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### 7 SKUAST Students Get Bail, UAPA Charges Dropped

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Seven students, who were arrested under the UAPA for allegedly raising objectionable slogans and celebrating the Indian cricket team's loss in the World Cup final, were Saturday granted bail by a court after police dropped charges under the stringent anti-terror law.

The students of the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district were granted bail by the court of chief judicial magistrate (CJM) Ganderbal, the lawyer representing the students, Shafiq Ahmad Bhat, told PTI.

He said the students were released late on Saturday evening. The lawyer said the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) charges against the students have been dropped.

"The police submitted its report in the CJM court where-in the UAPA charges were dropped," Bhat said.

The police said the UAPA charges were dropped after a "considerate view" [More on P6](#)

## Ops Against Terror Ecosystem In J&K Will Intensify: LG

Meets Family Of Para Commando Killed Last Month In Rajouri Encounter

Observer News Service

**Poonch:** The Union Territory Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Saturday that the operations against the terror ecosystem will intensify in Jammu and Kashmir and his administration will make sure those aiding and abetting terrorists will pay a very heavy price for their heinous actions.

Sinha made these remarks during his visit to Ajote hamlet here on Saturday where he met the family members of Havaldar Abdul Majid in Ajote. Majid, a para commando, was among four army personnel killed in an operation against the terrorists in Rajouri district last month.

The LG offered his



condolences to the bereaved family and assured all assistance and support to the family from the government.

Paying homage to the fallen soldier, the LG said the entire nation is proud of his valour and courage.

"Visited the home of Havaldar Abdul Majid in Poonch, who was martyred during an anti-terror operation" [More on P6](#)

### Police, Army Review South Kashmir Situation

Observer News Service

Senior police and army officers Saturday reviewed the prevailing security situation in south Kashmir at separate meetings. The security review meetings took place in Awantipora area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, V K Birdi visited south Kashmir's Awantipora and chaired a security review meeting that focused on strategic initiatives to enhance security measures, foster community engagement in police district Awantipora, legal action against 'over ground workers' (OGWs) and curbing drug menace, a police spokesman said. At the onset of the meeting, Awantipora senior superintendent of police presented [More on P6](#)

### Unregulated Traffic In Sonamarg HC Seeks Govt's Response To 'Serious Threat'

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has sought response of the authorities as regards the "serious threat" to environment and unregulated traffic management because of the large number of local taxis (commercial) operating in the Sonamarg area.

In this regard, an application came up for hearing

before a Division Bench of Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice M. A. Chowdhary during the hearing of a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) on Sonamarg.

Government advocate submitted that Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Ganderbal may be directed to file response as he will be in a better position to regulate the traffic in the area. "Ordered accordingly," the court said [More on P6](#)



### Mercury Up As Clouds Cover Kashmir

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The minimum temperature rose and stayed above the freezing point at most places in Kashmir owing to a cloud cover as the weather is expected to remain dry over the next week, officials said here on Saturday.

The night temperature rose

at several places in the Valley with Gulmarg and Pahalgam being the only weather stations where the mercury settled below the freezing point on Friday night, they said.

The minimum temperature in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, was 4.8 degrees Celsius, marginally up from the previous [More on P6](#)

### Srinagar Semi Ring Road Project SC Upholds Orders For Enhanced Compensation To Landowners

Observer News Service

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has upheld a verdict by J&K and Ladakh High Court in November last year regarding enhanced compensation to people of Dharmunah Budgam whose land has been acquired by the authorities for construction of the prestigious Semi Ring Road around Srinagar City.

"We are not inclined to interfere with the impugned judgment and order passed by the High Court," said a bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and Ahsanuddin Amanullah while dismissing a Special Leave Petition filed by the J&K government against the High Court's verdict on 16 November 2022.

Residents of village Dharmunah, Budgam had filed a plea before high court against a communication of the Financial Commissioner, Revenue, bearing no. FC-LS/LA-4577/2017 dated 13.08.2020 whereby the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir has been conveyed the approval of the



competent authority to the adoption of rates of compensation in respect of different villages in District Budgam for construction of Semi Ring Road around Srinagar City.

The petitioners had sought initiation of fresh land acquisition proceedings in respect of the land situated in Dharmunah, Budgam, strictly as per the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

Disposing of the petition, the High Court had ordered that The provisions of

Section 11-B of the J&K Land Acquisition Act 1990 shall not be applicable to the cases where the Government has invoked Section 17 and the Collector has scrupulously complied with the requirements of Section 17-A by tendering and making payments of 80 per centum of estimated compensation before taking possession, for, the land needed for public purpose would vests in the Government free from all encumbrances only when pursuant to invocation of Section 17, 80% of the estimated compensation is [More on P6](#)

### Rs 2,200-Cr Kiru Hydro Power Project CBI Carries Searches In 4 Cities To Probe 'Graft'

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The CBI conducted searches at six locations in four cities in connection with the alleged graft flagged by former Jammu and Kashmir governor Satya Pal Malik in awarding the contract for the Rs 2,200-crore civil work for the Kiru Hydro Power Project in Kishtwar in 2019, officials said on Saturday.

The searches were spread across three locations, including the premises of Kanwaljeet Singh Duggal of Mainstream IT Solutions Private Limited and D P Singh, they said.

Three premises of the company and Duggal in Delhi and one each in Shimla, Noida and Chandigarh were covered during the operation, the officials said.

This is the fourth round of searches in the case in which the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had already carried out similar



operations on April 21 and July 6 last year and May 17 this year, they said.

Malik, who was the governor of Jammu and Kashmir from August 23, 2018 to October 30, 2019, had alleged that he was offered a Rs 300-crore bribe for clearing two files, including the one pertaining to the project.

"The case was registered on allegations of malpractices in award of the contract worth approximately Rs 2,200 crore of" [More on P6](#)

**THE CASE WAS REGISTERED ON ALLEGATIONS OF MALPRACTICES** in award of the contract worth approximately Rs 2,200 crore of civil works of Kiru Hydro Electric Power Project (HEP) to a private company in the year 2019,"

### KPDCL To File FIRs Against Consumers For Power Theft

'11,000 Connections Snapped During Inspections In 10 Days'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) on Saturday warned to file criminal cases against consumers in Kashmir

Valley found involved in power pilferage, including hooking, bypassing of meters and exceeding overload.

"We will soon start sharing details of consumers who have pending energy dues in lakhs towards the organisation. We will also expose hookers who have the temerity to openly use power unauthorisedly," a KPDCL spokesperson [More on P6](#)

### 3 Brothers Chargesheeted In Land Fraud Case

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir Police's Crime Branch on Saturday filed a charge sheet against three brothers accused of duping a man of Rs 43 lakh after luring him to enter a deal for the sale of 2.5 kanal of their land in Samba district, an official said.

The Economic Offences

Wing of the Crime Branch (Jammu) filed the 253-page charge sheet in court against Narayan Singh, Suram Singh and Chain Singh, a resident of Gandhi Nagar in Jammu, an investigating agency spokesperson said.

The official said the victim alleged that the accused approached him with [More on P6](#)

## SHORT TAKES

#### Two Earthquake Hits Ladakh

Two earthquakes of mild intensity struck the Union Territory of Ladakh within a span of eight hours on Saturday, officials said. However, there were no reports of any damage, they added. According to the National Centre for Seismology, the first tremor measured 3.4 on the Richter scale occurred at 8.25 am. Its depth was 10 km below the surface at a latitude of 35.44 degrees and longitude of 77.36 degrees. The second [More on P6](#)

#### IED Destroyed In Rajouri

Security forces on Saturday recovered a powerful improvised explosive device (IED) in a forest area in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. The IED, weighing five kg, was found during an ongoing search operation in the Topa Hilltop area of Darhal Saturday evening, the officials said. They said the explosive device was later safely destroyed. The timely recovery of the IED averted a possible [More on P6](#)

#### Woman Held For Attacking Cops

A woman was arrested in connection with an attack on a police party by suspected drug peddlers in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. The woman, wife of most wanted heroin smuggler Masoom Ali alias "Kala", was the ninth accused arrested for the attack on the police party near Rakh Barotian, a police spokesman said. He said some policemen were injured in the April 6 attack following which a case was registered at the Vijaypur police station.

#### Gamblers Held From Gulmarg Hotel

Police on Saturday claimed to have arrested six gamblers after raiding a hotel in the ski resort of Gulmarg in North Kashmir's Baramulla district. Abdul Majeed, Ishtiyaq Mohammad, Mohammad Yousuf, Abdul Rashid, Nissar Ahmad and Barkat Ali, all residents of Sopore were arrested by a team of cops from police station Gulmarg after carrying out a raid at a hotel in the picturesque Gulmarg Valley, a police spokesperson said. The raid, he said, was [More on P6](#)

#### Army Holds Job Fair In Baramulla

The Army on Saturday kicked off a job fair in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district to provide a common platform to local jobseekers and prospective employers. In its commitment to positively impact the local population, the Dagger Division (Pir Panjal Brigade) is organising a two-day job fair at Chinar Nau Jawan Club, Boniyar in Uri area of north Kashmir district, an Army official said. He said the fair's primary objective was to create a common platform [More on P6](#)

#### LG Releases 'Kartavya Marg'

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday released the 2nd edition of "Kartavya Marg", annual magazine published by Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan. The LG congratulated the editor and the publishing team for the excellent work and conveyed his best wishes. The publication is edited by Mahant Rohit Shastri, President, Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust. Trustees and members of Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust including [More on P6](#)



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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: Vardhman Foundation Shakun Oswal Scholarship

Description: An initiative of Vardhman Textiles Limited that aims to support the educational needs of diploma/ITI students.

Eligibility: Students studying in any year of diploma/ITI courses after Class 10 and/or 12 are eligible.

Applicants must have secured at least 50% marks in their Class 10 and/or 12 examination.

The annual family income of the applicants must be less than or equal to 6,00,000 from all sources.

Prizes & Rewards: 20,000  
Last Date to Apply: 10-12-2023  
Application mode: Online applications only  
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/SOSP1

### Scholarship Name 2: U-Go Scholarship Program 2023-24

Description: U-Go Scholarship Program 2023-24 is a CSR initiative by U-Go

and GiveIndia to financially support young women pursuing professional graduation courses.

Eligibility: Open to young women pursuing first year of professional graduation courses such as teaching, nursing, pharmacy, medicine, engineering, etc., in India. Applicants must have secured at least 70% marks in both Classes 10 and 12. The annual family income of the applicant from all sources must be less than INR 5 lakh.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 60000 per year for the length of the program  
Last Date to Apply: 19-12-2023  
Application mode: Online applications only  
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/UGO2

### Scholarship Name 3: PARAS Scholarship Programme 2023-24

Description: PARAS Scholarship Programme 2023-24 aims to support the education of meritorious and underprivileged students who are studying in the first-year of undergraduate, postgraduate and PG

diploma courses in Commerce, Economics, Accounting & Finance, Banking, Insurance, Management, Data Science, Statistics, Risk Management and other related fields.

