

Rs 250-Cr Money Laundering Case

ED Arrests Former Co-Operative Bank Chairman



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Srinagar: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested former J&K State Co-operative Bank chairman Mohammad Shafi Dar in connection with a Rs 250-crore money laundering case, officials said on Friday. Dar was arrested along with Hilal A Mir, the chairman of the River Jhelum Cooperative House Building Society, a "fictitious firm", according to the officials. They said the two were produced on Friday before the special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court in Srinagar, which ordered the accused to be remanded in the custody of the ED till Saturday and directed for

further hearing in the matter.

The ED had conducted search operations at eight locations in Srinagar, including at Dar's residence, in connection with the case on Thursday, and these resulted in the recovery of several incriminating documents and digital devices, they claimed.

The fraud was done in the name of the "fictitious" River Jhelum Cooperative House Building Society, the officials said.

The raids were conducted by the ED's office in Srinagar under powers provided to the agency under the PMLA for search and seizure, they said.

The officials said the ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR and [|More on P6](#)

IT WAS FOUND IN THE ACB PROBE THAT THE BANK IN SRINAGAR SANCTIONED A LOAN to the tune of Rs 223 crore, without adhering to any codal formalities, including obtaining details of the society such as its balance sheet, profit and loss account, business activities, PAN, income tax returns, and construction of board resolutions.

Over 50% Power Consumers In Kashmir Without Meters

The Main Reasons For The AT&C Losses Are Non-Metered Consumers: Principal Secy PDD

Agencies

Srinagar: In Kashmir, more than half of the electricity consumers are without meters—giving a space to push up the Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses further.



Principal Secretary, Power Development Department H Rajesh said Friday that his department has already invested over Rs 5,000 Crores to overcome the losses. "I think there is a need to invest more in the Power

Development Sector because there are outdated cables, poles and transformers. It will take a lot of time and more investment is required. By that way we can reduce one of the components for AT&C losses," he said. Prasad further [|More on P6](#)

BJP Discusses Outreach Programme, J&K Poll Strategy

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Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir unit of the BJP on Friday held meetings of its top leaders here, discussed the strategy for the forthcoming parliamentary elections and reviewed a booth-level outreach programme.

The meetings were chaired by the BJP national general secretary (organisation) B L Santhosh and the party in-charge of J&K Tarun Chugh.

In the first meeting, the senior leadership reviewed the 'Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyan' with youth groups involved in the ongoing

outreach programme, leaders said. The youth groups shared the complaints and feedback they received during the campaign with the senior leaders, they said.

The Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyan, a mass contact programme, was launched on October 24 under J&K BJP president Ravinder Raina's leadership.

"BJP is conducting an outreach campaign among the people of J&K. Our youth activists are going to the people and making them aware about the BJP government's achievements. The core leadership of the party conducted a review [|More on P6](#)

PM Modi Meets Israeli President In UAE Bats For Early, Durable Resolution To Palestine Issue

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Dubai: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday met Israeli President Isaac Herzog and underscored India's support for an early and durable resolution of the Israel-Palestine issue through dialogue and diplomacy.

Modi met Herzog on the sidelines of the COP28 World Climate Action Summit here in the UAE.

The Prime Minister expressed his condolences on the loss of lives in the October 7 terror attacks and welcomed the release of hostages, External Affairs Ministry spokesman Arindam Bagchi said on X.

On October 7, Israel was stormed by Hamas fighters in a deadly and surprise assault that triggered invasion of Gaza



Prime Minister Modi was warmly received in UAE

resulting in the death of thousands of Palestinians mostly civilians. Modi and Herzog exchanged views on the ongoing

conflict in the region.

"The Prime Minister reiterated the need for continued and safe delivery of humanitarian aid for the affected population," Bagchi said.

Modi emphasised India's support for a two-state solution and early and durable resolution of the Israel-Palestine issue through dialogue and diplomacy.

"...at the COP28 conference, I met dozens of leaders from around the world. I spoke with them about how Hamas blatantly violates the ceasefire agreements and repeated again and again the demand to place the release of the hostages at the very top of the international community's agenda, alongside respect for the right of the State of Israel to defend itself," Herzog said.

5 Marla Land To Landless Will Raise Living Standards Of Poor: LG

Says PM Modi Committed Towards 100 Percent Saturation Of Govt Schemes

Observer News Service

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Friday that 5 marla land to poor landless beneficiaries under PMAY (G) by his administration will raise living standards of poor, vulnerable landless families, remove the existing societal imbalances and lead to their economic and social prosperity.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi is committed towards 100% saturation of government schemes and reaching out to the unreached. It provides a significant opportunity to rural and urban areas to ensure the common man and vulnerable section is empowered," Sinha said.

He made these remarks at the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' held at Panchayat Dhok Waziran in Nagrota here on Friday.



The LG highlighted the efforts of the J&K Government to ensure benefits of welfare measures reach the poor and weaker sections of society. "UT administration is providing 5 Marla land to poor landless beneficiary under PMAY (G). This will raise the living standards of poor, vulnerable landless families, remove the existing societal imbalances and lead to their economic and social prosperity," he said. Congratulating the PRI representatives and people for

their enthusiastic participation in Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra', the LG urged them to reach out to maximum number of families, generate awareness about Government schemes and encourage enrolment of potential beneficiaries.

He emphasised the need to replicate the best practices of Panchayat Dhok Waziran to develop model villages in a holistic way for better livelihood options, improved quality of life and action-oriented Jan-Bhagidari [|More on P6](#)

6 Booked For 'Instigative' Social Media Content

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Six people have been booked in Kashmir for alleged propagation of false information and instigative content on social media platforms, police said on Friday.

"Srinagar Police and Cyber Police Kashmir have taken cognizance against 06 individuals for propagation of false information, instigative content inciting disaffection and anti-social propaganda on social media platforms. Legal action under relevant sections of law has been taken," the Srinagar Police said in a post on X.

The police said the common public is appealed to desist from posting, sharing or propagating instigative and

provocative content, misinformation, anti-social propaganda and rumour mongering.

The Cyber Police Kashmir on Wednesday said cognizance had been taken of various instigative and provocative content shared on social media and action under law was being initiated.

Though the police did not give any further details, sources said the police action came in the aftermath of the row over a social media post by a student of the National Institute of Technology (NIT).

Protests broke out on Tuesday on the NIT campus in Nigeen locality of the city over the social media post that allegedly hurt religious sentiments of some students. Police filed [|More on P6](#)

HC Bars Govt From Issuing Caste Certificates To Saini Community

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has barred the administration from granting caste certificates in favour of individuals from Saini Community until it "takes final decision".

A bench of Justice Rajnesh Oswal also ordered that the certificates already issued shall not be given effect till the status of the Saini Community as socially weak and under privileged class (Social Caste) is finally determined by the Government.

The court passed these directions while hearing a plea filed by the members of the Saini community assailing their inclusion as a weak and underprivileged (social caste) by way of a Government order dated October 19, 2022.

In their plea, the community

Dulloo Takes Over As New Chief Secretary Of J&K

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Senior IAS officer Atal Dulloo on Friday took over as the new chief secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, and received a rousing reception from hundreds of civil secretariat employees here.

Dulloo succeeded Arun Kumar Mehta who retired at the end of November.

According to an order issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Dulloo, a 1989-batch IAS officer of the Union Territories of Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory Cadre, was appointed as the chief secretary on Wednesday. On November 20, the central government repatriated Dulloo to his UT cadre after his brief tenure as the secretary of the Department of Border Management under the Home Ministry.

Large number of employees led by top IAS officers received Dulloo at the civil



secretariat this morning and presented bouquets to him. He was then led to his office chamber.

Dulloo, a B.Tech graduate from Jammu and Kashmir, is a recipient of the state award for meritorious public service on Republic Day in 2013 and a silver medal for successfully conducting assembly elections in the erstwhile state in 1996.

Before his central deputa-tion, Dulloo [|More on P6](#)

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Winter Break In CUK From Dec 18

The Central University of Kashmir on Friday announced winter break from December 18 to February 05, 2024. According to a notice, wherever courses are yet to be completed, departments shall be allowed to complete the syllabus through online classes till December 31 or till the completion of the syllabus. The notice reads that all such departments need to keep the Dean Academic Affairs informed in writing. "The classwork after the vacation shall resume on February, 05 2024," it said.

Avalanche Alert In Kupwara

A low danger avalanche warning has been issued in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, officials said on Friday. "Avalanche with low danger level is likely to occur above 2,800 metres above sea level over Kupwara district, in north Kashmir, in the next 24 hours," an official said. People living in these areas are advised to take precautions and avoid venturing in the avalanche-prone areas till further orders, the officials said.

DGP's Public Darbar Postponed Today

Jammu and Kashmir police on Friday announced postponement of Director General of Police (DGP) RR Swain's public darbar at Police Headquarters here on Saturday due to few unforeseen and unavoidable official engagements. "In view of a few unforeseen and unavoidable official engagements, the grievance redressal programme scheduled to be held on 2nd Dec 2023 at Police Headquarters, Srinagar, is hereby postponed," a [|More on P6](#)

Woman Held For Drug Peddling

Police on Friday claimed to have arrested three drug peddlers, including a woman in North Kashmir's Baramulla district. The arrests were made by the cops from police station Sheeri after establishing a checkpoint at Kitchama near the service station, a police spokesperson said. The trio, including a woman, were coming towards Kitchama on a scooty (JK05-0116) when the cops intercepted them. During the search, the spokesperson said, 776 grams of heroin [|More on P6](#)

Ex-Principal Of GMC Doda Joins DPAP

Dr Tariq Parvez Azad, a former principal of the Government Medical College in Doda, joined the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) on Friday in the presence of its chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad. Speaking on the occasion, DPAP chairman Azad said his party's doors were open to all those who wished to work for the prosperity and welfare of people. He said Dr Tariq worked for thousands of people across Jammu and Kashmir and elsewhere in [|More on P6](#)

India Logs 71 Covid Cases

India has logged 71 new coronavirus infections, while the active cases have been recorded at 352, according to Union health ministry data updated on Friday. The death toll stands at 5,33,298, the data updated at 8 am stated. The country's Covid case tally is 4.50 crore (4,50,02,015). The number of people who have recuperated from the disease has increased to 4,44,68,365 and the national recovery rate stands at 98.81 per cent, according to the health ministry's [|More on P6](#)



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No: GDG/T/247-53 Dated:30/11/2023

Extension Notice-1

Due to poor response of the following e-Nit's for the below mentioned works, published by this office is hereby extended up to 11th December 2023.

