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Supreme Court To Deliver Art-370 Verdict On Monday



Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Supreme Court will pronounce on Monday its verdict on a batch of petitions challenging revocation of Article 370 of the Constitution which gave special privileges to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

A five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant, had reserved the verdict on September 5, after hearing extensive arguments for 16 days by both the petitioners and the government in August this year.

The petitioners in the mat-ter have also challenged the J&K Reorganization Act which bifurcated the State into Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh.

With Justice SK Kaul retiring from Supreme Court on December 25 and December 15 being the last working day for the Supreme Court before winter vacations, the much awaited judgement will be out on Monday.

In the course of 16-day marathon hearing, the top court heard arguments from senior advocates Kapil Sibal,

Gopal Subramanium, Rajeev Dhavan, Zaffar Shah, Dushyant Dave and others representing the petitions. The Apex Court also heard Attorney General R Venkataramani, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, senior advocates Harish Salve, Rakesh Dwivedi, V Giri and others on behalf of the Centre and the intervenors defending the abrogation of Article 370.

The lawyers dwelt on various issues including the constitu-tional validity of the Centre's August 5, 2019 decision to abrogate the provision, the validity of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, which split the erstwhile state into two Union Territories, challenges to imposition of Governor's rule in Jammu and Kashmir on June 20, 2018 and imposition of President's rule in the erstwhile state on December 19, 2018 and its extension on July 3, 2019.

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

HC Fines Director Health Services Kashmir For Ignoring Court

Marouf Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has imposed Rs two lakh as costs on Director Health Services Kashmir as it dismissed a plea challenging order which was passed by City Judge Srinagar on 14 May 2018.

A bench of Justice Atul Sreedharan observed that City Judge Srinagar had directed the DHSK and another to remain present before it on 30 May 2018, failing which appropriate proceed-

ings as warranted under law shall be initiated.

"It is undisputed that the petitioner (DHSK) did not appear before the Executing Court (City Judge) as required. Instead the present petition was filed against the order of the Executing Court, stating that the order passed by the Court of Execution is bad in law and on facts as the decree given by the learned Trial Court in favour of the respondent (DSHK) herein has already been complied with and, therefore, there was nothing further to fulfill in the decree passed by the learned Trial Court," the court said.

As per the case, DHSK and another were the defendants in the civil suit filed by one I A Baqal before the Court of City Judge, Srinagar on 1 July 2001. The suit was decreed ex-party by the Trial Court in favour of Baqal on 5 June 2003 as defendants who after being served, remained absent.

On 17 October 2001, evidence was recorded ex-parte and thereafter defendants filed an application for setting aside the ex-parte proceedings.

However, the court observed, the defendants-DHSK and another- once again remained absent which resulted in the dismissal of their application seeking setting aside of the ex-parte pro-

ceedings, on 7 February 2003. "Therefore, it is clear from the conduct of the petitioners (DHSK and other) that they had knowledge of pendency of the suit before the Trial Court as they had filed the application for setting aside the order, whereby they were declared ex-parte," the court said, adding, "After the suit was decreed, the appeal was not filed by the petitioners, challenging the judgment and | More on P6

Kashmir Police Issue Guidelines To Curb SM Misuse

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir police on Thursday issued guidelines for social media users under CrPC Section 144 in an attempt to curb spread of communally sensitive content and to discourage glorification of terrorism and secessionism.

"The guidelines aim to provide clarity on actions citizens should take when encountering content related to terrorism, secessionism, threats, intimidation, or communally sensitive ma-terial on social media platforms," Police in Baramulla said on Thursday.

The guidelines come a week after Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain, said that police will introduce a new provision under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC)



to criminalise social media content that promotes disharmony and terrorise or threaten anyone.

According to the guidelines, the citizens have been asked to contribute to maintaining a safe online environment and promptly report any suspicious activity.

"If you receive a message containing objectionable content then report it immediately to the nearest Police

Station or Police Post with a screenshot and detailed information." the guidelines read.

The users have been advised to "recall messages promptly" in case they accidentally share inappropriate content. "If not possible, issue a clarification to each contact or group it was shared with. Report the incident to the authorities as a precaution," it added. In case of being part of any

WhatsApp | More on P6

IF YOU RECEIVE A MESSAGE CONTAINING OBJECTIONABLE content then report it immediately to the nearest Police Station or Police Post with a screenshot and detailed information."

District Magistrates Crack Whip Too

everal District Magistrates in Kashmir Valley have issued advisories, asking people to refrain from preparing, posting, spreading or propagating incendiary messages and propaganda of terrorist and separatist outfits on social-media platforms. In an order issued Thursday, the District Magistrate Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad issued an order asking the | More on P6

SM Pages Glorifying Suicides To Face Heat

enior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Sopore, Shabir Nawab, on Thursday issued a stern warning to social media page handlers, especially Facebook, urging them to refrain from glorifying suicide cases. He said strict legal action would be | More on P6

Another Cab Rolls Down Zojila Pass, 5 Dead

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: A cab taking a group of persons from Srinagar to Kargil fell from a mountain highway in the Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, killing five persons, officials said.

The accident took place in the Sonamarg area where the passenger cab skidded off the mountainous Zojila Pass road on the Srinagar-Leh highway due to slippery road conditions caused by recent snowfall, the officials said.

They said five persons on board the vehicle died in the accident. All the victims hailed from Kargil and were identified as Mohammad Hussain, Shabir Hussain, Mohammad Akbar, Mohammad Amin and Abdul Hadi, they added.

This is the second major accident along the Zojila Pass on the Srinagar-Leh highway in three

days.
Five persons, including four tourists from Kerala, died while three others were injured in a similar accident on Tuesday.

Downtown Police Officer Loses Battle For Life After 39 Days

Inspector Masroor Ahmad Wani Was Injured In A Terror Attack On October 29



KUMAR, WHO WAS OFFICIATING AS INSPECTOR GENERAL OF KASHMIR range when the attack took place, had said the police had identified the terrorist as Basit Dar, who hails from Kulgam in South Kashmir and was active for quite some time.

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Police Inspector Masroor Ahmad Wani, who was critically injured when he was shot at by a Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist while playing cricket in Srinagar in October, died at AIIMS here Thursday leaving behind his wife who is expecting her first child.

Officials said despite best efforts of the medical team, Wani succumbed to injuries this afternoon.

Devastated Wife

Unborn Child

Press Trust Of India

Wails For Husband,

"My child became an orphan

said the inconsolable wife of

Wani, who died | More on P6

Inspector Masroor Ahmed

even before being born,"

Son of a retired police subinspector, 35-year-old Wani was playing cricket at the Eidgah ground when the lone terrorist fired three shots in the eye, abdomen and neck from close range on October 29, a Sunday when a number of youngsters were playing the game.

Wani's teammates ran after the terrorist but he fired in the air and fled.

'He Was A Typical

n the somber lanes leading

to the house of Inspector

Masroor Ahmad Wani,

relatives, and | More on P6

a poignant atmosphere

prevailed. Neighbors,

Downtown Boy'

Syed Burhan

Wani was rushed to a hospital in I More on P6

DGP Vows To Eradicate Terrorism From J&K



ours after a police terror attack over a month ago, succumbed to injuries at a hospital in New Delhi, the Director General of Police, R.R. Swain on Thursday vowed to eradicate menace of terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir. "Inspector Masroor

Ahmad Wani's legacy of bravery and selflessness will continue to inspire us. His memory will forever fuel our determination to dismantle the bones of terrorism in Kashmir. We reaffirm our commitment to safeguarding the people of | More on P6

LG Promises Befitting Reply

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday paid tribute to the brave martyr of Jammu Kashmir Police. Inspector Masroor Ahmad. He has said, "No words are strong enough | More on P6

he Union Territory

Gol Gives No Timeline For Holding J&K Assembly Polls

Savs ECI Considers All Relevant Aspects Such As Law And Order Situation, Conducive Atmosphere

Srinagar: The central government on Thursday gave evasive reply regarding the conduct of assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

The government also gave no specific reply regarding the timeline for the polls during ongoing winter session of the parliament.

"The Election Commission of India (the Commission) has informed that by virtue of its powers, duties and functions under Article 324 read with Article 172 (1) of the Constitution and section 15 of the Representation of the People Act. 1951 (43 of 1951). the Commission is under a constitutional mandate to hold General Elections to constitute the new House of the People in Parliament and new Legislative Assemblies in the States within a period of six

months before the expiry of the present term or within six months of the premature dissolution of the House or the Assembly," Minister of State in the ministry of Law and Justice, Parliamentary Affairs and culture Arjun Ram Meghwal said in reply Congress Rajya Sabha member Syed Nasir Hussaina's question as to whether government is planning to conduct assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir and if so, the details including the timeline by which the process of holding assembly polls is expected to begin and completed.

"Further, the Commission considers all relevant aspects such as law and order situation in the State, school/college examinations, festivals, weather conditions, holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (26 of 1881) and availability of Central Armed Police Forces as I More on P6

INTER-STATE JOB SCAM

'Journalist' Denied Bail For **Creating Fake Website**

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: A court here has rejected the bail plea of an accused recently arrested by the cyber wing of the Jammu and Kashmir Police for his alleged involvement in creating a fake website of a government department to dupe gullible job seekers.

Tahir Ahmad Bhat, who claims to be a journalist from Sarnal Payeen village of south Kashmir's Anantnag district, moved a bail application in the court of special mobile magistrate, Srinagar, Ahsan Malik on November 22.

He was among two persons arrested by the cyber police after registering a case under various sections of the Information Technology Act and Indian Penal Code following a written communication from the health and medical education department that their official website had been cloned and fake appointment orders unloaded.

Investigations revealed that the fake website was created by one Prashant Mathur of Agra and 10 unemployed youth from different parts of the Kashmir Valley were duped of their money on the pretext of getting them jobs in the health and medical education department.

"It is strange that the accused herein is a journalist by profession and is allegedly involved in the | More on P6

Cold Wave Sweeps Kashmir

rinagar experienced the coldest night of the season so far as the cold conditions intensified in Kashmir and the minimum temperature across the valley settled below the freezing point, officials said on Thursday. Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 2.6 degrees Celsius, down from minus 2 degrees Celsius the previous night, they said. It was the coldest night of the season so far in the city, the officials said. | More on P6

Properties Of Two OGWs Attached

he National Investigation Agency on Thursday attached the properties of two key Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operatives for their involvement in the 2015 terror attack on a BSF convov in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir. Two BSF personnel were killed and 13 others injured in the attack, which took place on August 5, 2015 on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway in Narsoo village of Udhampur district. One terrorist was killed and another, identified as Naveed, was arrested in the retaliatory action | More on P6

Soldier Dies In Ramban Accident

28-year-old army man died in a road accident in Ukhral area of Ramban district, officials said. They said that a Tata mobile bearing registration number JK02CC-9768 on its way from Ukhral to Phagmulla rolled down about 150 ft upon reaching Higher Secondary School Ukhral after suffering brake fail. The army man, the officials said, was taken to a PHC Ukhral where the doctors declared him as brought dead on arrival. Confirming it Dr. Igbal Malik identified the deceased as Nirmal Singh, a | More on P6

Man Held For Black

Marketing Diesel

olice on Thursday arrested a man in Baramulla district for his alleged involvement in petroleum products illegally. A Police party led by SHO PS Tangmarg arrested shopkeeper namely Shabir Ahmad Parray was arrested by police for his involvement in selling petroleum products at exorbitant rates at his shop at Tangmarg Baramulla, a police spokesperson said. He said that the officers also recovered 210 litres of Diesel from his shop "He has been arrested | More on P6

Farooq Questions Silence On J&K Polls

ational Conference leader Faroog Abdullah on Thursday wondered why Home Minister Amit Shah did not mention about holding elections in Jammu and Kashmir during his speech in Lok Sabha. Shah had made an elaborate statement in the House on Wednesday on various aspects related to Jammu and Kashmir as two bills related to the Union territory came up for consideration and passage. Responding to a question, Abdullah told reporters that Shah did not | More on P6

324 Posts Of HC Judges Vacant: Govt

here are more than 320 vacancies in various high courts where 790 judges are working as against the sanctioned strength of 1,114, the Rajya Sabha was informed on Thursday. In a written reply to a question, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal also said that according to the existing Memorandum of Procedure (MoP), the transfer of chief justices and judges of the high courts are to be made in public interest -- for promoting better administration | More on P6



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The J&K Board Of Professional **Entrance Examinations (BOPEE)**

Tele/Fax: 0194-2433590, 2437647 (Srinagar): 0191-2479371, 2470102 (Jammu) Website: www.jkbopee.gov.in E-mail: coejakbopee@gmail.com/helpdeskjakbopee@gmail.com

Subject: Conduct of Mop up round of (Physical) counseling for admission to B.Ed. Courses-2023 in Government College of Education, Jammu/ Srinagar & Composite Research Centre (CRC), Srinagar. Reference: Notification No.132-BOPEE of 2023 dated 04.12.2023.