Eligibility: Open for students studying in the first-year of undergraduate, postgraduate and PG diploma courses in Commerce, Economics, Accounting & Finance, Banking, Insurance, Management, Data Science, Statistics, Risk Management and other related fields.

Applicants must have secured at least 50% marks in their previous class/semester.

Annual family income of applicants should not exceed 5 lakh from all sources.

Students from pan India are eligible to apply.  
Prizes & Rewards: Up to 25,000  
Last Date to Apply: 15-12-2023  
Application mode: Online applications only  
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/PARAS3

### Scholarship Name 4: ZScholars Program 2023-24

Description: ZS Associates India Pvt. Ltd. invites applications from first-year students pursuing general or professional undergraduate courses at institutes in Delhi, Pune, Bengaluru, or Chennai. The scholarship aims to support meritorious students from low-income families to continue their higher education.

Eligibility: The scholarship is open for first-year students pursuing general undergraduate courses like B.Com., B.A., B.Sc., and professional undergraduate courses such as B.E., B.Tech., LLB, B.Arch., MBBS, etc., from institutes in Delhi, Pune, Bengaluru, or Chennai. Applicants must have scored at least 60% marks in the Class 12 examination. The annual family income of the applicants from all sources must not exceed INR 8 lakh.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 50,000 for one year  
Last Date to Apply: 15-12-2023  
Application mode: Online applications only  
Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/ZSPU4

Subject:- Grant of Registration of Paying Guest House/Home stay under the name and style "Grandbagh" Situated at Haripora, Raipur Road, Harwan Srinagar - Kashmir.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, I Farooq Ahmad Khan S/o Guliam Ahmad Khan R/o Batakpora Nalab. Nowshehra Srinagar intends to apply in the office of the Prescribed Authority of the Directorate of Tourism Kashmir for registration of the proposed Paying Guest House/ Home stay under the name and style "Grandbagh" Situated at Haripora, Raipur Road, Harwan Srinagar - Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011.

Whereas, I will submit Landownership certificate from concerned Tehsilدار with attested photographs of the unit through Deputy Commissioner concerned, Rent/Lease deed/Partnership deed/ issued by the concerned Sub-Registrar, Judicial Magistrate (if applicable) NOC from owner to the effect that the property can be used as Home Stay, Character Certificate of the applicant from the concerned Police Station, undertaking from the owner as self declaration, Public notice inviting objections, if any in print media, list of family members, Name, Age and Photograph self attested by the owner, photographs of the unit as mentioned in the application (each of exterior and individual bed rooms and bathrooms), inspection report by the committee, (the recommendations of the inspection committee shall decide whether to issue a registration to the unit or not keeping in view the type of accommodation and amenity, adhar card.

Now, before my case is processed for registered authority by the prescribed authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/organisation for objections if any and same should reach to the office of the prescribed authority within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspapers of the valley. Objections received beyond the period of 7 days from the date of publication shall not be entertained and the case shall be processed under rules as per merits.

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## Promising Treatment Target For Heart Arrhythmias: Study

ANI A new signalling mechanism associated with the development of ventricular fibrillation, a kind of arrhythmia or irregular heartbeat, has been uncovered in a study headed by Guadalupe Sabio and Jose Jalife at the Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares (CNIC) in Madrid.

The findings of the study, which were published in the journal Nature Cardiovascular Research, offer hope for future therapy possibilities for this potentially fatal illness.

The most common cause of sudden cardiac mortality is ventricular fibrillation. Although ageing is a known risk factor for the development of cardiac arrhythmia, the mechanisms behind this link have been difficult to pinpoint, impeding progress towards the development of specific treatments.

The heartbeat is a series of regular contractions of the cardiac muscle that efficiently pumps blood throughout the body. A highly coordinated contraction of the heart muscle cells in a painstakingly choreographed pattern is required to achieve this.

When an arrhythmia develops, the heart cycle accelerates and becomes erratic, potentially resulting in death.

The CNIC researchers established a link between the development of ventricular fibrillation and the activation of two critical signalling proteins, the stress kinases p38 and p38, using animal models. The relationship with these enzymes was irrespective of the animals' gender.

This revelation opens the door to new treatment options for this illness. When the investigators investigated the hearts of aged mice, they discovered that p38 and p38 activation were enhanced. A comparable increase in enzyme activity was reported in the hearts of mice with a hereditary or pharmacologically induced proclivity to develop ventricular arrhythmias.

## Government of Jammu and Kashmir Office Of The Child Development Project Officer POSHAN PROJECT PATTAN (PUBLIC NOTICE).

Subject:-Tentative Selection List of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) of Poshan Project Pattan.

In pursuance to Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04-2023, and approval conveyed by Mission Director Poshan J&K Srinagar vide No: MD/Poshan/Estt/13281-94 Dated: 08-05-2023, (24) posts of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) had been advertised by this office vide advertisement notice vide notification no. Cdp0/Ptn/Adv/2023/113-30. Dated: - 24/05/2023.

Out of (24) posts of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers), the selection has been made against (1) post of Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper) for (1) Anganwadi Centre of Poshan Project Pattan. In response to the said advertisement notice, 1 application forms were received against (1) post of Sahayika (AWH) on the basis of Wards within cut-off date i.e. 04-06-2023 and merit list of candidates has been prepared as per criteria laid down vide Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04-2023 and Selection list has been framed on the basis of merit list herewith as Annexure-A, comprising of 1 candidate tentatively selected as Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper). The Merit List for (1) Anganwadi Centre of Poshan Project Pattan is annexed herewith as Annexure-B. Both Tentative Selection List and Merit List are hereby published for information of general public and inviting appeal/objections if any.

The appeal/objection, if any, against the said Tentative selection list, shall be filed in the office of the Child Development Project Officer, Poshan Project Pattan upto 11/12/2023 from the date of publication of merit list against proper receipt up to 4:00 P.M.

NOTE: - No appeal/objection shall be entertained after expiry of the last date for filing appeal/objection.

### Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Office of the Child Development Project Officer Mission POSHAN Pattan.

Tentative Selection List of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) of Poshan Project Pattan against the location of AWC Malik Mohalla Palpora, Ward-06 published in Daily newspaper Kashmir Horizon Vide notification no. Cdp0/Ptn/Adv/2023/113-30. Dated: - 24/05/2023

S. No.	Index No.	Name of Candidate	Parentage/ W/O	Residence	Ward No.	D.O.B	Marks in 10th	%age	Weight- age	Whether belongs to family of retiree AWH	Additional 2 Points	Total Merit	Remarks	
1	705	Nigeena Bano	W/O Mehjool ul Maqbool Rashee	Malik Mohalla Palpora	6	20/03/1992	205	500	41%	41%	No	0	41%	Married

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Child Development Project Officer  
Poshan Project Pattan

## Office Of The Executive Engineer, Generation Division USHP-1st Sumbal (Kangan)

(Email id: xenesumbal@gmail.com)

e- NIT No: GDS/ 09 of 2023-24  
Dated: - 01-12-2023

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, J&K Power Development Corporation, sealed bids (Two Cover) valid for 180 days, accompanied with earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG from any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank @ 2% of the estimated value pledged to the Executive Engineer Generation Division, USHP-1<sup>st</sup> Sumbal, Kangan are invited from Self help groups/ Registered firms/ Electrical Contractors having sufficient experience of the relevant job

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### CRITICAL DATES

1.	Date of Issue of tender notice	01-12-2023
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents.	02-12-2023 to 20-12-2023
3.	Bid submission start date	02-12-2023
4.	Bid submission end date	20-12-2023
5.	Date of submission of hard copy	21-12-2023
6.	Date & time of opening of Bid (Online).	22-12-2023

1. The complete bidding process shall be two cover. Cover 1 contains techno commercial bid and cover 2 contains price bid. However price shall quoted through online mode only. The bid document along with EMD, proof of purchase of tender document and all other required documents shall be uploaded online and the same should be submitted in the office of Executive Engineer, Generation Division, USHP-1, Sumbal, Kangan.

2. Bid documents can be seen at & downloaded from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in). The bid documents contain Qualifying criteria for the bidders, specifications, Bill of Quantities, terms & conditions and other details.

The following documents are to be uploaded along with the bid; otherwise the bid will be liable for rejection.

- Proof of purchase of tender document
- To be deposited in the account of Executive Engineer, Gen Division, USHP-1, Sumbal Kangan, Account No. CD 5051, J&K Bank, Kangan.
- Prescribed EMD (2 % of estimated value).
- Copy of Registration certificate.
- Copy of valid GST Registration Certificate.
- Copy of contact details of contractor (office address, e- mail id and contact no).

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## URGENT APPEAL

### Help Save Life

We urgently call upon your generosity to support Syed Sohaib Rizvi, a young man from Alamgari Bazar, Srinagar, who is in a critical battle against kidney failure. Both of Sohaib's kidneys have failed, and he is in dire need of a kidney transplant—a life-saving procedure that comes with a substantial cost of 20 lakh rupees.

This plea is not just for financial aid; it's a call to action to save a life, to rally around this young man in his time of dire need. Your contribution can make a significant difference and offer Sohaib a chance at recovery and a normal life. Please consider extending your support in this crucial time.

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بااجلاس: اروندشہرا  
J&K Bank B/U Residency Road Srinagar  
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## Media's Role Pivotal To Curb Drug Menace: DIG CKR

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a bid to eradicate the drug menace from Jammu and Kashmir, the police department has intensified its crackdown on drug traffickers and peddlers in the Valley. Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), Central Kashmir Rang, Sujeet Kumar said on Saturday.

Speaking to media persons here in Srinagar, Kumar said the police is working actively to eliminate the drug menace from the region.

"We are working swiftly to nab the drug mafia and have made sig-

nificant progress in recent times," Kumar said.

"We have arrested drug peddlers and seized their properties as well, and have also established drug de-addiction centers for the victims," he said, adding police have been conducting counseling sessions for drug addicts and involving religious scholars to raise awareness regarding the harmful effects of drugs.

"The role of the media is also crucial in curbing the drug menace. We need to spread more and more awareness among the public about the ramifications of using the drugs," he said.

## Enchanting Beauty Of Kashmir Mesmerizes Bollywood Singer

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Renowned Bollywood singer Sadhana Sargam expressed her heartfelt admiration for the captivating beauty of Kashmir, describing it as the paradise on earth.

During her recent visit to the Valley for a singing show 'Singing Stars of J&K', at University of Kashmir, she was moved by the breathtaking landscapes, serene ambience and the hospitality and warmth of Kashmiri's.

Sadhana said Kashmir is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful places she has ever been to.

"The combination of snow-capped mountains, lush meadows, and sparkling lakes is truly

mesmerizing. It's a place where nature's artistry is on full display," she added.