S.No	e-NIT No & Date	Title	Bid Submission End Date	Opening Bid Date
1.	GDG/10 of 202324 dated 13/11/2023	Face Lifting of Directional office by way of Painting Electrification and providing of Entrance Gate etc at PDD Compex Generation Wing Bemina Srinagar.	11-12-2023	13-12-2023
2.	GDG/11 of 202324 dated 13/11/2023	Supply Installation Testing and Commissioning of 3-phase 30kVA DG Set at Power House Ganderbal.		

Executive Engineer
Generation Division Ganderbal

DIPK-NB-4553/23
DATED: 01-12-2023

Subject:- Grant Of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name & Style "M/S Ice And Hills Holidays" Situated at Lasjan Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas we, Arjied Abbas Wani S/O Mohd Ishaq Wani R/O Pandrethan Srinagar & Inayat Rasool Wani S/O Gh. Rasool Wani R/O Shalina Budgam KASHMIR intend to apply in the Department of Tourism for registration of my proposed travel unit under the name & style of "M/S Ice And Hills Holidays" Situated at Lasjan Srinagar under tourist trade act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas I will submit state subject / Domicile certificate, Qualification Certificate, pan card, Experience Certificate (Minimum 5 years), Police character certificate, Bank statement (minimum balance 10000), site plan, Affidavit, Rent deed duly attested by sub Registrar, printing material (Letter head / Visiting card) Photograph of the unit (Indoor and outdoor) and Two passport size photographs to the department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist I Prior to Registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency. Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12) before my case is processed for my registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/ Financial institutions/Bank/ Organisation, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism Registration(email id: ddtregl23@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in a leading newspaper/newspapers of the valley. No objection beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.

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**In the Court of Additional Munsiff / Judicial
Magistrate Ist Class Srinagar**

Present: Shafeeq Ahmad Malik

Mohammad Yousuf Ganaie V/S Ali Mohammad Joo

Notice Through Publication to

Imtiyaz Ah Joo S/o Ali Mohammad Joo

R/o Ganidora Near Abbas Masjid Zaidibal Srinagar

Whereas, above titled suit has been filed against you in this court and you have been conveyed as defendant no: 2

The next date of hearing is fixed on 31-01-2024

Whereas, Summons were issued for your appearance in this court, but you avoided to acknowledge the summons, as a result the summons got returned as untraced. This way you did not appear before the Court to answer the suit and it appears that your attendance may not be procured through the issue of ordinary summons. You are as such summoned through this Publication and directed to appear before this Court personally or through counsel on 31-01-2024 failing to which appropriate orders will be penned against you. In case the date fixed in declared as holiday the matter shall be taken up on next following day.

Given under my Hand and Seal of this court.

Ist Additional
Munsiff Srinagar

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TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

The e-NIT No: CEO/IT&C/19 of 2023 Dated: 06-10-2023 issued by this office for "Replacement of defunct Addressable Fire Alarm System, Rodent Repellant System, High Sensitivity Smoke Detection System, CCTV System and Access Control System at Data Centre, Bemina, Srinagar" is hereby cancelled owing to no response received for the said tender after three extension notices issued vide this office No's CEO/IT&C/1612-14 Dated: 06-11-2023, CEO/IT&C/1680-82 Dated: 11-11-2023 and CEO/ IT&C/1724-26 Dated: 20-11-2023.

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer
IT and Communication
Division,
KPDCL

No: CEO-IT&C/1798-1800
DIPK-NB-4554/23
Dated: 01-12-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost the RC and Route Permit of my vehicle bearing Regd. No: JK05K- 4023. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the ARTO Sopore Baramulla within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Waseem Ahmad Rather
S/O Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Rather
R/o Archanderhama

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to change the name of my daughter Anusha Zehra Taskeen Zehra . In future she will be known as Taskeen Zehra . If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Tyndle Bisco Tangmarg within a period of seven days . After that no objection shall be entertained.

Nazir Ahmad Malla
F/o Taskeen Zehra R/o Magam

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Renewal of License

This is for the information of general public that I am applying for the renewal of Fertilizer License bearing No. 103/FL issued by the Chief Agriculture Officer, Agriculture Department, Srinagar, Kashmir.

If anybody having any kind of objections related to the renewal of the aforementioned license can contact the concern office within a period of 7 days from the date of this publication.

Dated: 01-12-2023

Nusrat Akhter
D/o Abdul Gani Shah
R/o Dara Harwan
Srinagar, Kashmir

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NOTICE

I Ab Rashid Khan S/O Lassa Khan R/O Jangwari Moran lost my Discharge Certificate of class 10th, year (12-12-1985) Reg no:-10076-LD- 1X-87. Now I want to its duplicate. Regard this, if anybody having any objection may file the same to the office of the Principal (Govt. Higher Secondary School Larridoora Lalpora Baramulla) within a weeks time after that no objection will be accepted.

Medialine

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4.	KASHIF ENTERPRISES	SOPORE	4242-43
5.	B.A TRADERS	SOPORE	6906-07
6.	ISHTIYAQ ENTERPRISES	MUSLIMPEERSOPORE	7075-76
7.	SAFA PHARMACEUTICALS	NEW COLONY SOPORE	5360-61
8.	KHAN PHARMACEUTICAL DIST.	SOPORE	3667-68
9.	KANWAL & CO. PH DIST.	SOPORE	3407-08
10.	NEW SHAH TRADERS	NEAR APNA BAZAR SOPORE	6554-55
11.	AHAD SON'S PH DIST.	AFGHAN BUILDING SOPORE	14820-21
12.	SUN WAY MEDICAL AGENCY	TEHSIL ROAD SOPORE	14115-16
13.	CHANGE PHARMA	ARAMPORASOPORE	6808-09
14.	GEE ENN KAY AGENCIES	SOPORE	05/151-52
15.	MALIK TRADING CORP.	SHALLAPORASOPORE	7159-60
16.	WULAR TRADERS	SOPORE	3980-81
17.	ABABIEL PHARMACEUTICALS	NEAR BUS STAND SOPORE	2839-40
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19.	AMATUR PHARMACEUTICALS	SOPORE	7073-74
20.	F.F TRADERS	SOPORE	3597-98
21.	AHAD SON'S PH DIST.	AFGHAN BUILDING SOPORE	14820-21
22.	ASHOKA TRADERS	SOPORE	5205-06
23.	KHAJA ENTERPRISES	SANGRAMPORASOPORE	05/117-18
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27.	EMMEMM TRADING CORP.	ARAMPORASOPORE	7970-71
28.	SHVA ENTERPRISES	SOPORE	3659-60
29.	SIRAJ-UD-DIN & SON'S	AISHPISOPORE	3291-92
30.	J.B TRADERS	AUQAF BUILDING SOPORE	3819-20
31.	JAN TRADERS	SOPORE	2871-72
32.	AADIL AGENCIES	SOPORE	7483-84
33.	HAJINI BROTHERS	SOPORE	3513-14
34.	HARB AGENCIES	SHALLAPORASOPORE	05/175-76
35.	SHEIKH MEDICAL AGENCY	TEHSIL ROAD SOPORE	6674-75
36.	JANWARI PHARMACEUTICALS	MUSLIMPEERSOPORE	05/129-30
37.	MUZAMIL PHARMACEUTICALS	NEW COLONY SOPORE	4492-93
38.	PHARMA KING TRADING CORP.	SOPORE	7659-60
39.	AL-FAIZAN PHARMACEUTICALS	JAMIAQADEEMSOPORE	7559-60
40.	DEE DEE ENTERPRISES	SOPORE	5066-67
41.	DEE DEE ENTERPRISES	SOPORE	5066-67
42.	NAQASHBANDI TRADERS	MUSLIMPEERSOPORE	3940-41
43.	B. SON'S PHARMACEUTICAL DIST.	IQBAL MARKET SOPORE	14313-14
44.	HURRA MEDICAL AGENCY	SOPORE	14362-63
45.	SHAHNAWAZ TRADING CORP.	NEW COLONY SOPORE	7407-08
46.	ASHRAF ENTERPRISES	SUPER BAZAR SOPORE	14187-88
47.	BASHIR ENTERPRISES	KRALTENGSOPORE	N.A
48.	H.B PHARMACEUTICALS	SOPORE	3810-11
49.	WALEED AGENCIES	JAMIAQADEEMSOPORE	5086-87
50.	MUGHL-E-AZAM MEDICAL AGENCY	NEW COLONY SOPORE	17646-47
51.	ABM ASSOCIATES	NEW COLONY SOPORE	8303-04
52.	KHAN PHARMACEUTICAL DIST.	NOOR BAGHSOPORE	3667-68
53.	NEW GANIE MEDICAL AGENCY	NEAR WATER TANKYSOPORE	18220-21