Notification No: 135 -BOPEE of 2023

Dated: 07-12-2023

Pursuant to Notification Nos. 132 -BOPEE of 2023 dated 04-12-2023, the Board has issued the Provisional Selection List of candidates for admission to B.Ed. Courses - 2023 in Government College of Education (IASE), Srinagar, Government College of Education, Jammu & CRC, Srinagar. In order to fill up the seats which have remained unfilled and also received as shortfall from the concerned Colleges/ Institutions after conclusion of 2nd Round of counselling, it is hereby notified that the Board shall conduct Mop up Round of counseling for admission to such Courses in these Institutions at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar simultaneously as per the following schedule:-

| S.No | Day & Date | Rank | | Remarks |
|------|--------------------|------|-----|------------------------------|
| | - | From | То | |
| 1. | Tuesday 12-12-2023 | 01 | 634 | All candidates (OM/Category) |

The eligible candidates shall have to report at the BOPEE offices Jammu/ Srinagar for Registration/Attendance and fulfillment of other formalities, from 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. on the day /date of counseling for the said Courses.

The Board shall first conduct the counselling of reserved category candidates and in case any category seat(s) remained unfilled, the same seats shall be converted into Open Merit as per Section 09 of J&K Reservation Act 2005 and accordingly shall be filled on the same day strictly on the basis of merit cum preferences preferred by the candidates present during the counseling process. It is further notified for information of all the concerned candidates that the admission of the candidates is purely

provisional and shall be cancelled in case any information furnished by any candidate proves to be false / fabricated, and action as

warranted under rules shall be initiated against such candidates. All the candidates who are participating in the counseling shall bring along the following documents in original on the day

of their counseling failing which they shall not be allowed to attend the counseling:

Domicile certificate.

Final year Marks card of Graduation. iii) Category certificate, wherever applicable.

The following procedure shall be followed during the Second Upgradation /Allotment Round of Physical Counseling. 1. All the CDP candidates have to bring along their Priority certificate at the time of counseling.

It is enjoined upon all the eligible candidates that they shall visit/ attend counseling only after checking the Seat Matrix shall be made available on the official website of the Board.

Those candidate(s) who have been allotted seat(s) during the First/Second Rounds of Counseling and have joined against the said seat/College, if interested, for upgradation from IASE, Srinagar to CRC or vice versa are eligible to participate in the Mop up Round of Physical Counseling with the condition that he/she shall have to produce his/her fee deposition receipt of the concerned allotted College at the time of Registration /Attendance on the day of counseling. The eligible candidates who have failed to participate in the First/Second Round of counselling due to one or

the other reason shall also be eligible to participate in the counselling. The candidate(s) who have been allotted Seat(s) during the First Round of counseling, but have failed to join,

he/she shall also be eligible to participate in the Mop Up Round of counseling. 6. The candidates who are participating for the first time in the counseling process shall have to deposit Rs.1000/ as a

Counseling fee through POS machines available at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar on the day of Counseling. The Board reserves the right to notify such changes as may become necessary in view of any technical dif-

ficulty or the reasons beyond its control.

Note -II: The Seat Matrix for Mop up Round of counselling shall be uploaded on website of the Board before the date of counsel-

The counseling will be automatically stopped as and when the seats will get exhausted and no claim(s) from the waiting candidates, if any, shall be entertained by the Board.

The other Terms and Conditions shall, however, remain the same as notified by the Board in various Notifications/Notices issued from time to time in this regard.

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Controller of Examinations J&K BOPEE DIPK-NB-4663/23 Dated: 07-12-2023

No. BOPEE-EXAM/3/2023(7303099)

ing for information of the candidates.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Ganderbal

NOTICE INVITING TENDER **ELECTRICAL WORKS**

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Dated:07-12-2023

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AAA= Accorded Terms & Conditions

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in shape of Treasury Receipt/e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Ganderbal.

Note:-The Date of Treasury Challan and CDR must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date.. Any deviation shall render the bidder as Non-

1. The Bidders shall upload earnest money equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering pledged in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbaland 5% of the allotted cost as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG by the successful bidder pledged in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal. The Performance Security i.e, 5% shall be released after successful completion of the Defect Liability Peroid (DLP) of the work. The EMD of 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security/after award of the contract for the Work is issued.

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, (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:-

3. The cost of tenders should be collected by introducing E-Challan or simply uploading a copy of necessary treasury challan /receipt
The bidders are advised to upload below mentioned documents. Any short fall of these documents the tender shall not be accounted in responsive sheet.

1. Scanned copy of Registration Card with latest renewal on JKPWOMS portal

2. Scanned copy of Treasury Challan

3. Scanned copy of PAN Card/ GSTIN No. 4. scanned copy of Latest GST clearance certificate FORM GST-3B.

5. scanned copy of valid contact No/E-Mail ID

b) Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B of the Latest Quarter i.e, July-September 2023/Qualifying Month. ie, October-2023.

The bidder has to upload the latest clearance certificate FORMGST-3B of the Latest quarter i.e, July-september 2023/Qualifying Month.ie, October-2023.

All bidders shall upload Verification Certificate from concerned Chief Engineer/Superintending Engineer of Enlistment Registration Card.

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

authority).

No. 14324-29 Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal DIPK-13437/23 Dated: 07-12-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my 8th pass marks card . Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Govt boys High school Nillah within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Shahid Ahmad Najar Son Of Gh.ahmad Najar R/O Nillah Pattan

I have applied for the issuance of DOB Certificate of my daughter from Municipal Council Beerwah. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Javaid Hassan Bandav

PUBLIC NOTICE

R/o Beerwah

The Jammu And Kashmir State **Board Of School Education**

SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th session Annual Regular 2021 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

Name: Danish Mehraj Kawa S/o: Mehraj Ud Din Kawa Roll No: 112006239

Year & Session 2013 2021 Annual Regular (Oct-Nov)

Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the some before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is teated as

> Sd/ Assistant Secretary **Board Of School Education** Sub Office Bandipora

Subject:- Grant Of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name & Style "M/S Kashmir Canvas Tour And Travel"

Public Notice

Whereas I, Mr. Orusha Mattoo Father's Name: Nazir ahmad matto R/o Iddgah Srinagar KASHMIR intend to apply in the Department of Toursm for registration of my proposed travel unit under the name & style of "M/S Kashmir canvas tour and travel" KASHMIR under tourist trade act

Whereas I will submit state subject / Domicile certificate, Qualification Cer tificate, pan cardr \ Experience Certificate(Minimum Syears). Police character certificate, Bank statement (minimum balance 10000), site plan, Affidavit, Rent deed duly attested by sub Registrar, printing material (Latter head / Visiting card) Photograph of the unit (indoor and outdoor) and Two passport size photographs to the department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist I Prior to Registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency.

Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12) befre my

case is processed for my registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/ Financial institutions/Bank/ Organisation, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism Registration(email id; ddtregl23@gmail.com) within a period of 7days from the publication of this notice in a leading newspaper/newspapers of the valley. No objection beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.

From The Office Of Advocate Snober Azad

In the case of

Mohd shafi wani S/O Mohammad Subhan wani R/O kralkhud Nai Sarak Srinagar

(Caveators)

PUBLIC AT LARGE In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Ap-peal, Suit or any other type of

proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seed in obtaining some relief/order at their back/in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irrepa- rable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

Sd/advocate

(Caveators)

From the office of Advocate Snober azad In the case of

Mohd Iqbal Misgar s/o Ghulam Nabi Misgar R/o housing colony Lal Nagar Chanapora Srinagar

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Sd/advocate

Government of India Ministry of Communications Department of Telecommunications

Inviting applications for the post of Chairperson, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, New Delhi

Government of India, Ministry of Communications, Department of Telecommunications, invites applications from Indian Nationals for the post of Chairperson in the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

TRAI is a statutory autonomous body set up under the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997. It is mandated to regulate the telecommunication services, adjudicate disputes, dispose of appeals and to protect the interests of service providers and consumers of tire telecom sector, to promote and ensure orderly growth of the telecom sector.

The detailed eligibility conditions and other terms and conditions of appointment may be seen on the web-sites www.dot.gov.in or http://www.trai.gov.in or httn://www-dopt.gov.in. Those who have applied against earlier advertisement issued on 22.06.2023 need not apply afresh. The last date of submission of the applications is 22.12.2023 by 5.30 PM.

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Office Of The Advocate Riaz Ahmed Bhat

In the case of:

Shah Mohammad Ubaid @ Ubaid Shah S/o: Jalal-ud-din shah R/o: House No. 36, Hakeem Bagh Rawalpora Srinagar (CAVEATOR)

VERSUS

(NON-CAVETORS)

Public at Large

IN THE MATTER OF:- Caveat petition That the caveator has reason to believe that the non-caveators may likely approach the Hon'ble Court with unclean hands and may choose to file any Petition, suit, application or any other legal proceedings against the caveator and may secure interim order(s) by misrepresenting the facts which will cause

irreparable loss to the caveator. It is impressed in that event the

caveator may be given prior opportunity of being heard before

passing any order (s) against the caveator. Sd/-Riaz Ahmed Bhat Advocate

Before the Hon'ble court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at Srinagar

In the case of:

1. Mst Taja Begum wife Ghulam Qadir Wani R/o Wadwan

2.Latief Ahmad Mir s/o Wali Mir R/o Watalpora Budgam a/p Wadwan Budgam 3. Abdul Gani Bhat 4 Gull Bhat 5 Abdul Majeed Bhat caveator

no.3 to 5 sons of Ismail Bhat R/o Wadwan Budgam

(Caveators)

PUBLIC AT LARGE

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A The caveators has reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Ap-peal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at their back/in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irrepa-rable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

Sd/advocate

In The Court Of City Judge Srinagar Present: MS. Fozia Paul

In Case of

Syed Bilal Ahmad Kirmani V/S Ali Mohammad Dar

Proclamation for appearance of Accused in terms of Section 82(1) (R.P.C

Whereas, complaint titled above has been presented and is pending disposal before me wherein it is stated that accused namely Ali Mohammad Dar S/o Abdul Aziz Dar R/o Pallapora Foot Bridge Noorbagh Srinagar, Propr: Ever Green Shop Choglamsar Leh Pb. 9419575914 is alleged to have committed an offence punishable U/S 138 N.I.Act against the petitioner named above. Further, the Accused has never appeared before this court since the inception of this Execution petition. And whereas, it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused has absconded and is avoiding the process issued by this court intentionally.