Her fascination extended beyond the natural beauty to the rich cultural heritage and the hospitality of the Kashmiri people. "The Kashmiri people are so warm and welcoming," she said adding their kindness and genuine hospitality made her visit more special.

Replying about the show, she said the youth is talented and they need a platform where they can showcase their talent. Once they get an opportunity, they will fly very high.

Sargam's visit has left an indelible mark on her heart saying "I will cherish the memories of my time here forever"



As cold weather intensified, demand for traditional Kashmiri fire pot 'Kangri' surges across Kashmir including Srinagar. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

## Rising Stray Dog Population In Srinagar Haunts Citizens

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The increasing number of stray dogs has unleashed terror among the Srinagar residents, who blamed the concerned Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) authorities for failing to take necessary actions for their wellbeing.

The locals expressed concern over the rising number of dogs in their respective localities and stated they don't even dare to send their children out of their homes due to the fear of dogs.

Mohammad Nadeem, a resident from Safa Kadal Srinagar said the rising dog population is

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a grave issue and it needs to be resolved at earliest. "The presence of dogs outside my residence has become a nuisance," he said.

"The authorities have been trying to address the dog menace, but their efforts have not been very effective," said Sahil Ahmad from Nowgam. He added that the authorities have set up a dog catching center, but it is not able to catch enough dogs to make a significant difference on the ground.

"The SMC needs to take this issue seriously," said Mohammad Iqbal, a resident of Jawahar Nagar, adding that the safety of the residents of Srinagar is at stake.

## "Project Vidyasagar" Education Workshop Held In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and its National Assessment Centre Parakh; Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) SCERT and the Ministry of Education's Vidyajali scheme joined hands with PHDCCI to conduct second workshop in the series of a nationwide campaign on learning competencies, called Project Vidyasagar, in Srinagar on 1-2 December.

About 100 teachers from 10 districts of Kashmir and state education officials participated in the workshop.

The two-day workshop had twin objectives - creating awareness among school teachers about learning competencies at different levels and creating awareness about Vidyajali.

Inaugural session was attended by CEO of Parakh, NCERT Prof Indrani Bhaduri; Director, SCERT J&K and Chairman of JK Board of School Education, Prof Parikshat Singh Manhas; senior officials of Vidyajali scheme; Chairman, PHDCCI Kashmir, A P Vicky Shaw; Co-Chairman, PHDCCI Kashmir, Himayun Wani; Co-Convenor, Education Committee of PHDCCI Kashmir, Shahid Khan; officials of Vidyajali project management unit, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI, Shalini S Sharma and Deputy Director, PHDCCI Kashmir Iqbal Fayaz Jan.

Speaking in the inaugural session, Prof Bhaduri said that the

objective of Parakh was to prepare children for 21st century needs. The new education paradigm which the NEP 2020 ushered in the country focuses on competency-based learning, moving away from rote learning, she said.

Pointing out that the SCERT in J&K had been doing phenomenal work in bringing teachers up to speed on the new thinking, she exhorted the participants to take back the learning's from the workshop and share with their peers for a ripple effect at the ground level.

Prof Manhas expressed his gratitude to NCERT and PHDCCI for organizing the workshop in Srinagar. He emphasized the importance of teachers being well versed with the latest in pedagogy.

He also lauded industry joining hands with the government to create an entrepreneurial environment in the state. He shared his own initiatives in this direction at the University of Jammu and the positive results that they had borne. He exhorted PHDCCI to collaborate with SCERT and JKBOSE to organize similar events and programs in the state.

Vicky Shaw, in his welcome address, emphasized the crucial role that teachers and education play in people's lives. He commended the adoption of the latest competency-based education approach, which focuses on the development and demonstration of specific skills, knowledge, and abilities, rather than relying solely on traditional rote memorization.

## Office Of The Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS  
TWO COVER SYSTEM  
NIT No. 1490f R&B/Anantnag/ 2023-24/E-TENDERING/16633-42 DATED: 29/11/2023.

Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Anantnag on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K, invites percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State Government.

1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

S.No	Name of Work	Tendered Cost Including GST (Rs in Lacs.)		Total cost of work	Cost of document (Rs in Lacs)	Earnest Money/Time of completion (Rs in lacs.)	Tender Call Construction work	Time and Date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid)	Class of contractor	
		Construction Part	Maintenance Part							
1	Strengthening/ Upgradation of Nati-pora Sangam Road, Pujteng Sangam Road with Interior I/C Construction of Maharaja Road at Panjipora (NABARD RIDF XXIX)	463.02 Lacs	46.30 Lacs	509.32 Lacs	0.085	10.19	03 Years	1st	22-12-2023 At 11:00 A.M	AAY Class Only

M.H Account = NABARD RIDFXXIX  
Position of AAA = Accorded Vide Order No CE(R&B) K-AA- 31 of 2023-24 Dated 27.09.2023.  
Position of TS = Accorded Vide Order No CE(R&B) SK/TS/19 of 2023-24, Dated 16.11.2023.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	29/11/2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	30/11/2023 from 11.00 AM.
3	Date, Time and Place of Pre Bid meeting	02/12/2023 at 11.00 AM in the Office of the Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Ang. H.Q Khanabal.
4	Bid submission Start Date	04/12/2023 from 10.00 AM.
5	Bid Submission End Date	11/12/2023 upto 04.00 PM.
6	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	22/12/2023 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Ang. H.Q Khanabal
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag (tender inviting authority) (NIT No and Name of Work/Item No. to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Anantnag HQ Khanabal (Tender receiving Authority).
- All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG. Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.
- The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Anantnag HQ Khanabal (Tender Receiving Authority) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. Failure to produce Performance Security shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarment of the Contractor for a period of 01 Year shall be forwarded to Higher Authorities.
- The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @5% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work.
- Bidders can resubmit/withdraw the bids as specified.
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of Responsive Bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Anantnag HQ Khanabal. The date for same shall be intimated separately.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.
- The Earnest Money/Performance Security shall be forfeited if-  
a) Any bidder/tender withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in the terms and conditions of the bid.  
b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required Performance Security within specified time period before signing contract agreement.  
c) In case contractor fails to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction to Bidders regarding E-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "BiddersManual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquainted bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid.
- Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Scanned copy of Cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD pledged to Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Anantnag HQ Khanabal (Tender Receiving Authority) must be uploaded with the Technical bid documents for the work. After opening of financial bids, the lowest bidder shall submit the Performance Security in the form of CDR/BG/FDR within 03 Days in the Office of the Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Anantnag HQ Khanabal. Failure to do so shall render the first lowest successful bidder non-responsive. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document), EMD (earnest money) and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.
- Bidders may contact Office of the Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Anantnag HQ Khanabal or Concerned Executive Engineer for any guidance for getting DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
- Price escalation and Taxes: The %age quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees, shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- Defect Liability Period: 05 Years after date of completion.
- All key construction material (i.e, cement, steel, bitumen, pipes etc) shall have to be arranged by the contractor strictly as per specifications with the approval of Engineer-in-charge.
- Qualification criteria for the work and other terms and conditions are contained in the bidding document available on website

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- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
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PATTAN: 01954-293507  
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HIGHWAY STATUS  
Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)  
Mughal Road - (Closed)  
Srinagar- Leh- (Open)

**HIJRI CALENDAR**  
18 Jumada al-Awwal  
1445

PRAYERS	
FAJR	5: 53
ZUHR	12:20
ASR	3: 45
Magrib	5:25
ISHA	6: 49

## This Day In History

- 1639- 1st annulment by court decree passes
- 1676- Battle of Lund (Scanian War): Swedish army of 8,000 defeats much larger joint Danish/Dutch force of 13,000
- 1694- English parliamentary election set for every 3 years
- 1730- Colley Cibber is appointed British Poet Laureate under King George II
- 1736- Astronomer Anders Celsius takes measurements that confirm Newton's theory that the earth was an ellipsoid rather than the previously accepted sphere
- 1775- First official US flag raised (Grand Union Flag) aboard naval vessel USS Alfred
- 1818- Illinois becomes 21st state USA (Admission day) 1834 - First US dental society organized (NY).
- 1835 - First US mutual fire insurance company issues first policy (Rhode Island).
- 1847 - Frederick Douglass publishes first issue of his newspaper "North Star".
- 1854 - Eureka Stockade: In what is claimed by many to be the birth of Australian democracy, more than 20 goldminers at Ballarat, Victoria, are killed by state troopers in an uprising over mining licences.
- 1863 - Confederate General James Longstreet abandons his siege at Knoxville, TN.
- 1878 - Settlers arrive at Petach Tikvah, Israel.
- 1910 - Neon lights first publicly displayed (Paris Auto Show).
- 1912 - Turkey, Serbia, Montenegro, Greece & Bulgaria sign weapons pact
- 1912 - First Balkan War: The Naval Battle of Elli takes place.
- 1917 - The Supreme Allied War Council, meeting at Versailles to define war aim, fails to reach an agreement.
- 1920 - Turkey & Armenia agree to peace treaty.
- 1922 - First successful technicolor movie (Tall of the Sea), shown in NYC.
- 1934 - Italian colonial Tripoli & Cyrenaica annexed to Libya.
- 1943 - Battle of Monte Cassino, Italy begins.
- 1946 - US government asks UN to order dictator Franco out of Spain.
- 1948 - Chinese refugee ship "Kiangya" explodes in E China Sea killing 1,100.
- 1952 - Marcos Perez Jimenez elected president of Venezuela.
- 1956 - Britain and France pull troops out of Egypt.
- 1965 - USSR launches Luna 8; it crashes on the Moon.
- 1967 - 1st human heart transplant performed by Dr Christian Barnard in South Africa.
- 1967 - Former Indonesian president Sukarno placed under house arrest.
- 1971 - Indo-Pakistani War of 1971: India invades West Pakistan and a full scale war begins claiming hundreds of lives.
- 1973 - Pioneer 10 passes Jupiter (1st fly-by of an outer planet)
- 1985 - 23rd Shuttle Mission (61-B)-Atlantis 2-lands at Edwards AFB.
- 1989 - Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and US President George H. W. Bush, declare the Cold War over.
- 1991 - Hulk Hogan defeats Undertaker to become 4th time WWF champion.
- 1992 - UN Security Council votes unanimous for US led forces to enter Somalia
- 1992 - The Greek oil tanker Aegean Sea, carrying 80,000 tonnes of crude oil, runs aground in a storm while approaching La Coruña, Spain, and spills much of its cargo
- 1995 - England cricket wicket-keeper Jack Russell dismisses Clive Eksteen with his record 11th catch in 2nd Test v South Africa in Johannesburg
- 1995 Northwestern South Carolina begins using new area code 864
- 1995 - Davis Cup Tennis, Moscow: Pete Sampras beats Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 to give US a winning 3-1 lead (ends 3-2); record 31st US title
- 1999 - NASA loses radio contact with the Mars Polar Lander moments before the spacecraft enters the Martian atmosphere

On International Day of Persons with Disabilities

# Memoirs of Specially-Abled Person

In this personal narrative essay, KO columnist jots down a remarkable journey of feat in the face of physical disability, social apathy and institutional struggles

Amir Suhail Wani

Unable to walk and converse normally with people, a tunnel of infinite darkness opened before me in which I found myself lost. By the time I was three, only a few things had dawned upon me, of which, one of the most important were about my bodily challenges – my inability to walk, talk, write, eat, sit, run and transact with a hundred other activities which constitute life. My family did realise these problems but didn't make me feel different, inferior, dependent or less worthy.