54.	PANSY ENTERPRISES	AFGHAN BUILDING SOPORE	7595-96
55.	BISMA TRADERS PH DIST.	SOPORE	05/187-88
56.	HRM TRADERS	UMER MARKET SOPORE	6810-11
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58.	ABM ASSOCIATES	IQBAL MARKET SOPORE	8303-04
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62.	ALI SON'S PHARMACEUTICALS	PARK ROAD BARAMULLA	14081-82
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68.	YASIR ENTERPRISES PH DIST.	NEW COLONY SOPORE	19549-50
69.	GENIUS MEDICAL AGENCY	NEW COLONY SOPORE	16604-05
70.	DHAR TRADERS	COURT ROAD SOPORE	3405-06
71.	AMEER SON'S LABORATORIES PH DIST.	MODEL TOWN SOPORE	5796-97
72.	ESKAY TRADERS	SOPORE	3335-36
73.	M.L AGENCIES	SOPORE	N.A
74.	G.H TRADERS	KRALTENGSOPORE	6520-21
75.	HANJIA TRADERS PH DIST.	ARAMPORASOPORE	16526-27
76.	EMM& BEE PHARMACEUTICALS	SHADIPORASUMBAL	7147-48
77.	ARSHID TRADERS	SHALLAPORASOPORE	7008-09
78.	SUN SHINE SALES CORP.	SHALLAPORASOPORE	7639-40
79.	MUSHTAQ ENTERPRISES	BABA YOUSUFSOPORE	6806-07
80.	IFLA TRADERS PH DIST.	NEW COLONY SOPORE	15210-11
81.	GOPINATHNANDIAL	SOPORE	2785-86
82.	SHEIKH TRADERS PH DIST.	SOPORE	6010-11
83.	CHALLENGER ENTERPRISES	RESHI BUILDING SOPORE	3419-20
84.	AMEER SON'S PHARMACEUTICALS	TEHSIL ROAD SOPORE	3269-70
85.	BIG SON'S TRADERS	SHALLAPORASOPORE	7625-26
86.	ENNEMM PHARMACEUTICALS	BATAPORASOPORE	7509-10
87.	RIFCO TRADING CO.	SOPORE	3997-98
88.	BLUE BIRD TRADING CORP.	SOPORE	4655-56
89.	MANSOOR PHARMACEUTICALS	NEW COLONY SOPORE	16700-701
90.	PHARMA CREATION	SOPORE	14057-58
91.	S.A PHARMACEUTICALS	NEW COLONY SOPORE	05/239-40
92.	EMMARR PHARMACEUTICALS	SOPORE	7647-48
93.	FURQAN TRADERS	CHOTA BAZAR SOPORE	8339-40
94.	LONE MEDICAL AGENCY	ROHAMARAFIABAD	N.A
95.	AAY JAY TRADERS	TUJARSHARIESOPORE	14856-57
96.	ROOPA PHARMACEUTICALS	SANGRAMPORASOPORE	N.A
97.	GEE ECH PEE AGENCIES	SOPORE	3892-93
98.	GLOBAL ENTERPRISES PH DIST.	SHALLAPORASOPORE	7487-88
99.	PROWESS ASSOCIATES PH DIST.	SHALLAPORASOPORE	02/250-51
100.	CHALLENGER ENTERPRISES	RESHI BUILDING SOPORE	3419-20

Whereas Concerned Drug Control Officers have reported the above mentioned firms have been found violating the norms and conditions of licenses as mandated under the relevant Provisions of Drugs And Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules there under;

Whereas the firms were served Show Cause Notices asking to submit reply to the notices within weeks time positively without fail, failing which action under law shall follow;

Whereas reply to the notices served upon these firms have not been received till date;

Whereas Concerned authorities have recommended cancellation of the above mentioned firms because of non-existence in nature.

Now, therefore, I Nighat Jabeen Licensing Authority for Wholesale Drug Sale Establishments in Kashmir Division hereby serve upon the Show Cause Notices under the Provisions of Drug And Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the rules there under and offer an final opportunity to explain their position in writing as to why their licenses issued in the form 20B/21B may not be cancelled for violating the conditions of Licenses/Prescribed norms.

Reply of the firms in light of above shall reach this office within 07 days positively without fail, failing which an ex-party action under law shall follow .

Sd/-
(LICENSING AUTHORITY)
By Drugs Controller
Drugs and Food Control Organization
Kashmir Division

No: DFO/K/Drug/1312-13

DIPK-13132/23
dated: 01-12-2023



After Rainfall, Boulevard Turns Into Cesspool, Commuters Suffer

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A few hours precipitation has left the city's famous Boulevard road impassable, seriously inconveniencing both commuters and pedestrians.

Residents living in Dal Lake complained that the water logging along the Boulevard famous stretch, particularly between Ghat No. 2 and several other points has severely affected the movement.

The residents said vehicles are struggling to navigate through the flooded road, while pedestrians are forced to wade through ankle-deep water, making it difficult and unsafe to use the pathway.

The situation has raised concerns among residents and tourists alike, questioning the authority's preparedness to handle such weather conditions.

"It's shocking to see the state of Boulevard road after just one day of rain," Suhail Ahmad, a local said. He claimed that the Boulevard Road and Dal Lake are major tourist attractions, which are supposed to be the most beautiful spots in the city, but the water logging makes it look terrible and creates a major safety hazard for everyone.

Another resident expressing concerns regarding the lack of proper drainage systems in the city, claiming, this is a recurring problem whenever it rains heavily, the water has nowhere to go, so it accumulates on the roads and streets, causing chaos, calling for the immediate action to improve the drainage system so that such situations can be avoided in the future.

Water Logging Hits Business In Maharaj Gunj Market

Srinagar: The historic Maharaj Gunj Market, known for its lively atmosphere and diverse shops, was submerged in stagnant water, transforming the market into a cesspool.

Shopkeepers in the ancient city's historic marketplace voiced their dissatisfaction with Maharaj Gunj current state, citing difficulties brought on by water logging.

"Water logging is making it very difficult for us to navigate in the market. Our business has been severely affected since customers are reluctant to visit us" Abdul Rashid, a cloth merchant said.

Noor Mohammad, another shop owner, said the damage caused by water logging has led to the significant losses. "The water logging has damaged our merchandise. Many of the goods are now useless," he said.

An official said they will press water pumps into service to clear the accumulated water.



People gather around a bonfire to keep themselves warm amid intermittent light rainfall on a cold Friday afternoon at iconic Dal Lake in Srinagar. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

GMC Srinagar Commemorates World AIDS Day

Observer News Service

Srinagar: On the occasion of World AIDS Day, the Department of Community Medicine, Government Medical College (GMC), Srinagar commemorated the event at the College Auditorium by organizing an array of activities.

Prof.(Dr.) M. Iqbal Pandit, Department of Community Medicine and the Organizing Chairperson, delivered the welcome address and the introductory remarks. The program was inaugurated by the Chief Guest for the occasion, Principal and Dean, GMC Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Masood Tanvir, who emphasized the growing burden of HIV infection and its physical, social and financial implications. He further elaborated on the theme for this year 'Let Communities Lead'.

Prof.(Dr.) S.M Salim Khan, Head of the Department, Community Medicine and Chairperson for the event delivered the keynote address elucidating HIV/AIDS epidemiology and changing trends with regard to the Kashmiri population.

Khan Intiyaz Ahamad, Assistant Director, Jammu and Kashmir AIDS Control Society, spoke about the current scenario of HIV/AIDS in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Department of Community Medicine had organized health education video, quiz and essay writing competitions among the undergraduate students.

The Health Education Videos were adjudged by Prof. (Dr.) Bilal Ahmad Sheikh, Head of the Department, Pathology and Dr. Asifa Nazir, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology. Sadiya, Geeta, Anuj, Avishek and Antariksh secured the first position.

Prof. (Dr.) Ghulam Mohammad Bhat was the judge for the essay writing competition wherein Zobia, Shaista and Zehra secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd place respectively. A similar program was conducted at SDH Hazratbal during which doctors emphasized the importance of awareness about HIV/AIDS among the population. The poster competition among doctors was also held. The winners of the quiz competition were Basit Riyaz, Adnan Javeed and Mohassan. All the winners were awarded medals and certificates of merit, whereas all contestants received certificates of participation.

The event concluded after the valedictory session where all the dignitaries were presented with mementoes as a token of appreciation. Dr. Sameena Yousuf Dar, Lecturer, Department of Com-

Gandhi Memorial College, JKACS Observe 'World AIDS Day'

Srinagar: The Red Ribbon club of Gandhi Memorial College in collaboration with J&K Aids Control Society marked World Aids Day.

The event was inaugurated by the Principal, Prof (Dr) G M Lone. In his introductory remarks, Prof (Dr) G M Lone underscored the importance of observing World Aids Day by laying stress on dispelling myths surrounding Aids.

Prof Syed Ghulam Jeelani, Convener College Red Ribbon Club, delivered on the theme -Let Communities Lead, chosen for 2023. He further shed light on various facets of AIDS.

On this occasion different competitions- Face Painting, Painting and Rangoli, were held as proposed by J&K Aids Control Society. The best three students in each category were presented certificates and trophies.

community Medicine and Co-Organizing Secretary, along with Dr. Kouser Sideeq, delivered the vote of thanks following which working lunch was distributed among the audience.