Henceforth, this Proclamation is hereby made against the accused named above and you are as such required to appear before this Cout at Srinagar before me to answer the said complaint against you by or before 29-01-2024

Issued today on 01-12-2023 City Judge Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my Passport somewhere. now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Regional Passport Office Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Umar Jan Bhat (DOB: 26-10-1990

S/o Ab Ahad Bhat R/o Beerwah Budgam Pandow Pora

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Irshad Ahmad Ganie (DOB: 03-10-1989)

S/o Gh Rasool Gannie R/o Dachan Budgam Berwah bmg

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Ashiq Ahmad Ganie (DOB: 10-12-1996) S/O Ab Rahman Ganie R/o Alam Gachoo Budgam

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Aaqib Ah Wani (DOB: 01-03-2002) S/o Bashir Ah Wani

R/o Pethkool Beerwah Budgam

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Fakhuru Din Dar (DOB: 06-06-1998) S/o Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Dar

BMG

R/o Rathsoon Budgam

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Zilla Sainik Welfare Board **Srinagar Celebrates Armed Forces Flag Day**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In connection with the celebrations of Armed Forces Flag Day, a Program was held today at Zilla Sainik Bhawan, Srinagar to honor the war martyrs and men in uniform who fought to safeguard the country's integrity and sovereignty.

Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, who is also President Zilla Sainik Board, Srinagar was the Chief Guest on the occasion

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the role of Sainiks and called them guardians of the Nation who

protect its citizens. He said Flag Day brings to the forefront our commitment of looking after our veer naris, disabled soldiers and families of martyrs.

The DC also said that work on construction of Hostel for wards of armed forces (ex-servicemen)/martyrs is nearing completion. He said the hostel will have all necessary facilities that would be utilized by the family members of the martyrs.

During the interaction with the veterans, the DC Srinagar assured all support from the civil administration towards welfare of Ex-Servicemen and their families.

6 Shops, 2 Rooms Gutted In Zampa Kadal Blaze

DEMISE

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the demise of my Haji Mohmmad Yousuf Bhat S/o

Late Gh. Hassan Bhat R/o Dar Mohalla Soura

expires on 07th December 2023 after a brief illness.

May Almighty Allah grant Jannat ul Firdous to the

departed soul. Taziat will be only for three days and

BEREAVED FAMILY

Sajad Ahmad Bhat

Samiullah (Sons)

Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993

MOHAMMAD AMIN TANTRAY

S/o: GHULAM NABITANTRAY R/O: SALOORA

GANDERBAL JAMMU AND KASHMIR-191201

application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date; 11/07/2023.

11705083.23/- (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT-1)

2nd Floor SCO 33-34-35 Sector -17 A, Chandigarh

Case No. OA/2027/2022

Summons under sub section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub rule 2(A) of rule 5 of the

JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK LIMITED

M/S MOHAMMAD AMIN BHAT

WHEREAS, OA/2027/2022 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on

Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice on the said application

under section 19 (4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recover)' of debts of Rs.

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed

specified by the applicant under serial number 3Aofthe original application;

pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;

T show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for

to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets

you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other

assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application,

you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course

of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other

assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original

you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets

or other assets and properties n the ordinary course of business and deposit such

sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding

Signature of the Officer Authorised

to issue summons

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the

applicant and to appear before Registrar on .12/12/2023 at 10.30 AM , failing which the

Observer News Service

Srinagar: At least six shops and two residential rooms were damaged in a fire incident that broke out at Zampa Kadal, Srinagar this morning, officials said.

An official said at least six shops and two residential rooms were damaged in a fire incident in the wee hours at Zampa Kadal Srinagar. He said the fire broke out from one of the shops and engulfed other shops quickly.

Among six shops, he said, one of them was

there will be no gathering.

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07.07.2023

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should not be granted.

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used for Kashmir arts under the trade name 'Gulnoor Kashmir Arts' and the other room was used for residential purposes.

Similarly, the roof of the shopping complex and rooms were completely gutted, along with household goods, textiles, and other items.

Meanwhile, the Fire and Emergency Services (F&ES)personnel rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control. The official said the cause of the fire is under investigation and no loss of life or casualties have been reported in the incident.



Div Com Reviews Progress Of Greater Srinagar Sewerage Scheme

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri Thursday reviewed the progress on the Comprehensive Sewerage Scheme in Zone-III of Greater Srinagar under the Languishing Scheme of erstwhile JNURM executed by H&UDD/UEED.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Engineers of PHE, PWD Central,

the General Manager NBCC, officers of SMC and representatives of the area.

The meeting was informed that the Trunk Sewer Line has been 99 percent completed while the Lateral Sewer Line has been entirely completed, besides, 60 MLD STP is near completion with 98% work already done

It was further informed that due to the non-availability of fronts for the Trunk Sewer Line at 90 feet road for shifting of 16 Shops and re-alignment of PHE pipes at Alamgari Bazar, the re-

maining work is pending completion.

On the occasion, Div Com directed concerned officers to speed up the execution of work so that the concerned area does not face inconvenience due to water logging.

He enjoined the concerned to make arrangements for providing electricity to ensure the operation of the STP.

He also instructed for the completion of the rehabilitation process of shopkeepers so that the remaining segment of the Sewer Line is completed.

Locals Decry Persistent Snag In Biometric Machine

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Locals of Srinagar's Habba Kadal area, drawing ration from a depot at ward circle two, have alleged an "insouciant" and "rude" behavior of the con-

cerned Munshi, who often bereft them of rice and other items on the pretext of the biometric authentication machine's technical snag. The aggrieved locals said they feigns helplessness due to the non-func-

tioning of biometric machines.

"To wait outside the ration depot in a line during the bone-chilling cold is in itself a challenge and then all our efforts are wasted when we are told that the biometric authentication machine is not working," they said.

left the ration depot without drawing rice several times as the Munshi at the Ghat

RC LOST

I have lost RC of my vehicle Scooty bearing No. JK01H-4534 somewhere. Now I am applying for its duplicate. Anybody having any objection may contact RTO Srinagar within week at the

Javaid Ahmad Rather R/o Baghati Shoora

Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir

Estates Wing, Main Campus Shalimar – 190 025

Notice Inviting e-Tender

E-NIT No. (76) of 2023-24 Dated:02.12.2023

For and on behalf of Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir, e-tenders (Single-cover system) are invited on percentage basisfrom approved and eligible Electric contractors whose cards are valid up to 31-12-3 registered with State PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Goyt, department following work:-

| ı | S. No | Name of the work | Estimated | Earnest | Class of | Cost of | Time of |
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| ı | 1. | Internal Electrical and ELV Works for | 40.27 | 80,540 | A class | 1300/- | Alongwith |
| ı | | Construction of Bio-Input Screening, | | | | | Civil Work |
| l | | Incubation and Production Centre | | | | | |
| l | | (HADP) at Faculty of Agriculture. | | | | | |
| l | | Wadura SKUAST-Kashmir | | | | | |
| l | 2. | | 3.03 | 6,060 | A class | 300/- | Alongwith |
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Position of AAA: Accorded Position of T.S: b) Sanctioned c) Position of funds: Available

The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of terms and conditions and other details can be downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per following schedule:-

Date of issue of Tender Notice Date of start of downloading Pre-bid meeting date Bid submission start Date Bid submission end date Date of opening of Technical bidof the bidders (online) Date of opening Financial bid of qualifying bidders (online

Further information can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-**Executive Engineer SKUAST-Kashmir**

No. Au/Estates/e-NIT(76)/947 DIPK-NB-4658/23 Dated: 07.12.2023

NORTHERN RAILWAY

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Sr. DEN-IV/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date- 28.12.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manua offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost $and \ earnest \ money \ only \ through \ only \ payment \ modes \ available \ on \ \textbf{www.ireps.gov.in} \ portal \ like \ net \ banking, \ debit \ card, \ credit \ debit \ debit \ card, \ credit \ debit \ deb$ card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more

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Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender. Tender Notice No:- 338-2023-24 BDGM-DRM-FZR Date: 06.12.2023

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HIGHWAY STATUS



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



This Day In History

1326- Daitokuji temple, Rinzai line, established in Kyoto by Daito Kokushi

1609- Biblioteca Ambrosiana in Milan opens its reading room, second public library in Europe

1659- Mexican border town Ciudad Juárez is founded by Fray García de San Francisco.1710 - Battle of Brihuega in the War of the Spanish Succession: British General James Stanhope captured by French & Spanish forces.

1863 - 2,500 reported killed as result of fire at Jesuit Church of La Compana, Santiago, Chile.

1863 - Abraham Lincoln issues his Amnesty Proclamation and plan for Reconstruction of the

1869 - Timothy Eaton founds T. Eaton Co. Limited in Toronto, Canada.

1881 - Vienna's Ring Theater destroyed by fire, kills between 640-850.

1895 - Battle at Amba Alagi: Ethiopian Emperor Menelik II drives Italian General Baratieri out.

1921 - Eamon de Valera publicly repudiates Anglo-Irish Treaty.

1923 - German-US friendship treaty signed

1923 - Salary & price freeze in Germany. 1941 - London: Dutch government-in-exile declares

war on Japan. 1941 - US & Britain declare war on Japan, US enters

1952 - Isaak Ben-Zwi elected president of Israel.

Peace" speech at the UN in New York. 1962 - 114-day newspaper strike begins in NYC.

1963 - Pan Am Flight 214 crashes outside Elkton, Maryland with 81 killed. Only case of lighting causing air crash.

1965 - Nikolai Podgorny succeeds Mikojan as president of USSR.

1969 - Greek DC-6B crashes in storm at Athens, 93 killed. 1972 - United Airlines crashes at Chicago's Midway

Airport killing 45 1974 - Soyuz 16 returns to Earth.

1982 - Colombian writer Gabriel García Márquez receives the Nobel Prize for Literature 1983 - 9th Space Shuttle Mission, Columbia 6,

lands at Edwards AFB. 1984 - Europe & 64 developing countries sign Lome

III treaty. 1987 - Occupied Palestinians start "intefadeh"

(uprising) against Israel Agreement. 1987 - US President Reagan & Soviet General

Secretary Gorbachev sign a treaty eliminating medium range nuclear missiles. 1989 - Great Britain performs nuclear test.

1991 - Russia, Belorussia & Ukraine form Commonwealth of Ind States. 1991 - The Romanian Constitution is adopted in a

referendum. 1992 - Galileo's nearest approach to Jupiter (303

km). 1994 - Fire in cinema in Karamay China, 310 killed. 1998 - Tadjena massacre: 81 people are killed by

armed groups in Algeria. 2002 - The Caribbean Community Heads of Government meet with the Government of Cuba

and declare the date to be "CARICOM-Cuba Dav" -To celebrate diplomatic ties between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and Cuba. 2004 - The Cuzco Declaration is signed in Cuzco,

Peru, establishing the South American Community of Nations.