The moment I managed to pass the threshold of my house and moved towards the playfield, I wasn't allowed to play – “you will hurt yourself”, they'd typically reply. I would keep watching my relatives, friends and neighbours playing, playing in that playfield which then appeared to me as vast as the universe itself – Taba'el, that's what this ground situated in Chattabal is called. But playfields aren't the places where we are supposed to spend all our time – School, it was schooling which worried my parents and family the most. They were convinced that I wouldn't be able to attend school and even if I did, I wouldn't be any good in academics. What better could have been expected of someone who is dependent in multiple ways on others and who is neither able to talk nor hold things properly?

As destiny would have it, two of my elder sisters used to teach in a nearby school and it was decided that I be enrolled in the same school. I attended the school but my physical impairments hampered my learning and evolution in a number of ways. As a result I spent a good amount of time in nursery class. With the relentless efforts of my sisters, who happened to be my teachers as well, I somehow picked up the art of writing but writing with two hands. I used to write with my right hand and give it support with my left hand. My handwriting was so pathetic that it was considered almost impossible for anyone to read my papers. However, as God would have it, he compensated for my physical fragility with a good supply of mental acumen. To everybody's surprise, I topped my class when the annual exams were held.

While the journey in my school continued, I was loved, taken care of and not bullied by any of my classmates but the challenges for me in society kept growing. The moment I used to go to the market and ask for something, the shopkeeper would fail to understand my tattered words. Unwittingly, he would pass derogatory and demeaning comments. The same ordeal repeated when it came to public transport, where I had to make a lot of effort to communicate where I needed to go. The whole process was so exhausting that sometimes I wouldn't even dare to ask the bus conductor to give my remaining money back for the fear that he might bully me. This social stigmatization had deep scars on my heart and mind, many of which have still not healed. Even today, when I have secured for myself a niche of sorts, I continue to receive foul comments targeting my bodily disabilities both on social media and otherwise.

God had blessed me with this manic obsession with my studies and from very early in life. I used to take my studies extremely seriously, to the point of sacrificing everything for my academics. This saved me fortuitously from the dark and depressing comments I used to receive erstwhile while going out. There was always an element of suspicion associated with me topping the class and my relatives and friends often used to tell me that I topped only at the behest of my sisters, who used to be my teachers. Nothing could have been more disarming as the remark discredited all my hard work and ignored all my toil I used to pass through despite my ill health.

All this changed in a transformative manner as I entered my 8th standard. My sisters left the school and by this time I was able to make it to my school on my own. I had this burning passion to challenge my physical boundaries and was desperate to learn cycling and despite my friends teasing me, I took upon myself the challenge and after hundreds of fouls and injuries, I drove the bicycle. This was no ordinary experience; this was no mere learning a new skill but opening new windows in my life, feeling liberated, equal to others and in a sense less and less dependent. The same year, I got myself a bicycle and used to cover a distance of almost six kilometres. All this may sound trivial and senseless to say, but this is the journey of a boy struggling to walk to somebody cycling amidst the jammed, crammed and risky roads. My mother was reluctant to my cycling to begin with, but a little bit of convincing did the job and my cycling and the passion for it continue to this day.

Here lie some lessons for those who are raising children with disabilities. They need to understand that sometimes extra care and unnecessary restrictions take over the original disability. Parents need to give their children wings, not cages. It was in the 8th standard itself that few other



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things happened which changed the course of my life and the mention of which is important to set the future course in context. I have earlier spoken of my speaking disability, though it has improved by now, it used to be acute and severe in my childhood to the point that very few people could understand my speech. It was in the midst of this that our school announced intra-school debate on “Water – The Elixir of Life” and against all odds I decided to participate in the debate. My reservoir of knowledge had given me enough confidence that I knew the subject well but what was challenging was to stand up and speak in front of a hundred odd students and the jury. I had this habit of speaking extempore and without the help of any notes and the habit continues to this day. I reached the stage, started in the name of God almighty. I took the audience by surprise and left them as well as myself awestruck for the next five minutes. I concluded my speech with the words “I feel tired and can't speak more”. Applause pierced my ears. I could see tears rolling down some of my friends' eyes who knew how difficult it was for me to speak.

In the 8th standard itself I got enrolled in a tuition academy where I got to interact with students from other schools – the Biscoes, Convents and Burnhalls of the valley in particular. These schools were far more reputed and advanced than the school I was coming from. More importantly, these students were bright students of their respective institutions and this gave me an unprecedented opportunity to evaluate myself and to gauge my merit against those of some of my brightest contemporaries. If any of my friends from those days is reading this piece, he will vouch for the fact that I always outperformed others, despite my attendant health complications. This grabbed my mentors' attention and they started guiding me in extraordinary ways, providing books, recommending video lectures that helped me extend my canvas of understanding and imagination.

I recall reading Devan-i-Ghalib and “The Brief History of Time” during the same days but understanding very little of these books. I appeared in a scholarship test conducted by KVEI and topped the list and this was the moment of true realisation for others that whatever I have been achieving in my school has been the result of my own efforts and not the aid and assistance of my sisters. When the time came for the annual examination, which used to be conducted by DIET, I happened to top the complex in which were stationed students from no less than ten schools. This not only fuelled my confidence but assured me of my abilities to do the impossible.

Yet, my academic excellence had no telling upon how people treated me outside school, in markets, buses, shops and other places – theirs was a typical derogatory attitude peppered by senseless comments and irresponsible remarks. Rarely do people realise that their words can ruin somebody forever and what is a joke to them is the question of life and death for others.

This was also the time that I came under the influence of Rouf Rahat and Saleem Salik, now well known names in our literary landscape, whose

selfless guidance and brotherly care honed my literary skills and I started making intermittent ventures into literature, now writing a ghazal, then a Nazam and then something else.

I kept scaling my academics and now comes my matriculation, the class where all eyes were fixed and given my previous performance, more eyes were looking at me and expecting something big. But to achieve that big, I needed a little legal favour from the Board of School Education. I approached the authorities, requested them to give me an extra half an hour, as was enshrined in the law. I explained to them that I can't take the help of a scribe as it is impossible for me to dictate. The hardships I faced to convince the authorities and the amount of time it took is beyond expression and even today as I write these lines, the experience brings deep sadness and melancholy.

We were stationed at the board – almost 36 of us, specially-abled students who faced one problem or the other. But the people who were supervising us were so unkind and rough that the trauma they inflicted during that exam session continued for a long time – and the irony wasn't lost on me that they claimed to be specially trained in dealing with persons with disabilities.

This is the general complaint and the maltreatment and misbehaviour against persons with disabilities continues unabated, something which our society deeply needs to reflect upon.

With the fear of making this narration unnecessarily long, suffice to say that after passing my matriculation in the first division, I joined a nearby higher secondary – the much hailed SP Higher Secondary and my teachers were so caring and affectionate that their confidence which they confided in me helped me to good. The private tuition I

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received during this time deserves a mention that all my teachers – Mr. Muneer Alam in particular made me realise that my bodily limitations don't make me inferior to anyone; instead my mental gifts placed me beyond others. The classmates, friends and acquaintances were empathetic and I had to face not an iota of insult or bullying from any of my batch-mates.

But this has not been everyone's experience, many persons with disabilities I talk to report bullying from their batch mates and fellow students and this is so ruining that it can push someone into perpetual desperation and depression. Having spoken so much about my personal experiences, I leave out my experiences in my professional life for some future occasion, but here I would live to divert your attention to a few important aspects of the issues.

The challenge of restoring a life of dignity to persons with disabilities – the dignity I have myself been struggling for and of which I have spoken above, has to have at least a bilateral approach – ethical and legal. It seems almost a universal preconception and a deep rooted human bias that persons with disabilities aren't full humans and are, in one way or the other inferior to able bodied persons. This bias seems to be rooted in the notion that individuals are to be evaluated in terms of their delivering capacities and their potential to “contribute”. Our civilizations, both Eastern and Western have made the delivering capacity of an individual the sore measure and criteria of his/her worth, dignity and right to live. The mechanised, rather technological society which we have found ourselves in has drawn a dictum on the stone that only those are entitled to a life of dignity who can be active agents of material generation, who can generate wealth and material resources, who aren't meek to rely on others' helping hand, but who, personifying power and strength can mould the world and tailor it to their needs, thereby proving themselves to be “fruitful individuals for the society”.

This perspective of understanding people in terms of their utilitarian merit has not only overshadowed the concept of humanity as such, but exposed people with disabilities to vulnerabilities and discriminations of all sorts. It is extremely difficult for people, who are otherwise able-bodied, to understand the problems of and empathize with people with disabilities, for the psycho-social dimensions of these problems are so broad that only people with disabilities face them first hand and are rattled and broken by the same. The challenges which people with disabilities face are augmented and multiplied by discouraging social framework, lack of logistical support and prevalence of social mores that deteriorate and aggravate their situation further.

This economization of values and the sheer determination of people's worth in terms of their ability to contribute to the economic produce has had detrimental consequences to the reception of persons with disabilities, hampering their claims to equality and a life of dignity. A basic revision of outlook is needed on this front and people are to be respected on the pure grounds of sanctity and dignity of life irrespective of their economic outcomes and their abilities to contribute to the society in general. These insights stem from my first hand observation – as somebody suffering from cerebral palsy, life has been like an uphill task and despite securing for myself a niche in academic and social circles based purely on hard work and determination, a life of dignity is nowhere in sight. On a daily basis, I have to witness the occasions of maltreatment and marginalisation, whereby people, who are unable to understand my words, go on passing vulgar and demoralising remarks. I often contemplate the plight of those, who are still lesser privileged, have no space to vent the maltreatment and lack of courtesy meted out to them. The psychological repercussions of such happenings are so destructive that it takes a long time for a victim to recover from these episodes and sometimes the victim doesn't recover at all. If the academic excellence, fighting against all odds to secure for oneself a place of recognition doesn't help a person to secure for himself/herself a life of general social dignity, one is left wondering, what else needs to be done to secure one's right to life of dignity and respect – something which is so basic and inviolable a right that it should require no qualifications. When people with disabilities are disrespected, maltreated and given a realisation that they don't belong to the normal lot, the detrimental consequences can well be figured out and these consequences corner people with disabilities into helplessness, insecurity, depression and a feeling of pervasive meaninglessness of life.