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HIGHWAY STATUS

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

PRAYERS

HIJRI CALENDAR
17 Jumada al-Awwal
1445

FAJR	5: 50
ZUHR	12:17
ASR	3: 45
Magrib	5:26
ISHA	6: 49

This Day In History

- 1409- The University of Leipzig opens
- 1697- St Paul's Cathedral, designed by Sir Christopher Wren is consecrated for use (previous building destroyed in the Great Fire of London)
- 1763- Touro shul of Newport, Rhode Island dedicated (oldest existing US synagogue)
- 1777- British General Howe plots attack on Washington's army for Dec 4
- 1790- Austrian army occupies Brussels.
- 1804 - Napoleon Bonaparte is crowned Emperor of France in Paris.
- 1805 - Napoleon defeats Russians & Austrians at Austerlitz.
- 1840 - William Henry Harrison elected the 9th President of the United States of America.
- 1899 - US & Germany agree to divide Samoa between them.
- 1914 - Austria army occupies Belgrade Serbia.
- 1927 - Paleontologist Davidson Black announces to the Geological Society of China that the ancient human fossils from Zhoukoudian, China are a new species which he has named 'Sinanthropus pekinensis' (now known as 'Homo erectus').
- 1942 - World's 1st self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction occurs in Chicago Pile-1 (world's 1st nuclear reactor) at the University of Chicago, overseen by Enrico Fermi.
- 1952 - First human birth televised to public (KOA-TV Denver, Colo).
- 1961 - Fidel Castro declares he's a Marxist & will lead Cuba to Communism.
- 1968 - US President Richard Nixon names Henry Kissinger security advisor.
- 1969 - Boeing 747 jumbo jet 1st public preview (Seattle to NYC).
- 1971 - Soviet Mars 3 is first to soft land on Mars.
- 1971 - United Arab Emirates (Trucial States) declares independence from UK.
- 1971 - Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Fujaira, Sharjah & Umm ak
- Qiwain form United Arab Emirates.
- 1971 - Zayid bin Sultan Al Nuhayyan of Abu Dhabi becomes President of UAE.
- 1974 - Soyuz 16 launched into Earth orbit for 6 days
- 1976 - Fidel Castro becomes President of Cuba, replacing Osvaldo Dorticos Torrado.
- 1981 - Spanish government requests membership of NATO.
- 1982 - 1st permanent artificial heart successfully implanted (U of Utah) in retired dentist Barney Clark; lived 112 days with Jarvic-7 heart.
- 1987- US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site
- 1988- ESPN airs its 10,000th edition of 'Sports Center', making it the most televised cable program in history
- 1988- STS-27 Atlantis launched (Secret military mission)
- 1988- UN votes 151-2 (Israel and US) to move PLO debate to Geneva, Great Britain abstains
- 1989- V. P. Singh sworn in as the 8th Prime Minister of India
- 1990- First parliamentary election in newly reunified Germany
- 1990- First time 12 people in space at the same time
- 1990- US 69th manned space mission STS 35 (Columbia II) launches into orbit
- 1991- Australia routs India by 10 wickets in the 1st cricket Test in Brisbane; first Test to be officiated by a match referee; former England captain MJK Smith does the honours
- 1992- Kiwi opening batsman John Wright becomes first New Zealander to make 5,000 runs in Test cricket when he scores 14 in the 2nd innings of the drawn 1st Test against Sri Lanka in Moratuwa
- 1993- Space shuttle STS-61 (Endeavour 5), launches
- 1997- For only the second time in English Football League history, 5 players are sent from the field; 4 Bristol Rovers players and 1 from Wigan are dismissed in the Division 2 match at JJB Stadium; four of the red cards come in 45th minute
- 2008- Thai Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat resigns after the 2008 Thailand political crisis

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur Division Invites applications for allotment of halt contract for sale of tickets for the following stations:-

1. Name of work	Allotment of Halt contract at Jamshar Khas, Sham Chaurasi, Khalkar Kalan Jhanda ji, Jajjan Doaba, Garshankar, Malluota, Salla Khurd, Garra Sahib, Sindhar, Rure Asal and Bopa Rai Halt Stations over Firozpur Division.
2. Tenure of contract	5 (five) years.
3. Last date & time of submission and opening of applications.	On 29.12.2023 Up to 15.00hrs (Applications will be opened on 29.12.2023 and in case the day on which the applications are to be opened is a holiday, the same will be opened at the same time on next working day.)
4. Address of the office & date of application.	Office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur. Date 30.11.2023 to 29.12.2023 forms will be available
5. Northern Railway's website	Applications can also be downloaded from Northern Railway's official website www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in

The notice for inviting application forms and other related information is also available on the official web site of Northern Railway www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-AUCTION NOTICE

The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Auction from eligible and registered bidders for the following works over Firozpur Division:-

1. Auction catalogue No.	EAZR-PnU23-20
Auction Date & Time	07.12.23 at 12:30 Hrs
Name of work	Allotment of contract for operation & maintenance of Pay & Use Toilets at Jagraon, Baramulla, Firozpur Cantt Ludhiana, 2nd Block & Dhandari Kallan Railway Station
2. Auction catalogue No.	EAZR-PnU23-21
Auction Date & Time	13.12.22 at 12:30 Hrs
Name of work	Allotment of contract for operation & maintenance of Pay & Use Toilets at Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway Station

For other details and registration, please visit Railway website www.reps.gov.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

Due to inadvertently, my name has been wrongly entered as Intiyaz Ahmad Baigh S/o. Bashir Ahmad Baigh in the Govt. Department as against my correct name which is Intiyaz Ahmad Baigh S/o. Bashir Ahmad Baigh. Now the necessary correction is to be made in this regard any body having any objection may convey the same to planning Development and Monitoring Department/Director General Economics & Statistics Jammu & Kashmir within a period of 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

Intiyaz Ahmad Baigh S/o. Bashir Ahmad Baigh, R/o, Naribal Lalbazar, Srinagar District Srinagar, Pin. 190023.
Assistant Director (E&S) Planning Dev. & Monitoring Department, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

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Tel: 01933-247954/247955 Website: www.iust.ac.in

Extension for the submission of tender for Liquid Chromatography - Mass Spectrometer (LC-MS) Instrument

The last date for the submission of tender for the procurement of Liquid Chromatography - Mass Spectrometer (LC-MS) Instrument issued vide No: IUST/Reg PS/DHS/2023/340 dated 03-11-2023 is hereby extended up to **11-12-2023**. The detailed tender document is available at University website www.iust.ac.in.

No: IUST/DSOHS/DHS-Purse/2023/380 Sd/-
Dated: 30-11-2023 Dean, Health Sciences/ Principal Investigator

DIPK-NB-4555/23 dated: 1-02-2023

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice

Sr. DEN-III/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.reps.gov.in with closing date **22.12.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs**. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.reps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc are not allowed. For more information logon to www.reps.gov.in

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System	Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
Open	Works	Single Bid System	30.11.2023	08.12.2023	22.12.2023/15:00 Hrs

S.N.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1	324-2023-24-ADEN-II-ASR	Provision of cover shed over 5 no. LHS C-26, C-58, C-73 on ASR-KEMK section & C-2, C-60 on BES - TTO section under ADEN-II/ASR. Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money Validity of Offer Period of Completion 5,42,02,112.90/- 4,21,000/- 60 Days 08 Months Similar nature of work :- "Any Civil work other than track work"
2	325-2023-24-ADEN-II-ASR	Provision of cover shed over 4 no. LHS C-29, C-52, C-53 & C-60 on VKA-DBNK section ADEN-II/ASR. Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money Validity of Offer Period of Completion 4,33,61,685.36/- 3,66,800/- 60 Days 08 Months Similar nature of work :- "Any Civil work other than track work"
3	326-2023-24-ADEN-JUC	Augmentation & heavy repair of STM office, Workshop and circulating area at Jalandhar city under ADEN/JUC Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money Validity of Offer Period of Completion 39,99,925.28/- 80,000/- 60 Days 06 Months Similar nature of work :- "Nil"

Note 1. Before bidding bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender
Tender Notice No: 324 & 325-2023-24-ADEN-II/ASR, 326-2023-24-ADEN-JUC Date: 30.11.2023 3787/2023

Serving Customers With A Smile

Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre
(Erstwhile UGC-Human Resource Development Centre)
UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR
Hazratbal, Srinagar, Kashmir, 190006

Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Darzi
Director No: KU2023/HRDC/2010/2011 Dated: 30-11-2023

CIRCULAR

One Week Research Methodology Workshop for Science Scholars

UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, University of Kashmir is going to conduct One Week Research Methodology Workshop for Science Scholars w.e.f. **December 12th, 2023** in online mode via Google Meet Platform which was earlier scheduled from **November 30th, 2023**.

Research Scholars belonging to different fields of Science from Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) like Universities, Colleges and NIT's are eligible for the said course. The eligible scholars who are interested to attend the course can register online at:
<https://forms.gle/838DFAKDTf5Vug99>

The participants can pay their registration fee of Rs. 500/- to:
Account Name: Director, Academic Staff College, University of Kashmir, Srinagar
Account Number: 0007010100000807
IFSC Code: JAKA0NASEEM
Bank Name and Branch: J&K Bank, Hazratbal, Srinagar.

The participants are also requested to submit duly filled in enclosed application form (downloaded from) <http://hrdc.uok.edu.in/Main/List.aspx?Type=Download> along with the proof of depositing fee at the office of MMTTC, University of Kashmir by or before **December 11th, 2023** either in person or a soft copy by email to asc@kashmiruniversity.ac.in. Due to limited capacity, admission will be on first-cum-first-serve basis.

DIPK-NB-4561/23 dated: 01-12-2023 Sd/- Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Darzi

Why is Teaching as a Profession Losing its Sheen?