2009 - Bombings in Baghdad, Iraq kill 127 and injure 448.

2010- With the second launch of the SpaceX Dragon, SpaceX becomes the first privately held company to successfully launch, orbit and recover a spacecraft.

2012- UN climate conference agrees to extend the Kyoto Protocol to 2020

2019- Fire in an illegal bag factory in Delhi, India,

2019- Sanna Marin becomes Finland's youngestever Prime Minister at the age of 34

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Similar Nature of work :- "Construction/Boring of deep tube wells/Ranney Wells"

Note: Strike out whichever is not applicable

security interest over such assets.

application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

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Friday | 08-12-2023

Militancy Challenges Remain

he statistics presented by Union Minister Nityanand Rai in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday shows a conspicuous downward trend in terror-related incidents in Jammu and Kashmir over the past four years. The figures for militancy-related incidents plunged from 228 in 2018 to a record-low of 41 in 2023. Equally noticeable is the decrease in encounters, which dropped from 189 in 2018 to 44 in 2023. The improvement in the situation reflects in the decline in casualties of civilians and security personnel. From 55 civilian casualties and 91 security personnel fatalities in 2018, the numbers have come down to 13 civilians and 20 security personnel respectively in 2023.

The minister Rai also highlighted the government's commitment to the holistic growth of J&K, saying projects worth Rs 58,477 crore across various sectors like infrastructure, education, healthcare, tourism, and agriculture have been turned around the region's economy. Moreover, according to the data, J&K has attracted Rs 5,319.35 crore between 2019-20 and October 2023, which would make a redeeming difference to economy and generate employment.

That said, it is also true that the challenge of militancy remains very much there. Since 2021, the militancy has witnessed a conspicuous rise in Jammu region, where it had been non-existent for almost two decades prior to this. This has led to the killing of dozens of soldiers by the militants. And the fact that the militants who carried out these killings are mostly at large and their number remains unknown makes the future uncertain. It is likely that more violence is in store until the security forces track the militants down. So far, the extensive search in the jungles hasn't yielded desired results.

But there is no denying the fact that overall militancy has been reigned in. And this is due largely to the reduction in the fresh recruitment of local youth. According to an estimate by Jammu and Kashmir Police, there are now only 40 locals among 111 active militants This marks a significant decrease from the 137 active militants recorded the previous year. This is the first time since 2015 that the ratio between foreign and local militants has altered in favour of the former, reflecting a drastic dip in the local recruitment, which earlier replenished the depletion in the militant ranks due to the killings. However, as the influx of the foreign militants shows, the effort seems to be to compensate for the setback to the local militancy. The coming weeks and months will be crucial as to how things will evolve on this score. Here's hoping that the downward trend in the violence stays and lasts.

OTHER OPINON

Creating certainty

he Goods and Services Tax (GST), which turns six and a half years old this month, has yielded almost 3.4 lakh crore through October and November. While revenues in October marked the second highest monthly collections, November's kitty is the third highest. Both these months also recorded accelerated revenue growth after a sequence of slowing upticks that culminated with September recording a 27-month trough of 10.2%. October's GST inflows were up 13.4% and November's by 15.1%, with revenues from domestic transactions up 20%, the highest in 14 months. Festive fervour surely bolstered last month's nearly 1.68 lakh crore of GST revenues, which were based on transactions in October, and that trend may persist this month as well on the back of anticipated last-minute Deepavali spending. Prior to this two-month spike, GST revenues had crossed 1.65 lakh crore on only three occasions, which were typically driven by year-end compliances. Now, the average monthly collection so far in 2023-24 stands at 1.66 lakh crore, and economists believe central GST receipts may surpass Budget estimates even if one factors in a relative slowdown in the final quarter of this year.

With revenues buoyant, in no small part due to tighter compliance and a crackdown on tax evaders, the government must consider resetting its ambitions and work towards making the GST a truly good and simple tax, as it was promised to be. At a recent industry interaction, responding to concerns about the manner in which a spate of GST demand notices and investigations have unfolded in recent months, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the GST is still at a stage of moving from "uncertainty to certainty" on some grounds and those aspects are being sorted out now. That certainty needs to be pursued at a broader level to provide genuine comfort to investors about India's tax regime being stable and predictable. For one, pending taxpayer appeals against central GST levies have risen by a quarter this year to hit nearly 15,000 cases by October and it is necessary that appellate tribunals cleared by the GST Council become operational at the earliest to unwind this pendency and set clear precedents for future tax treatment disputes. It is equally critical to lay down a road map to bring in excluded items such as petroleum and electricity into the GST framework as well as the rejig of its complicated multiple rate structure. With the general election ahead, some dithering on such reforms may be understandable, but the GST Council must not lose focus of the unfinished agenda and keep deliberating on its to-do list, so that these steps can be fast-tracked after the Lok Sabha election.

The Hindu

Ailing SKIMS Needs a Helping Hand

Providing better healthcare is a constitutional obligation of a welfare state



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

ndia is a Welfare State wherein the Government is supposed to play a key role in the protection and promotion of economic and social well-being of the citizens. A welfare state is based on the principles of equality of opportunity and equitable distribution of wealth. It also stresses on the state's responsibility for disadvantaged groups who are unable to make both ends meet. There is a social security for such people and the welfare of its citizens is the prime responsibility of the state. Technically speaking, a welfare state is an institution of social service rather than an establishment created out of power.

A welfare state is supposed to provide following things to its citizens:

- Ensuring individual liberty and social security and creating a balance between individual freedom and social control
- Ensuring the basic amenities of like food, clothing and shelter (Roti , Kapda aur Makan)
 Ensuring education , employment and health services / medical aid.

A welfare state is a form of government in which the state and its institutions are supposed to protect and promotes the economic and social well-being of its citizens, based upon the principles of equal opportunity, equitable distribution of wealth and state is committed to providing basic economic security for its citizens by protecting them from market risks associated with old age , unemployment and bad health.

The Article 47 of the Indian constitution is one of the Directive Principles which directs the State to improve public health as a primary duty.

Therefore, the Government cannot deprive its citizens the right to have better medical facilities at any cost.

SKIMS in bad health

The Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences-SKIMS is the largest medical institute in J&K which was set up in Srinagar's Soura areas in late 1970s. After assuming power in 1975 for the second term, post signing of the Indira Sheikh accord, Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, the then Chief Minister of J&K was fully focussed on setting up SKIMS. The construction work began in 1976 and within 5 years the institute was partially commissioned on 5 December 1982 which happens to be the birthday day of Sheikh Sahib.

Infact, Mr Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah had died a few months back on September 8th 1982. On 19 August 1983, Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences was granted University-like status through a legislative process. Every year the institute celebrates 5 December as its foundation day which coincides with the birthday of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah.

It has now been more than 40 years since SKIMS Srinagar was established but due to official apathy,the health of this institution has deteriorated. Recently, this author had made a detailed video report through our weekly programme Inkishaf wherein I had exposed how this prime health institution was suffering because of lack of specialist doctors and other paramedical staff.

The information sought by a noted RTI activist, Dr M M Shuja, from SKIMS under RTI Act 2005 has confirmed that:

| 1 | Out of 290 sanctioned posts of Professor, Additional Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor, only 175 have been filled and 115 posts are still vacant. |
|---|--|
| 2 | Out of 8 poets of Resident Medical |

- Out of 8 posts of Resident Medical Officers, only 2 have been filled.
 - Out of 33 sanctioned posts of Technical Officers, 30 posts are vacant and have not been filled through promotions.
- Out of 16 sanctioned posts of Tutors, only 2 have been filled and 14 posts are still vacant. These are also not filled through promotion.
- To manage various labs, there is a sanctioned strength of 77 posts of Selection Grade Technologists but only 21 have been filled and 56 are still vacant. These positions are to be filled through promotion but this too hasn't been done.
- Out of 258 posts of Technicians, only 83 have been filled and 175 posts are still vacant. These posts too aren't being filled through direct recruitment.

There are dozens of posts which are lying vacant and if one were to continue writing about all of them, this article would be endless.

Need to ensure quality health care for all

Politically, the Government in centre, some political parties in J&K, or a section of society as well, may have differences with late Sheikh

Yet, the dearth of doctors and other paramedical staff is affecting the lives of patients at SKIMS. The government must not take steps which go against the constitution. There are rights to which we are entitled, simply by virtue of our humanity

Mohammad Abdullah. However, the institution that he has set up for people of J&K should be protected at all costs.

SKIMS is ailing and needs a helping hand and proper care by the Government.

There are speculations that SKIMS might be clubbed with the AIIMS Kashmir in the coming years. In my opinion, this shouldn't be done. Let this institution thrive and progress on its own.

On one hand, the Government of India or the J&K Administration under LG Manoj Sinha are doing a great job as far as the health sector is concerned. They have introduced schemes like PMJAY or opened subsidised chemist shops (Jan Aushidi centers). The PM-JAY provides cashless cover of up to Rs 5 lakhs to each eligible family per annum for listed secondary and tertiary care conditions.

Yet, the dearth of doctors and other paramedical staff is affecting the lives of patients at SKIMS. The government must not take steps which go against the constitution. There are rights to which we are entitled, simply by virtue of our humanity.

For instance, Rajasthan became the first state in India to have a law wherein citizens could have the right to health. In March this year, the government of Rajasthan passed the Right to Health Act, which gives every resident of the state the right to avail free services at all public health facilities. This includes free health-care services, including consultation, drugs, diagnostics, emergency transport, procedure and emergency care. The new law in Rajasthan makes it mandatory for hospitals to provide treatment in emergency cases without waiting for medico-legal formalities and give medicines and transport facilities without charging money. Our government can follow suit.

Human Rights exist independent of our culture, religion or economic status. Only by the free exercise of these rights can we enjoy a dignified life. Among other fundamental rights to which we are entitled, health care is the most intersectional and crucial. The very frailty of our human lives demands that we protect this right as a public good and this is what a Welfare State is all about.

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Encouraging Literary Festivals

It is a lot encouraging to see that literary festivals are increasingly held elsewhere in the world, which help build communities of readers. These festivals also provide a platform to new authors by drawing instinctive attention from readers and the media, besides enabling popular authors to market their titles. Turned into a major industry,

these festivals create new readership, boost book sales, and upgrade publishers' brands. Perhaps, another major attraction of literary festivals is that it mirrors the nation's inherent culture and its mores.

As for India, the country celebrates book lovers, authors and writers every year through literary festivals organized across the country's

length and breadth. It is a matter of pride for Indians to attend and be a part of these lit-fests, which indicates the growing tribe of intellectuals in the country. The Jaipur Literary Festival, which is described as the 'cultural catalyst' and the 'greatest literary show on earth', draws people around the globe, augmenting Rajasthan's tourism economy. Literary festivations are considered to the property of the statement of the property of the statement of the property of

tivals enable us to unite the past with our contemporary lives, the real with the imagined and the spoken with the written. These festivals have become a great centre for all literature aficionados and aspiring writers with a growing passion for books and expanding love of writing.

Ranganathan Sivakumar

Mindful Fridays

Balancing Act: Dual Working Parents, Family Ties, and Children's Mental Well-being

Wasim Kakroo

arents play a pivotal role in shaping the holistic development of their children. Beyond the basic responsibilities of providing love, care, and sustenance, parents serve as the primary educators, instilling essential life values. Teaching children the importance of "me time" fosters physical and mental wellbeing, while imparting religious, hobby-related, and personal development knowledge contributes to a balanced life. Family values, respect for kinship, and an understanding of friendships cultivate strong interpersonal relationships. Emphasizing the value of education equips children for a broader understanding of life and financial independence. Parents also bear the responsibility of raising socially conscious individuals, fostering awareness of youth activism and instilling a sense of duty towards society. Only when children internalize these teachings can they become responsible life partners and, eventually, competent parents themselves, ensuring the perpetuation of these crucial values through generations.