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# Making Disability-friendly Provisions, Disabled-friendly

Asif Ahmad Bhat

While back, the government issued an order related to the specially-abled persons to get their document of disability re-verified. The purpose of this order was to expose the corrupt elements. Basically, there was a large proportion of people who had registered themselves as persons with disabilities when in reality they were physically fit and healthy.

On one hand, it was a good initiative to expose those masquerading as persons with disabilities. On the other hand, it was the beginning of a hectic process for those suffering from the slings and arrows of damaged body parts. They were made to wander from pillar to post to get their documents verified like Unique Disability Identity card (UDID), which a person could get only at certain places; a document to be verified at the concerned Bank authorities; an affidavit from a first class magistrate; and an e-ticket from food and civil supplies department – and the list is endless.

Another major problem faced by them was that they could not send anyone to help them out; they had to do it themselves. The burden of the biometric lay on their head much like everything else. They had to visit each department multiple times to get their documents verified. The time-gap between the appointments (visits) was in itself frustrating. For example, to get a UDID card, specially-abled persons had to first visit the concerned department to get the appointment. Almost a week or two later, they were again supposed to visit it to get their biometric done. The third time, they had to visit the local computer operator to get it downloaded or printed out. Similarly, they were to get an e-ticket from the food and civil supplies department. They had to submit the documents on the first visit and almost ten to fifteen days later, the e-ticket was issued in their favour.

The sufferings of specially-abled people did not end here. Not only



did they have to wait for about half a month to get the documents verified but they also had to navigate their way through the buildings of these institutions or departments which were not disability-friendly. This, despite recent legislations like Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and recent campaigns like the Accessible India Campaign. With no disability-friendly infrastructure in place, persons with disabilities had to struggle to get to different floors of government offices and

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had to rely on the help of people to physically lift them to various chambers for documentation. After completing the formalities of re-verification documentation, their ordeal was far from over. They had to again rely on other people waiting in line to get them downstairs as well. They were left to the goodwill of onlookers who may or may not have helped them. The whole ordeal accentuated their sufferings instead of making anything more accessible and easy for them. The

entire process of making the world more democratic and accessible fell flat as they were reminded of their disability again and made to suffer because of it despite the fact that it was the infrastructure's disability in the first place and not theirs. The government needs to ensure that no one is left behind.

It is not only the fault of those various institutions, but the state too is responsible. Changing the name of disability to specially-abled is not enough. Delivering speeches on disability day won't improve their condition. No doubt the state took this step to bring transparency and allow the real beneficiaries to avail benefit. But the manner of its implementation was not disabled-friendly.

It is the collective responsibility of society to not let them feel that they have any disability. The state must restructure the pattern of their buildings, shifting the main office to the ground floor or making special arrangements so that the specially-abled person will not suffer to get their work done. The state may also provide an increment in their pension. The criteria to avail various documents must be made simple and easy. Their work must be given a top priority to avoid frequent visits. A separate department apart from the social welfare department must be there that would have a link with all the concerned institutions or departments, so that specially-abled people need not visit various departments to get their work completed. No doubt there are numerous NGOs who tirelessly work for improving the standard of specially-abled persons. Still, there are deficiencies and loopholes about their policies – and it requires immediate attention.

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## PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES Perception, Policies And Possibilities

Amir Suhail Wani

There are two perspectives, two paradigms and two incidents to reckon with and to take account of before venturing into the heart of this article. The books of Hadith and Seerah report thus that once while the Prophet (PBUH) was delivering a sermon to his assembly of companions, he was hinted at by a woman who was well known to be suffering from mental ailments. The Prophet (PBUH) left his pulpit and went down to the old woman who kept commuting to the Prophet (PBUH) and kept telling him I want to tell you something there, and then there and then there, till they covered a good distance and the women left bursting in laughter. On seeing the entire scene, Hazrat Umar (RA), went to Prophet (PBUH) and said "Our master did we not tell you not to pay any heed to this mad woman", to which Prophet (PBUH) replied "Umar, if I don't listen to him who else will". This is the Prophetic exemplar of approaching people, who are otherwise intellectually incapable, which is expected of any Muslim and for that matter any individual, irrespective of religious denomination, who has any claims to civility, mannerism and adherence to minimal set of human values. Now let's look at another precedent and stream of behaviour which is spreading like wildfire on social media these days and that is people, who otherwise claim to be sane are seen posting disturbing (and in their opinion entertaining visuals) of people with mental ailments, we as audience (Necessarily not all) derive sadistic pleasure from these disturbing, heart-wrenching and inhuman visuals. Though the two contrary models of behaviour and approach have been cited vis a vis people with mental health issues, but it applies to and defines the entire range of behaviour people usually adopt towards the spectrum of people with disabilities,



be the disability physical or mental – now fashionably called special ability, without any effect on ground realities.

Some three thousand odd years ago, Plato committed it to writing that he wanted his utopian state purged of people with disabilities, for they don't fulfil utilitarian and productive ends of a state. Three thousand years later, we had a frail and meek and disabled body housing the mind of one of the most celebrated intellectuals of all times, Stephen Hawking, not only proving Plato wrong, but turning him on his head. The three millennia that separate us from Plato also saw a host of people from different walks of life, who were otherwise disabled in one way or the other, but made permanent and immense contributions to society and civilization. The necessity to draw attention to the "contributions" of people with disabilities, because our civilizations, both Eastern and Western have made the delivering capacity of an individual as the sore measure and criteria of his/her worth, dignity and right to live. The mechanised, rather technological

society which we have found ourselves in has drawn a dictum on the stone that only those are entitled to a life of dignity who can be active agents of material generation, who can generate wealth and material resources, who aren't meek to rely on others' helping hand, but who, personifying power and strength can mould the world and tailor it to their needs, thereby proving themselves to be "fruitful individuals for the society".

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framework, lack of logistical support and prevalence of social mores that deteriorate and aggravate their situation further. To begin with, social construction and perception of people with disabilities is so ill fashioned and misconstrued that at the very outset people with disabilities are seen in the frame of reference of "Other" and such a strict impermeable line of distinction is drawn between able bodied persons and people with disabilities that no room of coexistence or mutual celebration and adoration is left open. Instead, people are divided into two boxes whereby people with disabilities/special abilities are left helpless at the receiving end of stereotyping, bullying, marginalization and social injustice. How do these recurrent episodes of bullying, name-calling and discrimination engender and erode the mental health of people with disabilities goes without saying. Then accompanying this discouraging and debilitating social construction and social perception of people with realities comes the role of structural/government policies in addressing issues specific to people with disabilities and their failure to achieve the same. It starts with the stark absence of a comprehensive policy about people with disabilities which could have guaranteed and restored to them a life of dignity and included them in the holistic participation of society. Policies, even if they are in place, are inefficient and do not attend properly to the needs and necessities of persons with disabilities. Institutes supposed to mitigate the problems of and refine the social identity they could celebrate and organically assimilate are either dysfunctional or have fallen into oblivion of turning people with disabilities into dependable creatures, instead of restoring to them their degrees of mental and physical freedom. Our schools, colleges, universities and other educational institutions, which should have instilled in students the

spirit of empathy and etiquettes of proper behaviour towards people with disabilities, are seen themselves promulgating and legitimizing discrimination against people with disabilities in more than one ways. What all this amounts to is the culmination and accumulation of difficulties and blockades for people with disabilities, their exclusion from social structure on the whole and an environment of injustice and exploitation of these people.

Having underscored some of the reasons and thereby the implicit solutions to mitigate and address the problems confronted by people with disabilities, let it also be noted that the religion of Islam is very particular and scrupulous in defending and advocating the rights and dignity of people with disabilities and vehemently discourages the attitude of stereotyping and Otherisation of people with disabilities. There are various eschatological and theological explanations as to why God creates people who suffer because of their bodily and mental limitations, but that's not the subject of debate of this article. What this whole line of argument, as has been followed in this article precipitates at is that people with disabilities, like able bodied persons command an intrinsic life of dignity, honour, participation and inclusion. To leave them out of the social fabric or enclose them in hard drawn social boundaries amounts to decapitating limbs from human body and as Sa'adi said "Humanity is a body of which individuals are parts". It is only by recognising the specific role played by a specific part that the dignity of humanity can be restored and reclaimed.

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## J&K Bank Hosts Secretary DFS Dr Vivek Joshi

"I Could See The Admirable Job J&K Bank Is Doing In The Effective Implementation Of Government Schemes"

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Dr Vivek Joshi on Saturday praised J&K Bank for carrying out an admirable job by effectively implementing government schemes and giving wings to the young entrepreneurs in the Union Territory.

"Through my brief interaction with the entrepreneurs manning the stalls established under 'Swarozgar Utsav' here, I could see the admirable job J&K Bank is doing in the effective implementation of government schemes here. And I commend you for the deep sense of connect with the beneficiaries that was quite apparent during my interactions with them at the stalls," Joshi said.

He made these remarks at J&K Bank corporate headquarters during the event titled 'Swarozgar Utsav' on the first day of his visit to J&K. Joshi was Chief Guest on the occasion.

The event was attended by the Bank's MD & CEO Baldev Prakash, General Managers, DGMs, entrepreneurs, beneficiaries, farmers, home-stay owners, media persons and other senior officials of the Bank. Representatives of KCCI and CA Stores Association (Lassipora) led by their respective Presidents Javed Ahmad Tenga and Ajaz Ahmad Qureshi were also present on the occasion.



"One feels immensely pleased to see that the schemes that we devise for the welfare of people of the country are really and effectively transforming the lives of people for better on ground," he added.

At the event, sanction letters worth Rs 45 Cr were distributed among beneficiaries availing Bank finance under different products and sponsored schemes. A corporate movie capturing the snapshots of Bank's 85 year journey was also screened on the occasion and was followed by a detailed presentation.

The Chief Guest termed both the movie of Bank's journey and the presentation on its systemic significance as impressive, saying, "The graph of J&K Bank has consistently been on the rise

because its leadership has handled all the difficult situations very well like that of COVID19 etc," he said adding "Now I understand why J&K Bank is the most popular bank here".

Pitching for the aggressive propagation and implementation of newly launched PM Vishwakarma Scheme, Secretary DFS said, "The scheme has been designed to extend end-to-end holistic support to traditional artists and craftspeople engaged in 18 identified trades through access to skill training, collateral free credit, modern tools, market linkage support and incentive for digital transactions."

"The scheme has been devised in furtherance of the Prime Minister's vision of inclusive development, and the idea is to upgrade

both the mental horizon and toolkit of artisans and craftspeople and transform them into entrepreneurs of tomorrow," he added.

While stressing upon the need to deepen digital penetration, he also urged the banks to scale up the public awareness programs about the digital frauds, which are on the rise across the country.