Teaching profession is often seen as a fallback option, attracting individuals out of necessity rather than passion. This shift in perception has profound implications for the quality of education

Ummar Jamal

The teaching profession stands as the bedrock of societal development, playing a pivotal role in shaping the minds of future generations. A nation's progress is inherently tied to the quality of education it provides, and at the forefront of this endeavor are teachers—true architects of a nation's future. However, in contemporary times, the teaching profession is often seen as a fallback option, attracting individuals out of necessity rather than passion. This shift in perception has profound implications for the quality of education and, consequently, the progress of a nation. To ensure a brighter future, it is imperative to restore the allure of teaching as a preferred profession, one that beckons the best and brightest minds to guide and inspire the leaders of tomorrow.

The Teacher as a Nation Builder

Teachers are not just educators; they are nation builders. The impact of a teacher extends far beyond the confines of the classroom. They mold the character, instill values, and impart knowledge that serves as the foundation for a thriving society. It is through education that innovation, critical thinking, and civic responsibility are nurtured. The influence of a dedicated and passionate teacher can resonate throughout a student's life, shaping their perspectives and influencing their choices. As such, the importance of the teaching profession cannot be overstated—it is the linchpin that holds the fabric of a progressive society together.

The Current State of Teaching

Regrettably, the teaching profession is often relegated to a fallback option, chosen out of compulsion rather than genuine passion. Economic constraints, societal pressures, and a lack of recognition contribute to the decline in the desirability of teaching as a career. This trend results in a workforce that lacks the enthusiasm and commitment necessary to cultivate a vibrant learning environment. The consequences are evident in the quality of education, which is compromised when teaching becomes a mere means of livelihood rather than a calling.

A groundbreaking study commissioned by the Varkey Foundation has investigated the societal standing of educators across 35 nations. The Global Teacher Status Index, conducted in collaboration with Populus and researchers from the UK's National Institute of Economic and Social Research, surveyed 35,000 individuals and an additional 5,500 teachers to gauge their perspectives on the teaching profession. Through asking participants to assess their esteem for teachers relative to other occupations, the researchers constructed an index reflecting the social status of teachers. Released in 2018, these findings constitute the most extensive examination of worldwide teacher respect to date.

Among 14 key professions, classroom teachers found themselves towards the lower end of the rankings, with primary and secondary school teachers holding the 10th and 11th positions in the hierarchy of professional respect, respectively. This placed them above occupations such as web designers, social workers, and librarians. School leaders secured the 4th position overall, trailing behind doctors, lawyers, and engineers. The research also highlighted the dynamic nature of teacher social status, noting a moderate increase in respect for teachers from 2013,

when the Varkey Foundation initially presented global polling on this matter.

The Domino Effect on Education Quality

When teaching is pursued as a fallback option, the domino effect on education quality is inevitable. A disinterested teacher is unlikely to inspire students or ignite a love for learning. The lack of passion translates into uninspired lesson plans, minimal engagement with students, and a dearth of innovative teaching methodologies. As a result, students perceive education as a chore rather than an opportunity for personal and intellectual growth. The consequence is a generation that lacks the skills and knowledge needed to drive the nation forward.

Elevating Teaching to a Preferred Profession

To reverse this trend, it is imperative to elevate teaching to the status of a preferred profession. This transformation begins with societal attitudes towards the teaching profession. Recognizing and

receive the devotion and effort it requires. Teaching is not just a job; it is a calling that shapes the destiny of nations. Teachers are the architects of a country's intellectual foundation, and their influence extends far beyond the confines of the classroom. They play a pivotal role in molding the next generation of doctors, engineers, artists, and leaders.

A nation blessed with dedicated and passionate teachers reaps the benefits in every sector. A teacher who is in the profession by choice brings a unique energy and commitment that transcends the curriculum. Conversely, a system populated by teachers who settled for the profession inadvertently jeopardizes the very foundation of education.

In Kashmir, as in any other region, fostering a culture that attracts individuals to teaching as a genuine vocation is crucial. It is not merely about filling positions; it is about cultivating a cadre of educators who understand the transformative power they hold. For a nation to thrive, it needs teachers who are not just by chance but by choice, embodying the spirit of

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appreciating the vital role teachers play in nation-building is crucial. Governments, educational institutions, and communities must collaborate to implement policies and initiatives that restore the prestige of teaching.

Financial incentives, professional development opportunities, and avenues for career advancement should be made readily available to teachers. Competitive salaries, especially for those who excel in their field, can attract top-tier talent to the teaching profession. This not only rewards teachers for their dedication but also signals to society that teaching is a respected and valued career.

Furthermore, there is a need for comprehensive teacher training programs that emphasize not only subject matter expertise but also pedagogical skills, communication, and emotional intelligence. A well-prepared teacher is better equipped to navigate the challenges of the classroom, fostering a positive and stimulating learning environment.

Student, the Ultimate Victim

I have studied in Kashmir throughout my educational career. In the classrooms of Kashmir, I have often sensed a disquieting truth – the person standing at the front of the room, imparting knowledge, in many of the cases has not been there by choice. Many teachers, in a surprising admission themselves, confess that teaching was not their primary career path but rather a fallback option, chosen because other endeavors did not materialize as planned.

The impact of this realization is profound. When an individual embraces teaching merely as a second-choice profession, it becomes challenging for them to wholeheartedly invest in the role. Teaching, often regarded as the mother of all professions, demands passion, dedication, and a genuine commitment to nurturing the minds of the future. When educators are there by chance rather than choice, the essence of teaching is compromised.

A profession embraced reluctantly is unlikely to

true nation builders.

Changing the Narrative

Changing the narrative surrounding teaching requires a concerted effort from all stakeholders. Media, popular culture, and educational institutions should collaborate to portray teachers as influencers, mentors, and catalysts for societal progress. Highlighting success stories within the teaching profession can inspire others to pursue a career in education with passion and purpose.

Moreover, parents and communities must recognize the impact teachers have on their children's lives and actively support educational initiatives. A collective understanding of the symbiotic relationship between quality education and national progress can shift societal perceptions and make teaching an aspirational profession.

Conclusion

To ensure a bright and prosperous future, it is essential to restore the allure of teaching as a preferred profession. This transformation requires a shift in societal attitudes, policy reforms, and a commitment to valuing and investing in educators. By attracting the best and brightest minds to the teaching profession, we can create a ripple effect that transcends generations, fostering a society built on knowledge, innovation, and a shared commitment to progress. Teachers are indeed the architects of the future, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they have the recognition, support, and resources needed to fulfill their crucial role.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer

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At COP28, Spotlight On India's Climate Diplomacy

By Anil Padmanabhan
for NDTV

At the same time, new institutions like the ISA, made it relatively easier for India to pursue, not just for itself but also for the Global South, access to climate finance and technology for investments to decarbonise their domestic economy. A collateral gain is that this has also helped India cast itself as a much-needed bridge between the Global South and the Global North - something we recently witnessed at the summit meeting of the G20 in New Delhi.

But this is water under the bridge. India's climate diplomacy is facing its toughest test ever at COP28 in Dubai. Will it rise to the moment?

In Their Own Words: Unveiling the Pashtun Narrative

By Zia Darakshan

The Pick Of The Bunch

KO Web Desk

This situation has created an identity crisis within the community. The confusion persists regarding who is a Gujjar, who is a Pahadi, and who is a Pathan. The disparities in access to ST benefits further underscore the complexity of this identity crisis, with some members of the same community enjoying advantages while others, residing in the same neighborhood, are denied such benefits due to the absence of ST classification. Resolving this identity crisis is essential for equitable opportunities and recognition for all members of our diverse community

The Worst Fallout of Deepfake Would be a 'Trust No One' World

By Atanu Biswas
for Financial Express

What has transpired with the advent of AI and deepfake technology is that numerous apps are now widely accessible, and creating deepfakes has gotten easier and cheaper—even for amateurs. It's reported that professional assistance is also available at a meagre cost. Furthermore, social media's

lightning speed to spread them and the internet's and cellphones' widespread wings in society empower this. The sankats are just getting intensified.

Rocky Reminder: On the Silkyara Tunnel Rescue

By The Hindu

The government must investigate the specific causes of both incidents, take steps to prevent recurrence of similar situations and ensure on-site working conditions include safety features. Then again, if unsafe environments are the issue, ongoing work on the Char Dham highway itself may need to be reconsidered, since experts have repeatedly raised concerns about the carrying capacity of the local terrain and slope-cutting activities defying geological wisdom. The rescue was certainly laudable, but if adequate attention is paid to workers' — and the highway's future users' — safety, such operations may not be needed altogether.

The WEEK That Was

KO Web Desk

Srinagar's International Airport Sans Foreign Flights

By Auqib Javed
for Kashmir Observer

After the inauguration of much hyped Srinagar-Sharjah direct flight two years ago, the Srinagar's Sheikh ul-Alam International Airport has barely seen any international flight taking off, barring the planes carrying pilgrims to Saudi Arabia for annual Hajj pilgrimage once a year.

The first international flight from Srinagar to Dubai was started on February 14, 2009 by Air India Express. However, once-a-week service was discontinued due to 'low demand' by the authorities.

Twelve years later in October 2021, the international flight operations were again resumed by the government with fanfare. Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Srinagar-Sharjah Go First flight from the airport, aiming at restoring direct air connectivity between Kashmir valley and the UAE.

Rain, Snow Ends Dry Spell In Kashmir

By Press Trust of India

The three-week dry spell in Kashmir ended on Thursday with snowfall in the higher reaches of the Valley and rains in the plains, officials said here.

Snowfall was recorded in Gulmarg in north Kashmir and Sonamarg in the early hours of Thursday. The weather department has forecast more snowfall during the day.

Most parts of the Valley, including Srinagar city, received light rains, they said.