TRADITIONAL ROLES OF PARENTS IN THE HOUSEHOLD INCLUDING

Traditionally, gender roles defined distinct roles for parents in the household. Fathers were often seen as breadwinners, responsible for financial support and decision-making. Mothers, on the other hand, were primarily tasked with caregiving, managing the home, and nurturing children. These roles were deeply ingrained, shaping family dynamics. However, societal shifts and evolving values challenge these norms. Modern families increasingly blur traditional lines.

THE INCREASING TREND OF DUAL **WORKING PARENTS**

Global surge in dual working parents, a situation where both parents have some full-time job, mirrors societal changes towards gender equality and economic necessity. With increasing female workforce participation and evolving gender roles, families are embracing shared responsibilities for financial stability. Dual-income households offer enhanced economic security, yet challenges arise in managing work-life balance, childcare, and potential stress. Employers and policymakers are acknowledging the necessity for supportive measures, such as flexible work arrangements and accessible childcare. Despite this global trend, third-world nations like India, particularly in regions like Kashmir, grapple with limited infrastructure and traditional norms, impeding effective implementation. Achieving equilibrium between professional demands and familial responsibilities proves elusive, emphasizing the need for nuanced solutions for comprehensive growth.

THE IMPACT OF DUAL WORKING PARENTS ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL

The impact of dual working parents on children's mental health is multifaceted and can encompass a range of challenges with far-reaching consequences. The scarcity of parental availability during formative years in-



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creases the risk of various mental health issues. Children may experience heightened anxiety and depression due to a lack of emotional support and nurturing interaction. The potential for emotional neglect and abuse leading to trauma is also heightened when parents are stretched thin between work commit-

Moreover, the prevalence of screen addiction, linked to increased instances of Autism Spectrum Disorder, becomes a concern. Unsupervised internet usage may expose children to inappropriate content at an early age, impacting their psychological well-being. The limited time for familial interactions may contribute to unhealthy coping mechanisms, such as junk food

Additionally, the absence of emotional warmth may lead to confusion in social relationships, potentially influencing later romantic relationships. The struggle to balance work and parenting responsibilities creates an environment of stress and tension at home, further impacting the mental health of children. Recognizing these challenges and actively seeking a balance between professional and family life is crucial to mitigating the potential negative consequences of dual working parents on children's mental health. Parents must strive to create a nurturing environment that prioritizes the emotional needs of their children during these crucial forma-

IMPORTANCE OF ADDRESSING THE **CHALLENGES TO OVERALL FAMILY'S MENTAL HEALTH IN FAMILIES WITH DUAL WORKING PARENTS**

Balancing the demands of dual careers within a family structure poses unique challenges to mental health. The juggling act of work responsibilities, childcare, and household duties can lead



and setting realistic expectations become crucial in navigating this dynamic. Neglecting mental health can result in burnout, strained spousal relationships, and a negative impact on children. Prioritizing self-care, seeking support, and fostering a supportive environment at home tions and personal fulfillment, all while safeguarding their mental well-being.

While financial independence and the fulfillment of professional aspirations contribute to raising a mother's self-esteem, it is crucial to recognize that these should not be the sole sources of

spite persistent workplace biases and societal stereotypes, the benefits of shared parenting are significant. Fathers actively engaged in caregiving not only ease the burden on mothers but also cultivate stronger parent-child bonds, contributing to a more balanced workload distribution and healthier work-life balance. Breaking down gender-based caregiving norms positively in-

are imperative to safeguard children's well-being. Prioritizing quality over quantity in parenting time emerges as a crucial approach, encouraging parents to maximize the impact of their time with children through active engagement, attentive listening, and genuine connection. Strong emotional connections take precedence, requiring parents to be not only physically present but also emotionally attuned to their child's needs. Effective communication and emotional support play pivotal roles in developing secure attachments that act as buffers against the stresses arising from dual careers.

In addition to fostering quality interactions, addressing the intrusion of mobile phones in family time becomes essential. Implementing measures to reduce or eliminate mobile phone usage during family moments enhances genuine connections. Further enriching family time involves incorporating activities such as reading, healthy TV watching, and age-appropriate games. By consciously investing in these moments and diversify-ing activities, dual working parents can mitigate potential negative effects on their children's mental health, contributing to a nurturing and resilient family environment.

FLEXIBILITY IN WORK ARRANGEMENTS

Flexibility in work arrangements is essential for addressing challenges faced by dual working parents, allowing a balance between professional responsibilities and family life. Family-friendly work policies, encompassing flexible hours, remote options, and parental leave, create an environment valuing employees' and families' well-being. Beyond policy implementation, fostering a supportive work culture demands a shift away from toxic norms prioritizing relentless success. Societal pressures for constant achievement can lead to a robotic work ethic, jeopardizing parents' mental health and affecting their children. In corporate settings with demanding workdays. there's a need to combat challenges, emphasizing empathy and recognizing the interconnectedness of productivity and well-being. A flexible, family-friendly workplace is vital for nurturing both professional and personal aspects of dual working parents' lives.

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COMPLEX LANDSCAPE OF MATERNAL

CHOICES AND MENTAL HEALTH The complex landscape of maternal choices in the context of dual working parents goes beyond the impact on children's well-being, extending to the significant influence on maternal mental health. Maternal instincts, deeply rooted in evolutionary biology or God's hands, are pivotal in shaping a child's emotional development. Mothers, often recognized for their nurturing nature, find these innate qualities strained by the demands of a dual-working life-

In the delicate balance between staying at home and pursuing a career, mothers face a multitude of challenges. The decision to be a stay-at-home mom or a working mom involves weighing various factors, including financial, personal, and professional considerations. This internal conflict is intensified by societal expectations that may reinforce traditional roles, placing added pressure on mothers to conform to certain norms.

The emotional bonds formed during a child's formative years are crucial, and mothers often grapple with the dilemma of providing financial support for their family while being physically present for their children. Striking the right balance becomes an intricate art, with the consequences of these choices significantly impacting a mother's mental health. Acknowledging and addressing these chal-

self-worth. Balancing career pursuits with the well-being of the family and personal fulfillment is essential for a holistic and resilient maternal mental health. A supportive environment that values the multifaceted roles of mothers can empower them to navigate this complex landscape with confidence and well-being.

fluences the mental health of both parents, fostering a more supportive and nurturing family environment. It is crucial to ensure that, regardless of whether the wife works or not, she receives utmost respect for her roles in the household. Additionally, husbands acting as buffers between their wives and their



MUTUAL DECISION-MAKING: FATHERS AS CAREGIVERS

In response to modern challenges, families are increasingly adopting mutual decision-making in caregiving responsibilities, challenging traditional gender roles and encouraging fathers to become active caregivers. This paradigm shift involves evaluating factors such as work flexibility, employer support, and societal perceptions for fathers own parents and siblings can prevent pressure on the wife to assume external employment, sometimes just as a way to avoid conflict and toxicity at home, promoting a harmonious family dvnamic.

SOLUTIONS FOR DUAL WORKING PARENT FAMILIES

In navigating the challenges faced by dual working parent families, innovative solutions

STRENGTHENING DUAL WORKING **FAMILIES THROUGH PARENTAL WORKSHOPS AND PSYCHOTHERAPY**

In addressing the unique challenges faced by dual working families in regions like India especially in Kashmir, parental workshops emerge as crucial tools for supporting the mental well-being of parents and children. These workshops provide valuable resources and strategies tailored to the specific challenges prevalent in the region, offering insights into effective time management, communication skills, and stress reduction techniques. The communal aspect of these workshops creates a supportive environment, allowing parents to share experi-

ences and learn from each other. Furthermore, couple, marital, and family therapy sessions offer a personalized approach to navigating the complexities of dual careers. Professional therapists assist couples in prioritizing the emotional well-being of their children, providing a safe space for open communication, conflict resolution, and the development of healthy coping mechanisms. These therapeutic interventions contribute to fostering resilience and harmony within dual working parent families, promoting a more supportive and nurturing environment.

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Bajaj Allianz Life Expands Presence In J&K With Its Divisional Office In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance, one of India's leading private life insurance company has announced the opening of its divisional office in Srinagar. The expansion of its presence in the region aligns with the Company's strategy to provide efficient services to Jammu and Kashmir customers and facilitate them to achieve their Life Goals.

The new office opened in Nirman Complex, Srinagar is among 500+ offices in India that highlights Bajaj Allianz Life's commitment to extending insurance services to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and further expanding its presence in the region's life insurance market.

The office was inaugurated by Syed Shafat Hussain Rufai-General Manager- JK Bank in presence of Zeeshan Andleeb-Business Head, Bajaj Allianz Life.

Dheeraj Sehgal,Chief Distribution Officer Institutional Business, Bajaj Allianz Life while commenting on opening of divisional office in Srinagar said, "Jammu and Kashmir is a significant market for us and we are happy to further enhance our customers' experience there through our new dedicated divisional office

in Srinagar. This office and our

presence through our partnership with the prestigious J&K Bank, is another step towards enabling us to become the preferred life goals enabler for our customers' in J&K."

On this occasion, Shafat Hussain Rufai, General Manager, The J& K Bank said, "We are happy to have tied-up with Bajaj Allianz Life earlier this year to be able to provide the people of J&K with a choice to select amongst the suite of best-in-class life insurance solutions. We have strengthened our commitment to financial inclusion by making comprehensive insurance coverage easily accessible to our valuable customers through our strong branch network across nook and corner of the Union Territory. The addition of Bajaj Allianz Life's divisional office in Srinagar will further empower customers in the region".

The function was attended by top officials of Bajaj Allianz Life and J&K Bank.

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HC Fines Director

decree passed by the Trial Court within prescribed period of limitation, resulting in the dismissal of the first Appeal on the ground that the Appeal was time barred and filed without an application for condoning the delay."

Thereafter, the court said, when execution proceedings were initiated, the petitioners, DHSK and other, filed a revision petition before the Principal District Judge, Srinagar which was also dismissed.

"Thereafter, the writ petition was filed before this Court which too was dismissed in default," the court observed, adding, "The petitioner moved an application for restoration of the writ petition along with an application for condonation of delay of 550 days, but that was also dismissed by this Court on 23.04.2015."

The conduct of the DHSK, the court said, reveals that it was casual and careless about the manner in which it was prosecuting the case.

"After having failed in the first appeal, revision and the writ petition, the petitioners filed a second appeal against the judgment and order of the First Appellate Court after a delay of 13 years, 9 months and 20 days and moved an application for condoning the delay," the court said, adding, "This Court dismissed the second Appeal on the ground that the petitioners did not show any good or sufficient grounds to condone the unexplained and inordinate delay of 13 years, 9 months and 20 days."

If the petitioners were aggrieved by the order passed by the Executing Court, the court said, they had an opportunity to go before it and demonstrate there that the decree passed by the Trial Court was already complied with and there was no reason for any execution, but instead it has chosen to further delay the proceedings by another five years by filing this petition," the court said.