In his welcome address, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash highlighted the Bank's lead role in implementing different schemes sponsored by the Union and UT Government. "In addition to that - I feel delighted to share that under the employment generation campaign in J&K titled 'Swarozgar Utsav'- banks have provided credit of Rs 1598 Cr to around 38000 youth thereby benefiting

more than 96,000 persons during the last five months. And being the premier financial institution here, J&K Bank alone has contributed over 90% of the sanctioned credit," he said.

He further added, "As we talk about the strides that our Bank has made, it is high time to acknowledge the pivotal role that financial inclusion and digital banking are playing in the growth and prosperity of our country. And the credit for all this phenomenal transformation - of making banking and business easy for a common man - goes to the visionary financial leadership of the country that includes dignitaries from the DFS here."

Bank's General Manager Ashutosh Sareen concluded the function with the vote of thanks.

## Jammu Kashmir Raj Bhawan celebrates Assam Day

Observer News Service

Jammu: Jammu Kashmir Raj Bhawan celebrated the Assam Day, today. Security personnel, Students, and the people of Assam living in J&K UT were the special invitees for the cultural event organized on the pious occasion.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha extended his felicitations to the people of Assam and the distinguished guests on Assam Day.

Paying tributes to the founder of great Ahom dynasty, Swargadeo Chaolung Sukapha and Veer Lachit Borphukan, the Lt Governor said the two great personalities have made a significant contribution to the making

of a modern, strong and self-reliant Assam.

Litterateurs, artistes and various other great personalities of Assam have ensured national unity and integrity through their priceless contribution and it is our greatest strength, he said.

He said the cultural event organized today at Raj Bhawan is a reflection of unity in diversity. Such occasions provide us a great opportunity to share the values of our rich culture and strengthen the bond between people, he added.

The Lt Governor also congratulated the artists of J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages for their captivating performances.

## Yasha Mudgal assumes charge as Mission Director HADP

Observer News Service

Jammu: Commissioner Secretary Cooperatives and ARI and Trainings department, Yasha Mudgal today assumed the charge of Mission Director, Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP).

After assuming the charge, the Mission Director

took a meeting in which she reviewed the progress on implementation of HADP and Competitiveness Improvement of the Agriculture and Allied Sectors Project in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (JKCIP), funded by International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) across Jammu and Kashmir.

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### 7 SKUAST Students

was taken" following an undertaking by their parents.

"Under convincing undertaking by the parents of students that no harm will come to anyone else from their children, a considerate view was taken to continue the investigation in IPC offences," Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, V K Birdi, told PTI.

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 World Cup's final match to Australia.

The police had booked the students under Section 13 of UAPA, which deals with the inciting or advising of any unlawful activity and is punishable with seven years' jail.

The students were also slapped with IPC sections 505 and 506 which deal with public mischief and criminal intimidation, under which, if convicted, the jail term can go up to five years.

The booking of the students under the UAPA had evoked strong criticism from the political parties who had demanded dropping of the charges.

Meanwhile, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti while welcoming the dropping of the charges, said "finally good sense has prevailed".

"Glad to know that UAPA charges against SKUAST students have been dropped. Finally good sense has prevailed & their future saved from jeopardy," she said in a post on X.

### Ops Against

in Rajouri and offered my condolences to the bereaved family. His family has a long history of service & sacrifices for the motherland. Entire nation is proud of his valour & courage," Sinha said in a post on X.

"I commend our Army, J&K Police & CAPFs for well-planned counter-terrorism operations to wipe out the terror ecosystem. We will intensify our operations against terror ecosystem & those aiding and abetting terrorists & make sure they pay a very heavy price for their heinous actions," he wrote in another post.

At Ajote, the LG also met the ex-Servicemen from the village and nearby areas.

### Police, Army Review

an overview of the steps initiated by police to counter any challenges and threats faced by the inimical elements at the ground level, the spokesman said.

Birdi discussed the other threat perceptions and emphasized for establishment of a proper security grid in the police district. The IGP Kashmir also stressed result-oriented disposal of pending cases, especially NDPS cases.

He emphasized that all stakeholders be taken into confidence by creating synergy and cordial relations with them.

Birdi called for strengthening the intelligence grid on the ground, alertness of deployed personnel, intensified legal action on OGWs and following all the SOPs in letter and spirit.

Stressing the importance and need of modern technology in ushering

transparency in the functioning of the police department, the IGP asked the officers to adopt modern technology for better and transparent policing which is result-oriented and people-friendly.

Highlighting the importance of the people's role in the prevailing scenario, Birdi stressed upon the officers to evolve more effective mechanisms and ensure public safety while dealing with the elements inimical to peace especially rumour mongers on social media platforms.

The IGP also paid floral tributes to the martyrs at district police lines Awantipora for their supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.

Meanwhile, Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, the Army's Srinagar-based Chinार Corps Commander, chaired a separate security review meeting at Awantipora.

"#ChinarCorps Cdr chaired a Security Review Meet at Awantipur, #Pulwama today to review the prevailing security situation & coordinate the CT (counter-terror) Grid during the winter season," the Chinार Corps said in a post on X.

The Corps commander also complimented the troops for their planning and execution of Thursday's Operation Arihal in Pulwama in which a Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist was eliminated and war-like stores recovered, the Army said. PTI

### CBI Carries

civil works of Kiru Hydro Electric Power Project (HEP) to a private company in the year 2019," the CBI had said earlier.

The agency has booked the former chairman of the Chenab Valley Power Projects (Private) Limited, Navin Kumar Chaudhary, former officials M S Babu, M K Mittal and Arun Kumar Mishra and Patel Engineering Limited.

Chaudhary is a 1994-batch Jammu and Kashmir-cadre (now AGMUT cadre) Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer.

"Though a decision was taken in 47th board meeting of CVPPP (Chenab Valley Power Projects (P) Ltd) for re-tender through e-tendering with reverse auction after cancellation of ongoing tendering process, same was not implemented (as per decision taken in 48th board meeting) and tender was finally awarded to Patel Engineering Limited," the FIR has alleged.

### HC Seeks Govt's

and asked ARTO Ganderbal to file the compliance.

Meanwhile, in the main matter, the court said that the Building Operations Control Authority (BOCA) Sonamarg may proceed with the various applications pending before it regarding repairing, construction of Hotels and Huts and Integrated tourist resorts. The court asked the BOCA to consider the same strictly in accordance with the Master Plan and the available area as reflected in the records.

However, the Division bench said, any permission, if granted by the BOCA, will be implemented only after being permitted by the Court after hearing all the concerned parties and considering the various aspects involved in the matter.

### Mercury Up As

night's 4.5 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

Qazigund recorded a low of 3.4 degrees Celsius, up from 2.2 degrees Celsius the previous night, they said. Kokernag town in south Kashmir registered a minimum of 2.2 degrees Celsius, while Kupwara, in the north, recorded a low of 2.3 degrees Celsius.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district recorded a low of minus 0.4 degrees Celsius, while the mercury in Gulmarg settled at minus 3.0 degrees Celsius, the officials added.

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

The intermittent snowfall continued at some places, like Sonamarg in central Kashmir, on Friday morning as well.

The Met office said the weather would remain partly to generally cloudy, but mainly dry till December 10.

### SC Upholds

paid to the land losers and possession is taken over.

"We need to clarify that taking over the possession need not be taking over actual physical possession and it would suffice, if acquiring authority or indenting department formally takes over the possession evidenced by record and some activity thereon is undertaken," the court had said, adding, "The possession of land losers even after payment and tendering of 80% of the estimated compensation and formal take over by the acquiring authority/indenting department shall be treated as trespassers."

However, the applicability of Section 11-B of the 1990 Act, the court had said, shall not stand excluded by mere resort to Section 17 of the 1990 Act unless the procedure provided therein and prerequisites contained in Section 17-A were scrupulously complied with.

"In the instant case, we have found that Section 11-B of the 1990 Act is attracted in view of the failure of the Collector to strictly comply with the provisions of Section 17-A," the court had said, adding, "We have found no evidence on record as to the assessment of estimated compensation and its tendering and payment to the persons interested and entitled thereto. Ordinarily, we could have declared the proceedings as having lapsed, however, being guided by the judgment of Supreme Court in Delhi Airtech Services Pvt. Ltd., we also deem it appropriate to mould the relief and instead of holding the acquisition proceedings as having lapsed, we direct the respondents (authorities) that the final award dated 11th August, 2020 insofar as it pertains to the petitioners is set aside."

Also it had held that the Collector Land Acquisition, Budgam shall pass fresh award qua the petitioners only for that purpose shall construe 11th August, 2020 (date of final award) as the relevant date for determination of market value but shall apply the yardsticks for assessment of compensation provided under the

1990 Act in respect of acquired land of the petitioners only.

"The Collector shall calculate other statutory benefits on such amounts including interest to be calculated and determined by taking into consideration the date of taking over possession i.e. 15th May, 2018," the court had said, adding, "The date on which fresh award is passed in favour of the petitioners pursuant to this judgment and intimated to the petitioners shall be the date of cause of action for seeking enhancement of compensation under the 1990 Act, if the petitioners or any of them is dissatisfied with the quantum of compensation offered."

While making payment of compensation assessed in terms of its judgment, the court had said that the amount of compensation, if any, received by the petitioners shall be taken into account.

"That the compensation determined in favour of the petitioners pursuant to this judgment shall not give cause of action to any other land loser, whose land is acquired under the same notification to seek re-determination of the compensation," the court had said.

### KPDCL To File

said on Saturday.

He also warned to file FIRs against those persons who physically assault KPDCL staff for performing official duties.

Emphasizing judicious use of powers, KPDCL spokesperson also warned consumers to avoid hooking, bypassing of meters and exceeding overload, failing which KPDCL will file criminal charges under relevant provisions of the Electricity Act.

The spokesman also warned commercial consumers including hotels, malls and other business outlets, who have been found involved in tampering with meters and have been caught red-handed by the Central Inspection Squad of KPDCL.

"We have taken cognizance under law and penalised them. These penalties for power theft have been confirmed by the First Appellate Authority under Sections 126 & 127 of the Electricity Act. KPDCL will ensure the fines are deposited, otherwise we will act tough and initiate legal proceedings against them," he said, adding the lists of all such defaulters is lying with KPDCL and will be made public soon.

Confirming positive outcomes of accelerated inspection and disconnection drives, the spokesman said such drives aimed at preventing energy losses and enhancing revenue collection from defaulting consumers, will continue.

"There have been many positive takeaways from such drives. This will help us in adhering to power curtailment schedule and extending comfort to the genuine consumers," he said.

In an attempt to combat large-scale power pilferage and improve bill deposits by defaulting consumers, KPDCL, the spokesperson said, conducted a whopping 10,465 inspections and disconnected over 11,000 consumers in the last 10 days of November 2023.