Protests Over SM Post: NIT-Srinagar Declares Winter Vacation 10 Days Ahead Of Schedule

By Press Trust of India

The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar closed for winter vacation on Thursday — 10 days ahead of schedule — as a precautionary measure, a day after protests against a student's social media post spread to other institutes.

The Islamia College of Science and Commerce suspended all classwork and internal examinations scheduled for the day.

While NIT Srinagar declared a holiday for Thursday, the Dean of Students Welfare issued a circular announcing winter vacation in the engineering institute from today. The circular also directed all students living in the hostels to vacate the boarding facility with immediate effect.

Senior IAS Officer Atal Dulloo Takes Over As New Chief Secretary Of J&K

By Press Trust of India

Senior IAS officer Atal Dulloo on Friday took over as the new chief secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, and received a rousing reception from hundreds of civil secretariat employees here.

Dulloo succeeded Arun Kumar Mehta who retired at the end of November.

According to an order issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Dulloo, a 1989-batch IAS officer of the Union Territories of Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory Cadre, was appointed as the chief secretary on Wednesday.

7 SKUAST Students Arrested For Celebrating India's World Cup Loss

By Observer News Service

Seven students of an agricultural university have been arrested here under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) for allegedly raising objectionable slogans and celebrating the Indian cricket team's loss in the World Cup final, officials said on Monday.

All the seven arrested students are studying at the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) Kashmir, in Shuhama, Ganderbal.

The students were arrested after police launched an investigation into a complaint by a non-local student who alleged his college mates had harassed him and raised objectionable slogans after India lost the final match and the cup to Australia.

DISTRACTING OURSELVES TO DEATH

THE REIGN OF TECHNOLOGICAL INSTRUMENTALISM

MUGEES UL KAISAR

"Just do it" is the creed of contemporary technological, instrumentalist, practice-centric mass mentality. The world of humankind is so "busy" that it has no time for humans. The mindless acceleration of time, heading towards "un-thought" abyss, has trampled everything "non-artificial" under its mindless motion of wheels. This is the fear that few thinkers towards the end of the last century had raised with regard to the rising technology i.e. the obliteration of human itself. It is technology that is using humans now and not the other way round. There is no human now.

The world has no time, giving the impression that something important is being done; when in fact the busier contemporary humans get, the more deteriorated the world becomes. As the world gets busier, it also increasingly approaches its proximate extinction. It seems that, not idleness or speculation or leisure, but "activity"/work/manipulation is more problematic & threatening. There is a certain violence in every kind of "work"; working upon nature, manipulating it for our use, and now "using"/abusing each other as well since human beings have also now been declared as a new "human resource". This, we need to realize, is the overarching background underlying ontology of our technocratic instrumentalist world where the primary category through which the world is revealed to us is that of the "resource" and with it the tonality of "working upon", using, exploiting, acting, consuming and what not.

But is human life solely driven by "use"? Is it not the case that all great facets of our lives, which make our lives truly worth living, are "use-less" & thus "priceless"! Do relationships fail and become toxic precisely because they too have now become "transactional" as money-resource-use-practice-result is the raison d'être of contemporary life? A "priceless" moment shared with one's parents or kids or old people or friends or all great works of art are all "use-less". And it is this "uselessness" that salvages meaning in our lives – like a gift; and a "gift", as we know, dissolves all transactionalism. A gift is an ex-nihilo act and need not be reciprocated; sadly, even "gifts" now, are, "exchanged", tainted with the



"logic" of transaction; abused by capitalism to churn out more profit. The ontology of gift is to violate the violence of transaction.

A person who keeps downplaying art, literature, poetry & philosophy, should be invited to throw old parents out as they are quite "useless"; "expenditure", with no "profit". Technology is "plastic"; it is human face of the "other" (as Levinas would say) or nature looked at disinterestedly (with no motive of exploitation) that allows us to taste something of the "Transcendence" in a (technological) world that alienates. Nothing is more "banal" – and thus more dangerous – than the celebration of the obliteration of humanities and social sciences from our public spaces and collective lives amidst the rise



THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FOR HUMANS ARE NOT TECHNOLOGICAL BUT EXISTENTIAL. Biggest crises of politics today are not technological but ethical. To reverse this technocratic malaise today, we need a re-orientation towards life, world, nature and humans – not dictated by the logic of use and resources

of scientific instrumentalist pragmatism. Full blown focus on "use", "resource" and "instrumentality" is taken as a given "good" when in fact it is this instrumentalism which is destroying both humanity and environment. Capitalist mass consumerism, exploitation of nature, technological and arms race, madness over "numbers" and acceleration of

time obliterates "human" itself. It is precisely this void of "human" that mass consumerism unsuccessfully tries to fill up.

Human desperately looks at the "smart" phone 24/7 but cannot find himself/herself there. Extinction of humans unconsciously haunts humans, only to be repressed by over-eating, over-using, over-doing

in the swim of blissful distraction. Losing oneself to senseless "chatting". Sadly, humans have forgotten to talk to each other". Smart phones are both fascinating & "fantastical" digital void/abyss that distracts us to our own deaths. The social media therein with all its algorithms run comfortably on the auto-pilot of overarching egotisms which feed

off of the same overarching background metaphysics of "violence" i.e. usurping/consuming/eating up of other "humans" as mere "followers". Reducing humans down to mere "means" to certain ends. Again, the obliteration of "human" in the "digital". There is no "human" in the digital; only "numbers". The "other" human is not understood here in terms of enlightenment humanism but in the sense of "infinite" as Levinas has it. The "other" is the radical other that I cannot reduce down to an object. I can never "know" (& thus never essentialize) the other. This transcendence of the other evokes awe, respect & reverence; and this is ethics.

When the digital/technological "thoughtlessness" becomes the norm then the sudden spurt of horrendous violence follows suit. The rise of populism, cultism, demagoguery and mob mania in today's world is the result of the crystallization of the thoughtless amorphous "mass" – half sleeping in the mindless distractions. Add to it the factor of "speed", as people have no time to "think", the mentality of getting quick results manifests into brute mechanical violence or indifference as both are "un-thought" and heartless.

Highest concern of human is not "technology" but a certain "way of life/being" which makes us alive to ourselves. The most important questions for humans are not technological but existential. Biggest crises of politics today are not technological but ethical. To reverse this technocratic malaise today, we need a re-orientation towards life, world, nature and humans – not dictated by the logic of use and resources. This re-orientation, again, is a philosophical (i.e. ontological, phenomenological, existential and hermeneutic) issue and not technological. It warrants a certain humble receptivity towards Being/existence. It is the humble registration of the Sacred mystery of Being which always recedes if attacked with concepts and techniques; it hides, conceals itself, whilst emitting out mere "numbers"/quantities that the scientist happily latches upon.

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COP28's Loss and Damage Fund, A New Step

Matt McDonald

Day one of the COP28 climate summit saw the first big breakthrough: agreement on a "loss and damage" fund to compensate poor states for the effects of climate change.

Met with a standing ovation in Dubai, the agreement means wealthy states and major polluters will put millions of dollars towards a fund that will in turn distribute funds to poor states harmed by climate change. The fund will be administered by the World Bank. Initial commitments amount to US\$430 million.

It will come as a huge relief to the United Arab Emirates, the summit's host. The country was under pressure even before talks began about its fossil fuel expansion plans and the fact the president of the climate talks is chief executive of a national oil company. This undoubtedly featured in the UAE's decision to commit US\$100 million to the fund.

Other countries to make initial commitments to the fund include the United Kingdom (\$75 million), United States (\$24.5 million), Japan (\$10 million) and Germany (also US\$100 million). Pressure will now build on other wealthy countries, including Australia, to outline their own commitments to the fund.

WHAT'S THE HISTORY OF THE FUND?

The Loss and Damage Fund was first suggested by Vanuatu in 1991.

At the heart of the push for this fund is a recognition that those countries likely to be most affected by climate change are the least responsible for the problem itself. The fund would ensure those who created the problem of climate change – de-



veloped states and major emitters – would compensate those experiencing its most devastating effects.

With global warming now locked in and effects already being felt, from natural disasters to rising sea levels, the fund also recognises the world has failed to prevent climate change from happening.

A commitment to establish such a fund was one of the most important outcomes of last year's

climate talks in Egypt. Since then, a series of meetings had taken place to try to secure international agreement about how the fund would work, who would commit to it, and who would be eligible to receive funds.

These meetings have been characterised by significant disagreement over each of these points.

In that sense, the COP28 announcement is a welcome and significant breakthrough.

QUESTIONS REMAIN

There's still a lot that needs clarifying about this fund. Some of the big outstanding questions include the fund's size, its relationship to other funds, how it will be administered over the long term, and what its funding priorities will be.

In response to the announcement, leading African think-tank representative Mohamad Adhow noted there were "no hard deadlines, no targets, and countries

are not obligated to pay into it, despite the whole point being for rich, high-polluting nations to support vulnerable communities who have suffered from climate impacts".

There is also concern about the World Bank's role in overseeing the fund in the first instance. Developing countries expressed opposition to this idea in the lead up to COP28, questioning the World Bank's environmental credentials and the transparency

of its operations.

While initial funding may seem generous, most analysts would also agree this fund is a long way from covering the full range of effects. Some estimates suggest the costs of climate-related harms are already at \$400 billion annually for developing states: roughly 1,000 times the amount initially pledged.

Finally, we should not assume pledges will actually translate to countries putting their hands in their pocket. The Green Climate Fund announced in 2009 – designed to help developing states with their transition away from fossil fuels and to help with adaptation initiatives – included a commitment for developed states to provide \$100 billion per year by 2020. They fell well short of this goal.