"Thus, it is seen that the respondent who was recipient of an order in his favor in the year 2003 has been kept hanging for twenty (20) years thereafter by repeated frivolous litigation by the petitioners," the court said, adding, "Under the circumstances, despite the strenuous efforts of the counsel for the petitioners, this petition is dismissed and costs of Rs. 2,00,000/imposed upon the petitioners to be paid to the respondent (Baqal) within a period of thirty days from the date of this Order."

The Union Territory, the court said, is given liberty to recover the amount of costs of Rs. 2,00,000 from the Director Health Services, Kashmir.

Kashmir Police

group frequented with messages or posts propagating terrorism, the police has said the presumption will be against the individuals unless they opt out or report the group to the police.

"Staying in such a group may be seen as agreement and approval of its content," read the guidelines. These guidelines also emphasise the importance of prompt reporting and responsible social media use to curb the spread of harmful content.

The authorities in some districts have also sought to regulate unregistered news portals and social media news accounts.

District Magistrates

netizens in the district to refrain from all sorts of misuse of social-media platforms. DM in an order issued here cited that it has been made to appear that some anti-national persons or groups are resorting to misuse of social-media networking platforms on internet by "preparing or posting or spreading or propagating by way of forwarding or sharing incendiary messages and propaganda of terrorist and separatist outfits"

Such activities, the order reads, are being carried out with intention to glorify terrorists and their actions, intimidate and terrorize individuals or general public or sections of public, exhort member(s) of public to resort to violence by inciting, encouraging and spreading disaffection/hatred, propagate terrorist and secessionist ideology and false narratives, and promoting fell of hatred, ill-will on religious grounds which is likely to disturb public order and tranquillity.

"Such acts on part of these antinational persons or groups are prejudicial to the security of the state, maintenance of law and order and are likely to disturb the public tranquility", reads the order adding "such acts on the part of these anti-national persons or groups are aimed at terrorising common citizens and public

functionaries from discharging their

lawful duties," the order reads.

The DM has prohibited and ordered the people to refrain from 'posting' or 'uploading' or 'propagating' by way of 'forwarding' or 'sharing' any messages or content as mentioned with immediate effect within the limits of District Bandipora.

The order by DM Bandipora came a day after three Deputy Commissioners (DCs) in Ganderbal, Kulgam and Shopian issued advisory asking people to refrain from misusing social media.

The DM also emphasized the responsibility of citizens to report messages or posts propagating terrorism or secessionism, even if not downloaded, to ensure the collective safety of the community.

"Such misuse of social media is deemed detrimental to the state's security and the maintenance of law and order,' reads an order issued by District Magistrate, Ganderbal on Wednesday. The DM also issued Dos and Don'ts

for social media users.

"In the event of receiving messages propagating terrorism, secessionism, or communally sensitive material, individuals are urged to promptly report such instances, along with screenshots and details, to the nearest police

station or police post," the order reads.
"In cases where individuals inadvertently share such content, the
administration advises immediate
retrieval of messages, followed by a
clarification to contacts or groups," it
adds.

The order also asks users to report any such incidents to the nearest police station or police post as a precautionary measure.

"The District Administration encourages proactive engagement from citizens in maintaining a secure and harmonious community," the order

The district authorities also issued control room numbers for the people to report such messages or content.

Pertinently, the first such order warning users of action under Section 188 IPC, was issued by the district administration Kupwara last Thursday.

Invoking powers under Section 144 CrPC 1973, the District Magistrate, Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan had asked people to refrain from 'posting, uploading, propagating any incendiary messages and propaganda of terrorist and separatist outfits.

SM Pages Glorifying

taken against those found engaged in such activities. The SSP said the police in north Kashmir's Sopore Police District (PD) are prepared to take decisive measures against those involved in glorifying suicide cases.

The advisory comes in the wake of a recent suicide case reported in Sopore, where a teenage girl from Harwan Tujjer (Sopore outskirts) took her own life by jumping into the River Jhelum at Jamia Bridge in the township.

Addressing the media, SSP Nawab expressed concern over the unnecessary media coverage which he said contributes to a surge in suicide incidents in Sopore, terming it "intolerable".

Following the suicide incident, a search operation was initiated to locate the victim's body. Despite the efforts of local fishermen and teams from J&K Police and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), the body had not been recovered from the waters of local page 150 three days.

Jhelum after two days.

This advisory is not the first of its kind from SSP Nawab. In a recent press briefing regarding a murder case in Zaloora village under the jurisdiction of Police Station Bomai, he directed Facebook page owners and portals to abstain from engaging in media trials. Such actions adversely impact society and the victims involved, impeding investigations at the crime scene, he

Senior citizens in the town have expressed concerns over the unnecessary media coverage, which they believe sensationalises the incidents and may influence the younger generation

Authorities should only allow rescue teams and authorised media to the site to prevent such locations from becoming picnic spots as witnessed in previous incidents, they said—(KNO)

Gol Gives No

well as availability of Electronic Voting Machine/Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail and conducive atmosphere to conduct election before finalizing the dates of poll and counting while announcing any election," he said as per the reply.

The statement comes two days after the government said that it was ready to hold Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir whenever the Election Commission (EC) takes a final decision in the matter.

Intervening in the discussion on the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill two days ago, the minister of state in the prime minister's office (PMO) Dr Jitendra Singh had said "whenever the EC announces it (Assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir), we are ready".

He said this in response to a demand from opposition parties for holding early Assembly polls in the Union Territory.

"The EC has its own mechanism of gathering inputs according to its requirements and it will take a final call. Let us all trust the wisdom of the EC and not appear to be interfering in its functioning," the minister said.

Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister and National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah wanted to know from the BJP-led Centre why Assembly polls are not being held in Jammu and Kashmir.

Participating in the discussion, Congress leader Manish Tewari had also sought to know about the election and when statehood would be restored in Jammu and Kashmir.

He wondered that at a time when the treasury benches are claiming that normalcy has been restored in Jammu and Kashmir, "why elections" are not being held.

Jamyang Tsering Namgyal of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had said that peace in Jammu and Kashmir was "more important" than elections. He said after the abrogation of

Article 370, the situation in Jammu and Kashmir has improved and investments have started pouring in. National Conference (NC) MP

Hasnain Masoodi had also demanded early polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

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He said the government should tell the truth to the country and not spread the illusion of normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir. (GNS)

Downtown Police

Soura where he was undergoing treatment. However, he was airlifted and brought to AIIMS Delhi on Thursday and was on life support. He breathed his last within an hour after being admitted.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his father, mother, brother and sister.
Additional Director General of Police (operations) Vijay Kumar, who had immediately rushed to the scene

had immediately rushed to the scene on that day, condoled his loss and said every attempt was made to save him. "But unfortunately, we lost him today,"he said. Kumar, who was officiating as

Inspector General of Kashmir range when the attack took place, had said the police had identified the terrorist as Basit Dar, who hails from Kulgam in South Kashmir and was active for quite some time.

Former chief minister and vice president of National Conference Omar Abdullah condoled the death of Wani saying this was the unfortunate truth of the valley where targeted killings were continuing.

were continuing.

CPI-M leader Mohammed Yusuf Tarigami said this incident punctures the tall claims of the Centre and the Jammu and Kashmir administration about the situation being normal in

"Losing such a young, daring and vibrant cop is too difficult to compensate for! May his soul rest in peace and solace and may the bereaved family be granted with forbearance to endure this irreparable loss," JK Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari said.

The Resistance Front, a shadow group of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, has claimed responsibility for the attack.

DGP Vows To Eradicate

Kashmir and eradicating the menace of terrorism from our soil," Swain said

In his message, the DGP expressed profound sorrow and extended his heartfelt condolences on the tragic loss of Inspector Wani.

"Today, we mourn the loss of Police Inspector Masroor Ahmad Wani, a courageous officer who valiantly served amidst the looming threat of terrorism. His sacrifice embodies the harsh reality our J&K policemen face, dedicating their lives to shield our communities from the shadows of terrorism," he said.

Wani's tragic sacrifice, Swain said, reminds of the immense challenges

our personnel encounter daily, even in moments of leisure.

"It is a grim reminder of the perils faced by our brave personnel while safeguarding the people of Jammu and Kashmir,' he said.

"The sacrifices made by police personnel like Inspector Wani in Jammu and Kashmir will forever remain etched in our memories. His noble spirit and unwavering commitment to serving the community serve as a shining example to us all," he added.

He said that the cowardly attack on a policeman, enjoying a moment of leisure, was a stark reminder of the vicious mindset perpetuated by terrorist networks operating at the behest of Pakistan.

"This tragic incident strengthens our resolve at the J&K Police to redouble our efforts in combating terrorism." he said.

In the face of this heartbreaking loss, Swain said, our thoughts and prayers are with Inspector Wani's family, friends, and the entire police fraternity.

"We stand united in mourning this profound loss and honoring his memory," the DGP said, adding "May Inspector Wani rest in peace, knowing that his sacrifice will not be in vain. His dedication to duty and his ultimate sacrifice will always be remembered as we forge ahead, stronger and more resolute in our fight against terrorism."

Devastated Wife

in Delhi on Thursday 39 days after he suffered critical wounds in a terrorist attack while he was playing cricket in Srinagar. Expecting her first child, she was overwhelmed with grief after getting the tragic news.

It was a sombre atmosphere in the congested colony of Eidgah in the downtown of this city as a multitude of people gathered at the residence of Wani

Wani, aged 34, was shot by a Lashker-e-Taiba terrorist on October 29 while he was playing cricket with his friends at Eidgah.

The scene was heart-wrenching at his residence, where mourners went to offer their condolences to his grieving wife and family

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According to his uncle Ghulam Mohammad Wani, Wani's health had deteriorated due to a severe chest infection. Initially, he was admitted to Soura Hospital in Srinagar, but was later shifted to Paras Hospital for further treatment from where he was flown to AIIMS in Delhi on Wednesday.

Remembered as an amiable and compassionate individual, he was always expressed his willingness to assist others.

Lamenting the tragic loss, relative Ghulam Nabi Kakazgar said, "Masroor was very frank. He would always help people. We are very depressed. He was crazy about cricket, and cricket took his life away."

'He Was A

friends gathered outside, their faces full of grief and sorrow. Known affectionately as 'Basit' within his family, Wani had a remarkable journey in the Jammu and Kashmir Police Department. Graduating with a degree in commerce from Islamia College, he joined the police force in 2012 after successfully clearing the examination for the post of sub-inspector.

Over the years, Masroor Ahmad Wani climbed the rank, achieving the position of Inspector in 2019. His most recent posting was as the Station House Officer (SHO) at Chanapora, where he was posted for a few days. Lastly, he was posted at the Police Control Room (PCR), Batamaloo.

Despite his professional success, Wani remained grounded and connected to his roots. "He was a typical 'downtown boy. Despite being an inspector, he did not give up his ordinary life, getting involved with the local boys from the locality," shared a close family member who wished to remain anonymous.

"After coming back from work, he would spend more time with friends than family. He was hardly worried for his safety"

Wani's commitment to his community extended beyond his official duties. He was known to spend evenings with friends and actively participated in cricket games every Sunday, mentoring and guiding youngsters, including former stone-pelters.

"He would often play cricket with former stone pelters and was a member of a cricket club."

According to police, On October 29, Wani was shot twice — in the neck and intestine. Despite the efforts of fellow

players to apprehend the militant, he managed to escape. Wani endured a month-long stay at SKIMS, undergoing multiple surgeries. He was later admitted to Paras Hospital for two weeks before being airlifted to AIIMS.