The corporation, he said, also realized revenue of Rs.85.24 crore, including power receipts, in the same

period, with highest remittances of Rs.16.42 crore recorded on November 28 alone.

Sharing details, he said, rampant hooking of lines on bare conductors in metered areas and exceeding energy use beyond agreed load by flat-rated consumers across Kashmir Division.

"During inspection overdrive, penalties of Rs.1.03 crore was imposed on consumers found involved in power theft across all 6 O&M Circles in last 10 days of November. As many as 995 connections were regularised and 2120 KW load added," he added.

Crediting KPDCL patrolling teams for moving out in sub-zero temperature to expose power pilferage, the spokesman shared details of 11,238 consumers disconnected in the last 10 days of November, who had pending energy dues exceeding three months. This included 7,828 domestic, 2,979 commercial and 346 industrial consumers.

He assured the consumers of strict adherence to power curtailment schedule following additional allocation of power to UT of Jammu & Kashmir by the Central Government.

Reiterating concern over the rate of damage to Domestic Transformers (DTs), the spokesman urged the consumers to prevent overloading of DTs which puts entire habitations to great hardships during peak winter times.

"We have maintained a steady rate of replacing damaged transformers. Our teams at Central Workshop Pampore and divisional-level workshops are working 24x7 to repair damaged DTs and ensure time-bound replacement," he added.

### 3 Brothers

an offer to sell their land measuring 51 marlas (2.5 kanal) at Birpur for Rs 51 lakh on the pretext that the land was coming under acquisition.

They allegedly told Manmohan Singh that if he paid each brother Rs 17 lakh, he would be authorised to receive the compensation amount at the end of the acquisition proceedings.

The brothers had claimed that the compensation for acquisition of the land would be higher than what he would be paying them to buy their land, the official said.

A special power of attorney was executed by the three accused in December 2021. An agreement to sell was also executed in favour of the complainant that acknowledged the receipt of the "consideration amount" and his rights, the spokesperson said.

He said the accused's plan to defraud the complainant was exposed after they approached the collector for land acquisitions with a written communication that they had cancelled the special power of attorney granted to the complainant. They also demanded that the collector make the payment into their account.

After a complaint was lodged, a preliminary verification was initiated. It was found during the probe that the allegations were substantiated, leading to the registration of a formal case for an in-depth investigation, the spokesperson said.

The investigators seized relevant records, recorded witness statements, gathered scientific, circumstantial and other material evidence

and offences under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code were established against the accused for luring the complainant in a deceitful manner with criminal intent and duping him of Rs 43 lakh, the official added.

### Two Earthquake

earthquake of 3.7 magnitude was noted at 4.29 pm at a depth of 5 km below the surface at a latitude of 35.23 and longitude of 77.59 degrees, it said.

Police said there was no information about damages due to the earthquakes from anywhere in the Union Territory.

### IED Destroyed

terror attack in the border district, the officials said.

Security forces have launched a massive search operation in different parts of Rajouri and nearby Poonch district over the past week to clear the region of terrorists.

The search operations were intensified following a fierce gunfight in the Bajimaal area of Rajouri on November 22 and 23 that left five Army personnel, including two captains, dead.

Two Pakistani terrorists affiliated with the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit were killed in the 36-hour-long encounter.

### Gamblers Held

carried out after receiving specific information about gambling activities at the hotel.

"Police have seized stake money of 76,730/- and playing cards from the gamblers. They have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody," the spokesperson said.

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

### Army Holds Job

for local youth seeking employment opportunities and prospective employers.

This job fair is the Indian Army's latest initiative in its comprehensive approach to fostering economic growth in the region while further strengthening its harmonious relationship with the local population, the official said.

The job fair attracted nearly 2,500 youths from across Jammu and Kashmir for around 750 job vacancies, the official added.

The event brought together employers from across the Union Territory and beyond, enabling candidates to explore job opportunities in various sectors, including agriculture and farming, horticulture, animal husbandry, food industry, and handloom, the official said.

The job fair also disseminated valuable information about institutional schemes promoting self-employment and available financial aid.

In addition to public sector participation, several private companies contributed to the job fair, offering employment prospects for both skilled and unskilled individuals, the official added.

### LG Releases

R K Chibber; Deepak Gupta; Nigam Gupta; Col Ranveer Singh Jamwal; Dr Sanjay Sharma; Ashwani Sharma and Naresh Raina were also present.

## 'A Triumph Over Silence'

# Cochlear Implant Restores Nine-Year-Old Nauman's Hearing

Taha Wani

**SRINAGAR:** In a remarkable tale of resilience and determination, Muhammad Nauman, the eldest son of a Srinagar-based family, has overcome the challenges of hearing deficiency through a groundbreaking cochlear implant surgery.

Born unable to speak or hear, Nauman's family embarked on a relentless quest to find a solution.

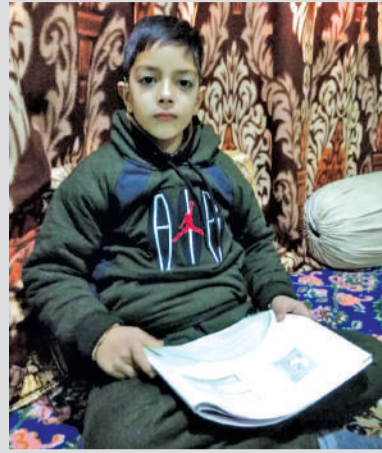
Muhammad Nauman's father recalls the arduous journey, "We tried everything to address his hearing deficiency, consulting renowned specialists at AIIMS Delhi, Chandigarh Hospital, and Ganga Ram Hospital. Despite numerous tests and prescribed medications, success eluded us."

Faced with limited options, the family turned to cochlear implant surgery, a relatively unfamiliar concept for them.

In 2019, after extensive research and consultations with Dr. Rafiq Pampori, a distinguished ENT specialist, the family decided to proceed with the cochlear implant.

Nauman, then five years old, underwent the surgery in February 2020 at a private hospital. The surgery led by Dr. Pampori and his team marked a turning point in Nauman's life.

However, the triumph was not without challenges. The Covid-19 pandemic posed additional hurdles, disrupting the scheduled speech therapies crucial for Nauman's



recovery. Undeterred, the family adhered to safety guidelines and

sought therapies at SMHS, ensuring that Nauman's progress was not compromised.

Reflecting on the significance of the cochlear implant, Nauman's father emphasizes, "This surgery was not a small endeavor. We undertook it with the hope that Nauman would gain the ability to speak and listen effectively." Post-surgery, intensive speech therapies became paramount to develop Nauman's vocabulary and communication skills.

The family's dedication and Nauman's perseverance bore fruit, leading to a successful integration into the mainstream education system.

Nauman enrolled in Legends School of Education, Kanitar, where the management extended

unwavering support. Overcoming the odds, Nauman now excels in Class 1st, even caring for his younger brother, Muhammad Adnan, in the same school.

Nauman's daily routine involves meticulous care for his cochlear implant, requiring eight hours for cleaning and four hours for charging. His parents express gratitude for the school's understanding and cooperation, ensuring Nauman's participation in various activities and camps.

The journey has been emotional, with Nauman's first word echoing a poignant moment. "When he heard his first word, he started crying, and so did we," recalls Nauman's father.

Dr. Pampori's prediction held true – the activation of the cochlear

implant was akin to a new birth for Nauman, enabling him to experience the world of sounds.

As time progresses, Nauman continues to conquer new milestones. From grasping concepts of colors to actively participating in various activities, he has defied expectations. Despite a modified curriculum, Nauman tackles studies with vigor, excelling in writing and mathematics. Islamic studies, too, hold a significant place in his academic journey.

Muhammad Nauman's story is a testament to the transformative power of medical innovation and familial support. His triumph over silence serves as an inspiration, highlighting the importance of perseverance in the face of adversity.

## Political, Social Activists Join Congress In Kathua

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Scores of political and social activists on Saturday joined the Congress in the Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir, the party said.

Pradesh Congress Committee president Vikar Rasool Wani and other senior party leaders welcomed the new entrants led by AAP leaders Robin Sharma and Vindu Bala and BJP worker Vinay Sharma into the party fold, it said. Wani said after the "successful" conduct of the "Bharat Jodo Yatra" led by Rahul Gandhi, a large number of workers from other parties and people are joining the party all over the country, including Jammu and Kashmir. "Already Congress has won Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh after the yatra. Again the Congress party will emerge victorious and stronger in five states (Telangana, Madhya

Pradesh, Rajasthan, Mizoram, and Chhattisgarh) which went to the polls recently," he said.

The Congress leader cautioned the party workers and people against the alleged "divisive tactics" of the BJP-RSS and said "people now realise the political tactics of the ruling party and shall not fall in the trap of the BJP which has not delivered on any single promise made to common people and unemployed youths."

He asked them to reach out to the people in their respective areas and expose BJP's "falsehood and failures".

"People are not happy with their policies and the government has proved to be a failure. We have taken to the streets against the governance deficit, lack of development and failure of the government to deliver on the promises made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir," Wani said.

## Kashmiri Singer Faizan Secures UAE's Golden Visa, Singing Success On Global Stage

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** In a resounding celebration of artistic prowess and cultural achievement, Faizan Showkat, a musician, singer and a songwriter from Kashmir has emerged as a prominent figure in the global music landscape.

For his contributions to the realm of music, Faizan has garnered widespread acclaim not only for his soul-stirring compositions but also for his recent triumph—a coveted Golden Visa bestowed upon him by the UAE government.

Speaking about his early musical journey, Faizan says he had a profound love for music from a very young age.

"My musical journey began at a tender age when my innate talent for music was discovered. My early years were a testament to the power of natural talent nurtured by a rich cultural environment," Faizan said.

"I was infused with the rich cultural heritage of Kashmir, where I honed my skills as a singer, composer, multi-instrumentalist, and record producer," said the 28 year old musician.

However, the year 2008 marked an important year when Faizan formed the band "Elision".

"In 2008, I took a significant step in my musical journey when I formed the band "Elision." The coming together of talented musicians allowed me to explore new horizons of creativity and collaboration." "Together, we embarked on a musical voyage that would leave a lasting impact on the music scene," He added.

In 2011, "Elision" released their first album, "Teri Yaad," at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC). This release marked a significant milestone in their musical journey, showcasing their versatility and innovation and cementing their presence in the world of music.

Pertinently, Faizan took to fame by Mehjoor's timeless verses, particularly "Sahibo," which played a pivotal role in shaping Faizan's musical



journey.

"These verses, rich in themes of eternal love and companionship, resonated deeply with my soul. Inspired by the poignant poetry, I composed a melody that breathed life into the verses of "Sahibo."

"This fusion of poetry and melody created a musical masterpiece that transcended cultural and temporal boundaries, a testament to the profound connection between words and music," Faizan said.

One of the standout achievements in Faizan's career is his significant contribution to the critically acclaimed film, "Hijr - The Separation." Directed by Dilnawaz Muntazir.