THE LEGACY

Agreement on this fund is a good thing in recognising the inequality at the heart of the causes and effects of climate change, and may ultimately be one of the key outcomes of these talks.

Early agreement also means it cannot be used as a bargaining chip over other crucial parts of these negotiations. Now the talks can now focus on the assessment of progress towards meeting commitments to the Paris Agreement, which aims to hold warming to 1.5°C to limit further dangerous levels of climate change.

Whether the UAE organisers and the rest of the world take up this challenge effectively will determine the effectiveness of these talks, and quite possibly the fate of the planet.

By arrangements with The Conversation

DC Kulgam Reviews Beautification Measures Of Towns

Observer News Service

KULGAM: In order to review the steps being taken for beautification of towns falling under municipalities of the district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat Friday convened a meeting of all the concerned officers at mini-secretariat, here.

At the outset, Executive Officers of Municipalities elaborated on measures being taken by them for beautification of towns.

During the meeting, DC reviewed measures being taken for beautification wherein threadbare discussion was held on facelift of market places,

creation of open and green spaces, street lighting, traffic signals, development of pavements, creation of vendor zones in all four towns of Kulgam district.

He emphasized that with the smaller and creative interventions, we can beautify our towns and give them a better aesthetic look.

The DC during the meeting also reviewed the status of works and instructed to ensure timely completion of works.

ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather; ACR, Mir Imtiaz Ul Aziz; JDP, Zahid Sajjad; SE R&B, AEEs, EOs, Town Planner and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

Suresh Raina Appointed Youth Voter Awareness Ambassador Of J&K



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), J&K Pandurang K Pole announced and presented letter to Suresh Raina who has been appointed as the youth voter awareness ambassador for Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking on the occasion, the CEO said that Suresh Raina being a cricket legend and a revered figure in India, holds considerable influence, particularly among the youth. "This influence can be harnessed to encourage more individuals to participate in the electoral process, leading to higher voter turnout and greater civic engagement", he added.

Speaking on the sidelines of the event, Suresh Raina said that we are witnessing that many players from J&K are playing well at National as well as International level and also hoping that in coming time more and more People would come at national and International level.

Later, he also appealed that youth of J&K should also come forward and get themselves registered as voters before 9 December 2023 to further elect their candidates. He added that it is very necessary for healthy democracy that people should vote in large numbers.

Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, Kuldeep Krishan Sidha was also present on the occasion.

Kupwara Admin To Rehabilitate Street Vendors

Observer News Service

KUPWARA: In a significant move towards urban development and inclusive growth, the Municipal Council Kupwara has undertaken shifting and rehabilitation of street vendors to approximately, 07 Kanal of State Land near Sumo stand Lolab.

Recognizing the vital role played by street vendors in the informal economy, this initiative aims to create a more organized and sustainable urban environment in the town.

The initiative focuses on reducing congestion in crowded market roads by relocating street vendors to designated zones. This strategic move is geared towards creating a more efficient and harmonious cityscape with smooth traffic flow.

The district administration is committed towards ensuring the livelihood security of street vendors. Adequate measures are being implemented to safeguard their economic interests and provide support for a smooth shift.

The relocation will offer de-

velopment of infrastructure in the new designated vending zone, including amenities such as proper stalls, sanitation facilities, and waste management systems to enhance the working conditions of vendors in days to come.

A robust public awareness campaign preceded to inform citizens about the rationale behind this initiative. The move has received huge support from the vast majority of people who believe that transformation will help bring positive impact on both vendors and the overall urban landscape.

Municipal Council Kupwara is actively involved in ensuring a seamless transition by involving Street vendors, as key stakeholders, in the decision-making process. Their insights and feedback are considered to make the transition process more inclusive and responsive to their needs.

This initiative reflects the District Administration commitment towards balancing urban development with social inclusivity.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Organised In Shopian's Ramnagri Block

Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: As part of ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) and Prime Ministers scheduled interaction with beneficiaries of VBSY, a programme was organised on Friday at Block Ramnagri of district Shopian.

The ongoing VBSY has marked its vibrant presence in Block Ramnagri and embarked on an impactful journey through various panchayats of Ramnagri including Ramnagri-B, Saidapora-A, Saidapora-B, Sedow- A and Sedow-B.

The programme was attended by BDO concerned officers of all line departments besides PRIs

and local populations.

On the occasion, after interaction, the officers reached out to the citizens eligible under various welfare schemes, disseminating information and fostering awareness about the Government sponsored public centric schemes.

Meanwhile, people are being given awareness regarding welfare scheme benefits under Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY, PM Garib Kalyan, PM Awas Yojna, PM Ujjwala Yojna, PM Kisan Samman Jan Dhan Yojna etc. to reach to the vulnerable population with the aim to generate awareness regarding the Central Government's welfare schemes and



SHIKARAS REMAIN ANCHORED along the banks of Dal Lake in Srinagar on a cold Friday morning.

KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

AIDS Cases Increasing In J&K, 6305 Reported Since 1998

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The cases of HIV/AIDS are increasing with each passing year in Jammu & Kashmir, as a total of 6,305 patients have tested positive in the region from 1998 until October 2023.

A top health official said that 1,452 HIV-positive patients have died since 1998 until October 2023, while 3,583 patients are living on Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART). He added that 521 patients have left follow-up.

He said that 5,154 cases of HIV have been reported at GMC Jammu, and among them, 1,274 have died, 470 have left follow-up, and 2,782 are living on ART.

Similarly, at SKIMS Srinagar, the number of patients registered in HIV care till October 2023 is 776, with 152 deaths, 35 leaving follow-up, and 473 living on ART, he added.

In ART Kathua, the number of patients registered in HIV care is 375, with 26 deaths, 16 leaving follow-up, and 328

living on ART.

The officials highlighted that due to social stigma, many people aren't coming forward for HIV tests, and over the years, the number of patients infected has shown a rising trend.

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a chronic, potentially life-threatening condition caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). By damaging the immune system, HIV interferes with the body's ability to fight infection and disease.

HIV is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) and can also be spread through contact with infected blood or from mother to child during pregnancy, childbirth, or breastfeeding, as well as multi-person usage of needles. Without medication, it may take years before HIV weakens the immune system to the point of developing AIDS.

Officials said that a person suffering from AIDS is unfortunately often regarded as a stigma in society, and such

individuals become victims of ostracism, rejection, and discrimination.

They also noted that J&K is at a greater risk of HIV/AIDS due to its status as a tourist destination, along with the presence of long-distance truck drivers, considered a vulnerable bridge population for HIV transmission, the heavy influx of migrant labourers, and the high concentration of security forces.

Most patients testing positive for HIV/AIDS in J&K have contracted the disease from outside the UT. "Drug addicts are at a higher risk of contracting HIV/AIDS, and if they are married or sexually active, they can transmit the virus to their partners as well," they said.

The AIDS Project Cell was reconstituted as the JAMMU & KASHMIR AIDS CONTROL SOCIETY (JKSACS), registered under the Jammu & Kashmir Societies Registration Act, with effect from 14TH December 1998, to address the problem of AIDS more effectively—(KNO).

Doctors Ask People To Leave Stigma, Talk Openly

SRINAGAR: As the world observed AIDS Day, the health experts here on Friday said that there is a need to get rid of social stigma so that affected people may come forward for treatment and talk openly about HIV to educate people.

World AIDS Day is observed across the globe on December 1 with a new theme every year and in 2023, the theme is "Let communities lead".

Doctors said the social stigma has been a formidable barrier in the fight against HIV, thereby hindering prevention efforts and perpetuating the spread of the virus.

Dr Fozia, Head of Department Community Medicine at GMC Anantnag, said that stigmatizing attitudes surrounding HIV contribute to fear, misinformation and discrimination creating an environment where individuals are hesitant to seek testing, treatment and support.

She said by challenging and changing societal perceptions, we can definitely create an environment that

promotes open dialogue, open dialogue education and understanding.

Dr Showkat, another doctor at GMC said that people who have already been affected by this virus must come forward and lead the fight to get rid of it and avoid its spread.

He said fear of judgement often leads people to avoid HIV testing that allows the virus to go undetected and untreated and destigmatizing will definitely help in improving individual health outcomes but also helps in preventing further transmission of the virus.

Dr Ifra from GMC Anantnag said that people can easily come for treatment of HIV as their identities aren't being disclosed besides they are being sanitised to adhere to treatment plans, ultimately reducing the overall burden of the virus in the communities.

Doctors said that talking openly about HIV will help in addressing misconceptions and can help in dispelling myths, reduce fear and foster empathy.

They said by engaging communities in discussion, awareness and support networks, an environment can be created that can encourage empathy, understanding and solidarity and that will in turn contribute to a more effective HIV prevention.

They said there is complete treatment available for HIV and it can be cured fully, however, preventions are better so as to avoid contraction of this virus.

They said that people can get or transmit HIV only through specific activities, such as sex or injection drug use. HIV can be transmitted only in certain body fluids from a person who has HIV. These fluids are blood, semen, pre-seminal fluids, rectal fluids, vaginal fluids, and breast milk.

"To reduce your risk of HIV, use condoms properly. Do not inject drugs. If you do, use only sterile injection equipment and water, and never share your equipment with others," they added—(KNO)

LG Hails Socio-Economic Transformation Of Nagaland

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Friday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's development initiative for North-East has truly brought historic socio-economic transformations of Nagaland after years of neglect.

"In the last 9 years, the state, known as the land of festivals and famous for its vibrant folk music, traditional dances, arts and crafts, delicious cuisines, enchanting rivers and rich flora and fauna, has seen significant progress on various fronts and renewed vigour in its economy," he added.