The bullet lodged between his spinal cord and medulla had left his body non-functional, leading to a critical condition that proved fatal.

Wani, who tied the knot last year, is survived by his pregnant wife, brother, sister, and parents. The tragic loss of Inspector Wani has cast a somber shadow over the people he served with dedication and compassion.

His body is stated to reach home tomorrow and will be buried at his ancestral graveyard at Dangerpora, Eidgah.

LG Promises

to express the pain of losing Inspector Masroor Ahmad, the brave son of Mother India. I salute his courage and sacrifice. In this difficult moment of grief, I express my condolences to the family of the martyr," Sinha said.

"I want to assure the people that his supreme sacrifice will not go in vain. We are firmly resolved to crush the terrorist menace and give a befitting reply to those who are aiding and abetting terrorism," he added.

'Journalist' Denied

crime and is a habitual criminal and many FIRs are already registered against him. So, in no circumstances, the accused/applicant herein is entitled to concession of bail," the magistrate said on Monday.

The court said it appeared that it was a job scam and a gang was operating not only in Jammu and Kashmir, but their kingpin out of the Union Territory with the common intention to loot the unemployed educated youth.

"There is no doubt that bail is the rule and jail is the provision. However, this principle has not to be applied blindly but is subject to various considerations and conditions.

"Bail is not something which is

"Bail is not something which is readily available but the accused has to establish his prima facie innocence and his non-involvement in the alleged offence committed by him," the

court said. Cold Wave

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, which serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath yatra, saw the minimum settling at minus 4.9 degrees Celsius, they said.

It was the coldest area in the Valley

on Wednesday night.

The famous ski resort of Gulmarg in
Baramulla district recorded a low of
minus 2.5 degrees Celsius, the officials

Qazigund recorded a low of minus

2.2 degrees Celsius, down from minus

1.6 degrees Celsius the previous night, they said. Kokernag town in south Kashmir registered a minimum temperature of minus 1.4 degrees Celsius, while

Kupwara recorded a low of minus 3.1 degrees Celsius.

The meteorological office said the weather would remain partly to generally cloudy, but mainly dry till December 11 and there would be a

fall in the night temperature by a few degrees.

From December 12 to 15, there is a possibility of light rain/snow at isolated places in the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir, the MeT Office

Properties Of Two

by the security forces.

"The two accused whose properties have been attached today were also subsequently arrested and are currently undergoing trial in the NIA special court, Jammu," the anti-terror probe agency said.

As per the NIA investigations, the duo -- identified as Fayaz Ahmed Itoo alias Fayaz Khar and Khursheed Ahmed Bhat alias Surya -- are members of the banned Pakistan-backed terror organisation LeT, the agency said.

All the prime accused in the case (RC-08/2015/NIA/DLI) have been charge-sheeted and are under trial under various provisions of Ranbir Penal Code, Arms Act, Explosive Substances Act 1946, Passport (Entry into India) Act 1920 and Unlawful Activities Prevention Act 1967.

In the instant case, four immovable properties, that include a single storey residential house belonging to Fayaz Ahmed Itoo, in village Khudwani, Tehsil Qaimoh in district Kulgam and a two-storey residential house, along with two plots of land, belonging to Khursheed Ahmed Bhat @ Surya in village Chursoo and Sail, Awantipora, district Pulwama, have been attached under Section 33 (1) of UAPA, 1967, in pursuance of the recent orders of NIA Special Court, Jammu.

Soldier Dies

resident of Phagmulla tehsil Pogal Paristan in Ramban. (KS)

Man Held For Black

and shifted to police station where he remains in custody. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Tangmarg and investigations has been initiated," the spokesperson said

Farooq Questions

speak about the elections in Jammu and Kashmir in his speech. "Which

means something is wrong."
In a written reply in Rajya Sabha on Thursday, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal listed out the constitutional and legal provisions under which the Election Commission holds polls.

He was asked "whether government is planning to conduct assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir".

Citing information shared by the EC, he said it is the constitutional mandate of the poll panel to hold elections to constitute the new Lok Sabha and new legislative assemblies in the states within a period of six months before the expiry of the present term or within six months of the premature dissolution of the House or the

assembly.

"Further, the Commission considers all relevant aspects such as law and order situation in the state, school/college examinations,

festivals, weather conditions, holidays ... and availability of Central Armed Police Forces as well as availability of Electronic Voting Machine/Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail and conducive atmosphere to conduct election before finalising the dates of poll and counting while announcing

any election. 324 Posts Of HC

of justice throughout the country.
"No timeline has been prescribed in the MoP for transfer of judges from one high court to another," he said.

Prepared in 1998, the MoP is a set of documents which guide the appointment, elevation and transfer of high court judges. Since Supreme Court judges cannot be transferred, it guides their appointment and elevation.

As on December 4, the top court

is functioning with its sanctioned strength of 34 judges, including the Chief Justice of India. As regards the high courts, against the sanctioned strength of 1,114 judg-

es, 790 judges are working and 324 posts are vacant, he said.

Meghwal said as on January of this year, 171 proposals received from High Court Collegiums were at differ-

ent stages of processing.

This year 121 fresh proposals were received. Out of the total 292 proposals, 110 judges have been appointed and 60 recommendations were remitted to the High Courts on the advice of

the Supreme Court Collegium. He also noted that as on December 4 this year, 122 proposals were at vari-

ous stages of processing.
Out of these 122 proposals, 87 were sent to the Supreme Court Collegium for seeking advice. The Supreme Court Collegium has provided advice on 45 proposals, which are at various stages

of processing in the government.

He said 42 proposals are under consideration with the SC Collegium. Thirty-five "fresh proposals" received recently are being processed for seeking the advice of the apex court

collegium.

"Recommendations are yet to be received from High Court Collegiums in respect of the remaining 198 vacancies," the minister noted.

The appointment of SC and HC judges is a continuous, integrated and collaborative process between the executive and the judiciary.

"It requires consultation and approval from various constitutional authorities both at state and central levels," Meghwal explained.

As a result of the collaborative process between the executive and the judiciary, 165 judges were appointed in various high courts and eight high court judges, including two chief justices, were transferred in 2022. In 2023, a total of 110 judges have been appointed in various HCs and 34 judges transferred till December 4.

J&K Reorganisation Act Is Pending Adjudication **Before SC: Omar**

Says Government Should Not Make Amendments To The Act

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah Thursday said the government should not make amendments to the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act as the law is pending adjudication before the Supreme Court.

Abdullah's remarks came after the Lok Sabha passed the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisa-

tion (Amendment) which seeks to nominate two members from the Kashmiri migrant community and one representing the displaced persons from PoK to the legislative assembly.

"Our objections to the bill are on two issues. The first is that the Supreme Court has not announced its decision on the reorganisation and they (government) are bringing changes after changes," the NC leader told reporters in Pulwama.

He said the second objection the party has is on the filling of assembly seats through nomination.

That should be left for the elected government. The bill gives the right of nomination to the LG. It clearly raises a doubt that this is being done to help the BJP because the BJP cannot win the elections and so, they are trying to increase the number of seats for themselves," he said.

The former chief minister, however, said when the assembly elections take place in J-K, the elected government may undo the changes.

"If there is no change in it, then after elections, when there is an elected government, we will see to it," he added.

To a question about the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) contemplating to approach the court over the amendment bill, Abdullah said the NC has already challenged the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act in the apex court.

"The whole issue is in the court, the whole issue of reorganisation of J-K is in the court. Now, perhaps there is some compulsion for the PDP to go to the court, because they did not approach the Supreme Court when we filed a case in the apex court against August 5, 2019 (decisions), the PDP was

silent then. "As of now, there is no need for us to go to the court because our case is already in the court," he added.

Asked why the NC and PDP were conducting party functions

rately, and not coming together for the benefit of the people of J-K, Abdullah said both the parties have come together for a 'bigger cause".

"Why should we not hold separate functions? We have different ideologies, but, as far as the bigger cause is concerned, as far as August 5 and a betrayal which was done with us is concerned, we talk about it together. We are trying to find solution to that together." he said.

He said the aim of the party workers' conventions was to talk to the people and make the party stronger. "There will be a test next year and we are preparing for that."

To a question whether NC president and Lok Sabha MP Farooq Abdullah would recontest from Srinagar constituency, Omar Abdullah said, "If he wants to contest the election, then we will not have a better candidate than him. Because of his health or any other reason if he decides against fighting election, then we will choose a suitable candidate after consulting him and colleagues."

Dulloo For Full Operationalization Of All Major Health Facilities



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Thursday while reviewing the health care scenario of the UT impressed upon the concerned authorities to take meaningful steps for full operationalization of all the major health facilities across

The meeting was attended by Secretary, Health besides Director SKIMS; MD, SHA; Principals of all the Medical Colleges; MD, NHM; Director Health Services Kashmir/Jammu; MD, JKMSCL; Director, Family Welfare; Drug Controller and other concerned officers.

During this meeting Dulloo observed that the UT has one of the best health infrastructure facilities allocated by the centre in the shape of 2 AIIMS, 7 new medical colleges, Nursing Colleges besides other institutions for bringing quality health care services to people here. He stressed on taking concrete steps for making fully functional all such mega health facilities to bring the tertiary care health services nearer the homes of all the J&K residents.

He also enquired from the Principal of each Medical College about the staff strength and those in place among the faculty positions. He emphasised upon filling of all the vacancies at an earliest so that the patient care do not take hit there. He even asked for all the machinery and equipments necessary for effective medical care to be provisioned by these health institutions and their

status in there. He advised the Department to take measures for procurement of such machinery, instruments and medicines for

each of the health centre so that patients do not have to suffer here. He called for tendering of all the essential drugs in one go as per requirements to evade any possibility of their shortage during the year.

Chief Secretary directed all the HoDs including the Chief Medical Officers to be in the field most of the times and monitor the delivery of services in their areas. He asked them to check on daily basis the patient load in each of the health facility and the availability of doctors there. He directed for ensuring that each medical facility in remote areas have sufficient staff available as per the sanctioned strength so that people there are not put to trouble anymore.

Moreover the Chief Secretary also took note of the functioning of Nursing Colleges here. He maintained that the quality paramedic staff is equally significant as that of medics and these colleges should endeavor for producing the qualified nurses by imparting best train-

ing and education. During this meeting the Secretary Health & Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar informed the Chief Secretary that under Universal Health Insurance scheme 10.18 lakh treatments were done valuing Rs 1735 Cr since its inception.

Regarding the availability of health facilities across the UT it was said that more than 4000 health facilities including mega projects like 2 AIIMS, 2 State Cancer Institutes, 2 Bone & Joint Hospitals, 7 new Medical Colleges enhancing total MBBS Seats to 1300 for a UT with population of around 1.40 crore is phenomenal and first of its kind in the entire history of J&K.



A STREET VENDOR selling popular and colourful snacks at his makeshift shop in Hazratbal area of the city on Thursday.. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

2 Crore Tourists Visited **J&K Up To Nov This Year:** Minister



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Union Tourism Minister G Kishen Reddy Thursday said that for the first time after Independence, Jammu and Kashmir has recorded the arrival of two crore tourists up to November this year.

Replying to a query in the Parliament, Reddy said that for the first time after India's Independence, Jammu and Kashmir has seen two crore tourist arrivals including foreigners up to November this year. "The figure is set to go up further by December end," he said.

He said that there has 155 per cent increase in the overall tourist arrivals in 2023 compared to 2021 and 2022. "85 lakh foreign tourists visited India this year so far," he said.

