed fraud in the pretext of developing an affordable housing project under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) on 10 acres of land at Sector 68 (Badshahpur), Gurugram.

US: On The Brink Of A Government Shutdown, The Senate Tries To Approve Funding

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The US is on the brink of a federal government shutdown after hard-right Republicans in Congress rejected a long-shot effort to keep offices open as they fight for steep spending cuts and strict border security measures that Democrats and the White House say are too extreme.

Come midnight Saturday with no deal in place, federal workers will face furloughs, more than 2 million active duty and reserve military troops will work without pay and programmes and services that Americans rely on from coast to coast will begin to face shutdown disruptions.

The Senate will be in for a rare Saturday session to advance its own bipartisan package that is supported by Democrats and Republicans and would fund the government for the short-term, through November 17.

But even if the Senate can rush to wrap up its work this weekend to pass the bill, which also includes money for Ukraine aid and



U.S. disaster assistance, it won't prevent an almost certain shutdown amid the chaos in the House. On Friday, a massive hard-right revolt left Speaker Kevin McCarthy's latest plan to collapse.

"Congress has only one option to avoid a shutdown - bipartisanship," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer.

"Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell echoed the sentiment, warning his own hard-right colleagues there is nothing to gain by shutting down the federal government. It heaps unnecessary hardships on the American people, as well as the brave men and women who keep us safe," McConnell said.

The federal government is heading straight into a shutdown that poses grave uncertainty for federal workers in states all across America and the people who depend on them - from troops to border control agents to office workers, scientists and others.

Families that rely on Head Start for children, food benefits and countless other programmes large and small are confronting potential interruptions or outright closures. At the airports, Transportation Security Administration officers and air traffic controllers are expected to work without pay, but travellers could face delays in updating their US passports or other travel documents.

Congress has been unable to fund the federal agencies or pass a temporary bill in time to keep offices open for the start of the new fiscal year Sunday in large part because McCarthy has faced unsurmountable resistance from right-flank Republicans who are refusing to run the government as usual.

McCarthy's last-ditch plan to keep the federal government temporarily open collapsed in dramatic fashion Friday as a robust faction of 21 hard-right holdouts opposed the package, despite steep spending cuts of nearly 30 pc to many agencies and severe border security provisions, calling it insufficient.

The White House and Democrats rejected the Republican approach as too extreme. The Democrats voted against it. The House bill's failure a day before Saturday's deadline to fund the government leaves few options to prevent a shutdown.

"It's not the end yet; I've got other ideas," a clearly agitated McCarthy told reporters as he exited the chamber.

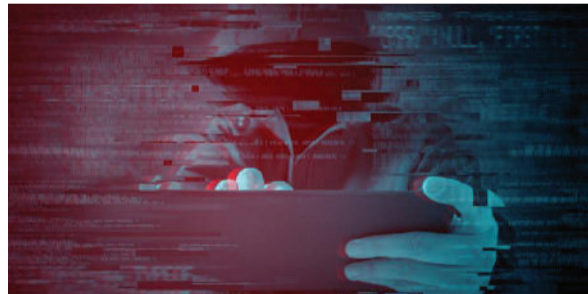
Bengaluru Police Bust Rs 854 Crore Cyber Investment Fraud, 6 Arrested

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Bengaluru: The Bengaluru Police have busted a Rs 854 crore cyber fraud scam and arrested six people who allegedly cheated thousands of victims across India on the pretext of an investment scheme, officials said on Saturday.

The accused—Manoj, Panindra, Chakradhar, Shrinivas, Somashekar and Vashanth—are all residents of Bengaluru, they said.

The three other accused, alleged to be the masterminds behind the fraud



have been identified, police said, adding efforts are being made to apprehend them.

Out of the total cheated amount, Rs 5 crore had been frozen, police said, adding that in Bengaluru alone, the

victims were cheated of Rs 49 lakh. The accused gang lured the victims through Whatsapp and Telegram. Initially, they were asked to invest smaller amounts ranging from Rs 1,000 to 10,000 on the pretext that

they would earn Rs 1,000 to 5,000 per day as a profit, a senior police officer said.

Thousands of victims invested money ranging from Rs 1 lakh to 10 lakh or more, he said.

Addressing a press conference here, Bengaluru Police Commissioner B Dayananda said the Central Crime Branch (CCB) has been successful in detecting the "very interesting" cyber crime fraud case in which the criminals have cheated certain individuals by luring them at high rates of interest for the money they deposited.

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