Sinha was addressing the guests on the occasion of Nagaland Statehood Day celebrations at Raj Bhawan here on Friday. The Statehood Day was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm and several captivating cultural programmes based on the famous dance forms of Nagaland were presented by the Artists of Jammu Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages.

While addressing the guests, the LG extended his greetings to all especially the people of Nagaland on Statehood Day.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi's development initiative for the North-East has truly brought historic socio-economic



transformations of Nagaland after years of neglect," he said.

The LG paid homage to the great personalities of Nagaland and remembered their significant contribution in nation building.

"Nagaland, blessed with tremendous diversity and richness is fondly called as land of warrior tribes. The Naga leader and freedom fighter, Rani Gaidinliu, also known as daughter of the hills who had joined the freedom struggle at the age of 13 years, had inspired the people to rebel against the British," he said.

He said the Statehood Day is also an occasion to celebrate Nagaland's unique strengths, opportunities, tourism potential and the spirit of unity in diversity.

Security personnel, students and the people of Nagaland living in J&K were the special invitees for the evening.

Ex-MLA, Sikh Employees Call On LG



JAMMU: Devender Singh Rana, former Legislator and senior BJP leader, besides representatives of All Sikh Minority Employees Association on Friday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan here.

Rana apprised LG Sinha about various issues of public importance, an official spokesperson said. He said that the LG assured the former Legislator of appropriate redressal of genuine issues and demands put forth by him during the interaction.

Also, the spokesperson said, representatives of All Sikh Mi-

nority Employees Association and All Employees Joint Association Kashmir (M) led by Jagmeet Kour Bali called on LG at Raj Bhawan, today.

The LG, he said, assured the members of the delegation of time-bound redressal of their genuine issues and grievances. Later, Padma Shri Dr SP Varma, President Gandhi Global Family, J&K and Riyaz Bashir Naaz, Member, District Development Council, Poonch also called on LG Sinha

Naaz apprised the LG on various development issues of Poonch district.

Arrangements For JKSSB Examinations Finalized At Budgam

DC Calls For Smooth & Transparent Conduct Of Exams Across All Centres

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo on Friday convened a meeting to finalize arrangements for the ensuing

there is no lacunae at any centre. CEO Budgam was instructed that training of all concerned including superintendents, deputy superintendents and invigilators is conducted well in time.



JKSSB OMR based examination of Panchayat Secretaries.

The meeting held at Sheikh-ul-Alam Hall, Budgam was also attended by SSP Budgam, Al-Tahir Gillani, Member/Observer JKSSB, Yar Ali Khan and Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah.

Stressing on making adequate arrangements for free, fair and transparent conduct of examination at all examination centres, the DC sensitized all the officers about their roles and responsibilities to ensure smooth conduct of the examination.

At the outset, ADC Budgam was designated as Chief Inspector for over all examination centres, while SDMs were also designated as Chief inspectors for examination centres falling in their respective sub-division areas.

Exhorting officers to work in close coordination, the DC emphasized on making foolproof arrangements at all centres and instructed concerned to ensure

The arrangements for drinking water, heating, electricity, transport; manpower, videography, CCTV etc at all centres of the district were also discussed in the meeting.

The District Treasury Officer was directed to ensure safe custody of examination material at a strong room facility, besides proper scrutiny and timely receipt and dispatch of examination material.

ARTO and DYSP Traffic Rural were instructed to ensure required transport arrangements besides smooth traffic movement particularly on the examination day.

During the meeting, SSP Budgam said that adequate security arrangements shall be made at all examination centres in the District.

Among others, the meeting was also attended by SDMs, CEO, CMO, ARTO, DTO, Tehsildars, DYSP Traffic and other concerned officers and officials.

JAKFAS Welcomes Atal Dulloo On Assuming Charge As New CS

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Finance and Accounts Society (JAKFAS) extended a warm welcome to Atal Dulloo, upon his assumption of the charge as new Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir.

Director General Budget, Yaqoob Itoo; Iftikhar Hussain Chauhan, President JAKFAS; Vice President (J), Sonam Singh; Joint Director Budget, Shafaat Yehya; Deputy Director Codes, Sonika Arora; Deputy Director Codes, Shafait Rehman; Deputy Director Budget, Shahnawaz Ahmed; Accounts Officer, Tariq Malik; and Accounts Officer, Vishesh



Kapoor, presented a bouquet on behalf of the Society.

Expressing their happiness, the members of JAKFAS wished Dulloo all the best for his new role and offered their heartfelt wishes for his success as the Chief Secretary of the UT.

Marsh Breaks Silence On WC Trophy Controversy

Press Trust of India

MELBOURNE: Australia all-rounder Mitchell Marsh, who faced criticism from Indian fans for resting his feet on the World Cup trophy, on Friday insisted that the gesture was not disrespectful and he won't mind repeating the controversial act.

Soon after Australia defeated hosts India by six wickets in the final to claim their record-extending sixth ODI World Cup, skipper Pat Cummins shared a picture of Marsh with his feet on the trophy on his Instagram account, creating a

me happy," Shami had said. Hope big series aren't scheduled after World Cups, players deserve to celebrate.

Four days after Australia beat India in the final, the two sides squared off in a five-match T20 series.

Marsh hopes such big series won't be scheduled so soon after ICC tournaments in future as triumphant players deserve to celebrate for a while with their families at home.

"It was pretty outrageous for the guys that had to stay behind. It's a fine line because we've got to respect the fact we're playing for Australia and



huge furore on social media. "There was obviously no disrespect meant in that photo at all," Marsh said on 'Sen Radio'.

"I haven't given it too much thought, I haven't seen a lot on social media even though everyone tells me it's gone off. There's nothing in that," he added.

However, when asked if he would do it again, Marsh said "Yeah probably, to be honest."

The picture, which went viral on social media, didn't sit well with Indian fans. Even pacer Mohammed Shami claimed that he felt "hurt" by Marsh's action.

"The trophy for which all the teams in the world fight, the trophy which you want to lift over your head, keeping a foot on that trophy did not make

it's a series against India which is always really big.

"But there's also the human side of it, the boys have just won a World Cup and probably deserve to celebrate for a while and get home to their families. It's an interesting one," he said.

"You'd hope there's not too many of those series put on after big tournaments again," he added.

As many as seven members from Australia's ODI World Cup-winning team stayed back in India after the final on November 19 for the T20I series.

However, six of the seven players have flown back home with Travis Head being the lone member of the World Cup-winning side to stay put for the remaining two games.



Real Kashmir Take On Aizawl At TRC Today

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Real Kashmir FC is all set to take on Aizawl FC today in 2023-24 I-League action at Synthetic Turf TRC here. The game is scheduled to kick off at 2:00 PM.

Real Kashmir come into the match having won three out of four games played at home. The team is third in the I-League standings, taking 12 points from six matches. They have won four and lost two in the competition thus far. Meanwhile, Aizawl FC have 10

points from six, winning three, losing two and drawing one.

A win for Real Kashmir will solidify its position at the top of the table, and coach Ishfaq Ahmad's men would expect the home support to get them through the line.

J&K Beat Mizoram In Vijay Hazare Trophy



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Continuing with their good run of form, J&K senior men's cricket team defeated Mizoram by 182 runs on Friday in a Vijay Hazare Trophy match played in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Vivrant Sharma 144 (91)

and Qamran Iqbal 116 (134) led J&K batting, as their hundreds propelled the team to a commanding 332-6 in allotted 50 overs. Vivrant's blistering knock included eight 6s and 14 4s.

In reply, the Mizoram squad was bundled out for a measly 150 in 40.4 overs. Rasikh

Salam again shined with the ball, taking three wickets. Spinner Abid Mushtaq also took three wickets, while Lone Nasir took two to seal the game in J&K's favour. For Mizoram, Agni Chopra 50 (72) was the top scorer.

J&K will next take on Uttarakhand on Sunday, December 3.

India Beat Australia By 20 Runs, Seal Series 3-1

Press Trust of India

RAIPUR: India beat Australia by 20 runs fourth T20I to take an unassailable 3-1 lead in the fourth T20I of the five-match series here on Friday.

Put into bat, Rinku Singh (46 off 29 balls) and Jitesh Sharma (35 off 19 balls) provided late fireworks to take India to 174/9. In reply, Australia scored

154 for 7 in stipulated 20 overs. Two spinners Axar Patel (3/16 in 4 overs) and Ravi Bishnoi (1/17 in 4 overs) were architects of win after Rinku and Jitesh set up the total.



Brief scores: India 174/9 in 20 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 37, Ruturaj Gaikwad 32, Rinku Singh 46, Jitesh Sharma 35; Ben Dwarshuis 3/40, Tanveer Sangha 2/30).

Australia 154/7 in 20 overs (Matthew Wade 36 not out, Axar Patel 3/16, Ravi Bishnoi 1/17).

No Electricity At Stadium In Raipur; Bill Of Rs 3.16 Crore Not Paid

The Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh stadium of Raipur where the fourth T20I match between India and Australia was played had run down due to scarcity of electricity in some parts,

During today's game, a generator was required to power the floodlights.

Athletes competing in a half-marathon in 2018 caused a stir when they discovered the stadium lacked electricity. It was subsequently declared that the outstanding electricity bill, which had risen to 3.16 crore, had not been paid since 2009.

The temporary connection can currently handle 200 KV. Although work on it hasn't started yet, an application to upgrade it to 1,000 KV has been authorized.

The PWD and Sports Department have received multiple notifications from the electrical company to clear outstanding balances, but payment has not yet been received.

Since the stadium's power supply was severed in 2018, three international cricket matches have been held there.

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