The film captures the essence of separation and longing with an authenticity that left a profound impact on audiences. Faizan's role in the creation of this cinematic masterpiece catapulted him to international recognition and acclaim.

"I received several Awards for "Hijr - The Separation" including At Crown Wood International Film Festival, Picasso Einstein Buddha International Film Festival, Canada International Film Festival, Cinema of The World International Film Festival." He said.

"I was also nominated at many film festivals including the Anatolia International Film Festival, Golden Bridge Istanbul Short Film Festival."

These nominations underscored Faizan's ability to create music that resonates with audiences and enhances the narrative of the films he works on. As Faizan keeps going on his musical journey, he shows the power of never giving up, staying dedicated and always striving for the best in music.

## BJP, EC Equally Responsible For Delay In J&K Assembly Polls: Omar

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** The BJP and the Election Commission are equally responsible for the delay in holding assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir, National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah said on Saturday, alleging that the Centre does not want democracy to flourish in the Union territory.

He defended the party's stand on India-Pakistan dialogue but said the onus also lies on Islamabad for creating an atmosphere conducive for the start of parleys.

"As long as the Election Commission is concerned, we are repeatedly asking for reasons why (assembly) elections are not taking place. Some months back, the chief election commissioner himself said there is a vacuum in J-K and that needs to be filled. Mostly they say they need to discuss the situation with the home ministry and the J-K government."

"If the Election Commission is not holding the polls that means it is not getting the approval and if that is the case, it means the BJP is not willing to hold the elections in J-K. We are holding both the BJP and the Election Commission guilty as they have responsibility to

hold the elections here," the former chief minister told reporters after addressing a public rally at Nowshera in Rajouri district.

Asked about his party's stand on talks with Pakistan, he said, "We have not asked for the talks but it was BJP's tallest leader (and former prime minister) A B Vajpayee who asked for maintaining friendship with Pakistan by saying that 'you can change friends, not neighbours.'" Abdullah said he has always said that the onus for resumption of dialogue between the two countries lies with both of them. "Pakistan has to address our concerns for creating an atmosphere for the dialogue. What is wrong in saying this? We are not going for a sell-out." He said his party is repeating only what Vajpayee had said. "We are talking about democracy, humanity and Kashmiriyat. When we talk about democracy, we are repeating what Vajpayee left as inheritance with us. I don't see any wrong in repeating it." Earlier, addressing the public meeting, the NC leader alleged that democracy is being muzzled in Jammu and Kashmir.

"This is for the first time that I am seeing a government at the Centre which does not want democracy to flourish in J-K..." he said, adding that this government does not want the people to exercise their franchise and form a government of their choice.

He said Jammu and Kashmir assembly was over in 2018 and 2023 is also at its fag end but "democracy is nowhere to be seen" and added that much talked about grassroots democratic institutions like the panchayats and urban bodies have either finishing their tenure or completing by next month.

Highlighting the role of the NC, Abdullah said the party has always favoured flourishing of democratic institutions even at a time when Pakistan-sponsored terrorists were making all out attempts to finish the party by targeting its cadre.

"What is our fault that we did not fell for your slogans, not got divided on the name religion, kept alive the chants of 'Hindu-Muslim-Sikh' unity and did not allow the hatred to take its roots," he said, adding "our fault is that we believe that India is strong as long as different communities are united".

He took a dig at the JK administration for keeping around 6,500 posts vacant in police and thousands in other government departments and said "the reality is that this government has not benefited anyone".

## VBSY Witnesses Overwhelming Public Response At Kulgam

DC Presides Over The Yatra Function At Kilam



Observer News Service

**KULGAM:** Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), the driving force behind transformative initiatives, is experiencing a surge in momentum, with every passing day, in Kulgam and the yatra was conducted in 11 Panchayats of Devsar and Pahloo blocks on Saturday.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat also participated in the yatra function held at Kilam.

Addressing the occasion, the DC said that the focus of the Yatra is to reach out to the people, creating awareness and providing benefits of welfare schemes.

He also added that the district administration is committed to working hand-in-hand with the people to achieve sustainable development and uplift the overall socio-economic fabric of the district.

The DC also visited the stalls put up by different departments and interacted with the people here.

ADDC Showkat Ahmad Rather; DDC member Riyaz Ahmad, ACR, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz; ACD, Mohammad Imran; Tehsildar, BDO and other officers were also present on the occasion.

During the Yatra, an IEC van carrying the message of VBSY conducted awareness about the socio-economic and welfare schemes.

Similar events were held at other panchayats and witnessed mass participation of people, PRIs and officials of various departments.

The venues presented a festive look with cultural events besides massive IEC campaigns held regarding centrally sponsored schemes.

## DLSA Srinagar, J&K State AIDS Control Society Unite For World AIDS Day



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** On the occasion of World AIDS Day, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar, in collaboration with the J&K State AIDS Control Society (SACS), orchestrated an enlightening and impactful awareness program themed "Let Communities Lead".

The event underscored the pivotal role communities play in combating HIV/AIDS and highlighted the legal framework outlined in the AIDS (Prevention & Control) Act 2017, particularly advocating for the rights of HIV-affected persons.

The program witnessed the active participation of Jawad Ahmed, Chairman of DLSA Srinagar; Imtiyaz Ahmad Khan, Assistant Director of J&K State AIDS Control Society; Jahangir Ahmad Bakshi, Secretary of DLSA Srinagar; Dr. Shabir Ahmad, members of the Legal Aid and Defense Counsel (LADC) system, panel lawyers, dedicated staff members, and committed para-legal volunteers of DLSA Srinagar.

The event commenced with inaugural address remarks by Chairman DLSA Srinagar emphasizing the imperative

role communities hold in the fight against HIV/AIDS. He also highlighted the role of DLSA in reaching out to the common masses and emphasized upon the importance of Para Legal Volunteers as frontline workers for amplifying the message. His words echoed the importance of community-led initiatives in eradicating stigma and discrimination.

Assistant Director J&K State AIDS Control Society delivered a detailed and informative presentation, shedding light on crucial aspects of HIV/AIDS prevention, control measures, and the legal safeguards provided by the aforementioned act. This comprehensive presentation aimed to equip attendees with a deeper understanding of the issues and solutions surrounding HIV/AIDS.

Secretary of DLSA Srinagar shared invaluable insights, reinforcing the commitment of DLSA towards fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for those impacted by HIV/AIDS. He highlighted the significance of the AIDS (Prevention & Control) Act 2017, stressing its crucial legal framework designed to safeguard the rights and dignity of individuals affected by HIV/AIDS.

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## Real Kashmir & Aizawl Share Spoils In 0-0 Draw



Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Real Kashmir FC were held goalless by Aizawl FC in the I-League 2023-24 at the TRC Turf Ground here on Saturday.

It was only the second goalless fixture of the season so far, and the first draw for Real Kashmir. The Snow Leopards have netted eight goals in their last two matches but were unable to find a way past a resilient Aizawl side, which picked up its first clean sheet of the season.

Although they had to settle for a point, the match highlighted Real Kashmir's solid defensive form as they kept their fifth clean sheet in seven matches. With only four goals conceded so far, Ishfaq Ahmed's side boasts the joint-best defensive record in the league

alongside Mohammedan Sporting.

Aizawl were led by their in-form young forward Lalrinzuala, who has netted six goals this season, including three in the last two matches, but was unable to repeat that on the cool afternoon in Srinagar.

In the second half, Real Kashmir brought in attacking reinforcements in the form of Ateeb Dar and Mohamad Maksoud but to no avail.

With the draw, Real Kashmir remained in third spot with 13 points from seven matches. Aizawl moved up a place to sixth, with 11 points from seven games.

The Snow Leopards will next host current leaders Sreenidi Deccan FC on December 7, while the Reds travel to Kalyani to face TRAU FC on the same day. (IANS)

## India Play Australia In 5th T20I Today

Press Trust of India

**BENGALURU:** The ever-milling modern-day sport does not allow extended celebrations and India, in the immediate aftermath of their T20I series triumph, will have to hit game-mode and treat the fifth match against Australia in Bengaluru on Sunday as a workshop to fit two key pieces in their grooves ahead of an exacting assignment.

Iyer might have been in grand touch during the recent 50-over World Cup, but the Raipur T20I on Friday was the Mumbai's first international match in the shortest format in over a year after playing against New Zealand at Napier last November.

The rust was visible while making a 7-ball eight without a single boundary.

So, Iyer will be looking to rack in some runs and he will

The fourth T20I against the Aussies was his first outing for India in this version after the match against South Africa at Indore in October last year.

Suryakumar, Rituraj Gaikwad, Rinku Singh, Yashasvi Jaiswal and Ishan Kishan, who may come back in place of Jitesh Sharma, were among runs, while leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi has taken seven wickets to top the bowling chart and they would like to keep the momentum



Shreyas Iyer and Deepak Chahar will have significant roles to play in the T20Is against South Africa, beginning on December 10.

In that context, the Indian think-tank will be eager to see them firing in their last competitive outing before facing the Proteas at Durban.

be longing for an outing at the Chinnaswamy Stadium, where he cracked a hundred against Netherlands not so long ago in the one-day showpiece.

In fact, Chahar, who is regaining his range after a long injury lay-off, too finds himself in a similar scenario as Iyer.

going.

On the other hand, the Aussies have nothing to lose now as Matthew Wade and company would like to return home with a victory, an apt epilogue to their country's highly fruitful stint in Indian shores over the last two months.

## Competitive Tournaments Key To Taking J&K Football To Next Level: Coaches



Press Trust of India

**SRINAGAR:** Former footballer Ishfaq Ahmed has said competitive tournaments were key to honing skills of players for taking the game to the next level in Kashmir Valley.

Reliance Foundation Youth Sports (RFYS) conducted one of the country's premier grassroots football competitions here in the under-21 category. It is set to conduct tournaments in U-15 boys and U-19 girls categories as well.

These tournaments will give the much-needed match experience to young players in Kashmir and they will now be able to judge themselves, Ahmed, who is currently the head coach of Real Kashmir FC, said.

"It is a fantastic news for the youth teams. They have been training day in, day out, but the lack of competition was a big issue here. Now, RFYS has

taken this fantastic initiative and it is a positive sign for Kashmiri football," he said.

"This will help our younger generation to develop both mentally and physically..." he said, adding it would help in taking the game to the next level in Kashmir Valley.

Ahmed has earlier coached Kerala Blasters FC and the Indian Football Under-16 men's team.

Former head coach of Indian senior women's national team Sajid Yousuf Dar said such initiatives were lacking in Jammu and Kashmir earlier.

"I thank Reliance Foundation Youth Sports for coming forward and collaborating in the education sector with the University of Kashmir. This is what we need and we need to put efforts together to take football in Jammu and Kashmir to the next level," Dar, who coaches the football team of the University of Kashmir, said.

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