The Union Minister said that Prime Minister Narendear

Modi has played a huge role in showcasing India's tourism potential and tourism Industry. "PM Modi has been the brand ambassador of India's tourism industry. In his (PM's) every foreign visit, Modiji showcased India's huge tourism potential that attracted lakhs of tourists to India," he said. The Union Minister said

G-20 meetings have played a great role in promoting India's tourism. "The ambassadors rather than the representatives sent by over 30 countries were the cream of foreign countries. Almost 200 meetings of G-20 were held across India including one in J&K. The participants went back to their respective countries as ambassadors of tourism," he said, adding that the Tourism Industry of India got a big push after a successful G-20 meeting this year.

Interestingly, Tourism of-ficials in J&K believe that the G-20 Tourism Working Group meeting held in Srinagar in May this year helped lure a large number of foreign tourists to Kashmir. Official source said that this year upto November, almost 50,000 foreign guests visited Kashmir and the number went up after the successful G-20 summit in Srinagar.

On Wednesday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, told the Parliament that J&K will surpass 2 Crore tourist arrivals this year and the previous record set by BJP will be broken by none other than BIP itself. A Tourism official told KNO that exploring offbeat destinations, reviving film and border tourism, promoting home stays were some major steps taken by the Tourism department to lure large number of tourists this year to Valley—(KNO)

BJP Hails Move To Nominate 3 More Members To J&K Assembly

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The BJP's Jammu and Kashmir unit president Ravinder Raina on Thursday hailed the move to nominate two members from the Kashmiri migrant community and one representing displaced persons from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) to the legislative assembly.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have provided justice to marginalised communities in Jammu and Kashmir through reservation in the assembly, Raina said, a day after the Lok Sabha passed the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill.

"We thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the core of our hearts for the reservation of two seats for the displaced community of Kashmiri Pandits and one seat for the PoJK (Pakistanoccupied Jammu and Kashmir) refugees in the assembly. It is a historic decision," Raina told reporters here.

Modi and Shah "have given justice to these communities who have suffered a lot over decades under previous dispensations," he said.

Raina reaffirmed the BIP's readiness for assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir and expressed confidence that the party will win more than 50 seats to form the government in the Union territory.

"The announcement of elections is up to the Election Commission of India. But we are ready for elections," he said.

Responding to a question on reservation for the Gujjars, Raina assured that there would be no reduction in the 10 percent quota under the ST category, reiterating statements made by the Union home minister and the lieutenant governor.

BJP vice president G L Raina expressed gratitude towards Modi and Shah for nominating two seats in the assembly for Kashmiri migrants.

Meanwhile, in Srinagar, senior CPI(M) leader Mohamad Yousuf Tarigami questioned the passage of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, saying it is in sharp contrast to democratic and judicial practices.

"The amendment bill was passed at a time when the Reorganisation Act itself is under the judicial scrutiny and the apex court has heard the arguments from petitioners and the government and is yet to deliver its judgement," Tarigami told reporters in Srinagar.

He said the passage of the amendment bill at this juncture "appears to be in sharp contrast to democratic and judicial practices".

"It has become a standard practice of the current dispensation to take undemocratic and unconstitutional decisions," he alleged.

Tarigami said the govern-ment seems "adamant" on continuing to keep the people of Jammu and Kashmir "disempowered" by refusing to hold assembly elections.

Tourism Dept Holds Cultural Event At Kongdoori In Gulmarg

Many Cultural, Adventure Events Planned For Coming Days To Enrich Tourists' Experience: Dir Tourism

Observer News Service

GULMARG: The Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir, in collaboration with J&K Cable Car Corporation on Thursday organized a mesmerizing cultural event at Kongdoori here.

Kongdoori, it may be mentioned, is the culmination point of the first phase of Gulmarg

Artists and singers captivated the attention of the audience by rendering some soulful and electrifying musical performances.

event was the participation Kashmir. of scores of tourists and visinumbers which was warmly applauded by the audience.

Director, Tourism, Kashmir/ Managing Director, J&K Cable Car Corporation, Raja Yaqoob Farooq; officers of Tourism partment, he added.

Department and J&K Cable Car Corporation, tourists from outside and a large number of local stakeholders were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Raja Yaqoob said it has been the endeavour of the Department to further enrich and enhance the experience of tourists by giving them new and varied experiences in cultural, culinary, leisure, adventure and other streams of tourism. The idea, he said, is to make their stay here memorable and joyful so that they come again and The main attraction of the also persuade others to visit

The Director Tourism said tors who sang and danced on in view of the coming winter popular bollywood and classic season the Department has planned many cultural activities for the coming days. Besides, by many adventure and snow related activities have also been planned by the De-

Munsiff JMIC Handwara

FCI Jammu To Be Upgraded As Institute Of Hotel Management Soon: Bhagat

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Food Craft Institute, Jammu, would soon be upgraded as Institute of Hotel Management to cater to requirement of skilled manpower for the industry in the region.

This was informed during the 18th Governing Body meeting of Food Craft Institution, Jammu, held under the chairmanship of Commissioner Secretary, Skill Development Department (SDD), Saurabh Bhagat, here todav.

It was revealed in the meeting that the proposal, in this regard, has been submitted to the Union Ministry of Tourism for approval.

The meeting accorded approved to purchase of bus for the institute, installation of rooftop panels and creation of hostel facility within the campus.

The Commissioner Secretary appreciated the efforts of the institute which has tied up with J&K Police for training of their jail inmates and kins of matrys for making them employable. He also lauded FCI for conducting various Skill Development Programmes in the hospitality sector within the campus and other satellite centres creating more entrepreneurs for the industry.

It was decided in the meeting that soon a mega millet festival would be organized to enable students of FCI showcase their culinary skills wherein industry leaders and professionals shall be invited. Besides, FCI Jammu has already come up with a booklet of millet recipes.

The Commissioner Secretary exhorted upon FCI to explore opportunities to work with industry leaders and tie up for industrial visits, visit of industry executives and professionals to the institute. This will help the institute to adopt latest industrial trends in the learning stage of students to equip them with latest know how, he added.

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ORDER Order NO. 27/Kup/DLSA

Presided over by

CJM Handwara

DATED:- 06/12/2023 In compliance to the calendar of J&K SLSA vide Letter No. LSA/LS/64/19/124 Dated 27.01.2023. National Lok Adalat is scheduled to be held on 09-12-2023, the following Benches are constituted to settle cases fixed in the said Lok Adalat.

Presided over by Member of the Bench I/C Chairperson District Legal Services Authority (Principal District & Sessions Judge) Bar President Kunwara The Cases (MACT, Bank Recovery & others) of Courts of PDJ Kupwara shall be taken up in the Bench No 01. And Cr. Clerk/Civil Clerk of the same courts shall function as Reader of the Bench. Batch No. 02 Member of the Bench Presided over by

Addl. District & sessions Judge Handwara The Cases of Addl. District Court Handwara and Munsiff JMIC Handwara shall be taken in bench No. 02. And Reader of the same courts shall function as Reader of the Bench.

Member of the Bench Bar President Handwara

The Cases of Court of CJM Handwara & TLSC Handwara shall be taken in bench No. 03. And Reader of the same courts shall function as Reader of the Bench Bench No. 04 Presided over by Member of the Bench

Munsiff JMIC Kupwara Sub-judge / Secretary DLSA Kupwara The cases of Court of Sub-judge /Secretary DLSA Kupwara ,Munsiff JMIC Kupwara shall be taken in Bench No: 04 And Reader/Jr. Assistant of the same court shall function as Reader of the Bench.

Bench No. 05 Munsiff JMIC Kralpora/Sogam **Bar President Sogam** he cases of Munsiff JMIC Kralpora, Sogam and TLSC Sogam shall be taken up in bench No. 05. And Reader of the same courts shall function

as Reader of the Bench. Presided over by Member of the Bench Munsiff/JMIC Tangdar Bar President Tangdar

function as Reader of the Bench. Note:- Details of the cases settled/disposed of by all the Benches should reach the office of the undersigned on the same date at 3:30 PM positively on Whatsapp No. 7006691592 enabling this office to submit the information to the higher authorities well in time. Chairman

The cases of Munsiff/JMIC Tangdar and Pre-Litigation of TLSC Tangdar shall be taken in bench no. 06. And Reader of the same court shall

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Downtown Arrows Beat Jammu XI In Gold Cup Exhibition

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Downtown Arrows, the girls team of Srinagar Premier League champions Downtown Heroes FC, defeated Jammu XI 2-0 in an exhibition match on Thursday at GGM Science College Ground in Jammu.

The exhibition game commemorated the first day of 17th Christmas Gold Cup football

"This marked the girl's first outside exposure trip, and they shone as winners. Huge thanks to organizers of Gold Cup and J&K Sports Council, especially Nuzhat Jehangir, Secretary JKSC, for their unwavering support and providing a platform for these tal-ented girls," the Heroes said in a statement.

Pencak Silat Trials On Dec 10



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Pencak Silat Association of J&K on Thursday announced open selection trials for J&K team to compete in the 1st Beach Games Festival (Pencak Silat) 2023-24. The trials are for both boys and girls from the age of 16 to 20 years, and will be held on December 10 at Gindun Sports Centre, Rajbagh here.

The Beach Games are scheduled to be held at Diu, DNHD&D,

from January 5-10, 2024. The association has asked players to carry valid ID proof and

age proof and other documents. Selected athletes will face the screening team of J&K Sports Council on 11th December 2023.

"For further details, Please contact Mr. Nassir Ahmad Digoo, President on 9797194893, 9622422766 or jksilat@gmail. com," the Pencak Silat Associa-

Real Kashmir Draw 0-0 With Deccan In I-League



Press Trust of India

SRINAGAR: Sreenidi Deccan FC preserved their second place in the table after a goalless draw with Real Kashmir FC in their I-League match here at the TRC Stadium on Thursday.

Deccan now have 17 points from nine matches, while the Kashmir side slid to fourth with 14 points from eight matches.

A good result was mandatory for Deccan after their 1-2 defeat in their last match against table-toppers Mohammedan Sporting.

Accordingly, Deccan made four changes to the starting

line-up and one of those -midfielder Ibrahim Sissoko -- had the first chance of the match in the fifth minute.

But his volley off a lofted ball from Lalbiakliana did not trouble the Kashmir goalkeeper.

The next to try his luck from distance was winger Rilwan Hassan who cut in from the left and unleashed his effort but the outcome was similar.

At the other end, Kashmir almost broke the deadlock with a thunderous shot from outside the box but Deccan goalkeeper Albino Gomes dived to his left to tip it over

The second half was an

even tighter as chances were few and far between.

Substitute David Castaneda of Deccan had two of those as his first effort was smothered from close range by the goalkeeper while later a header was off target in the closing stages of the match.

Kashmir almost let the match slip in stoppage time as Jagdeep Singh's cross from the right thudded on to the crossbar.

Deccan will now face Delhi FC on December 11.
As for Real Kashmir, they

will take on Gokulam Kerala at home on Monday, December 11. The game kicks off at

Shami Among Nominees For ICC POTM For November



Agencies

DUBAI: India pacer Mohammed Shami, who ended the recently concluded ICC World Cup as the leading wicket-taker of the tournament, has been nominated for the ICC Men's Player of the Month Award for November 2023 along with Australia's batting sensation Travis Head and all-rounder Glenn Maxwell.

Shami continued his golden run in the World Cup into November. He bagged 15 wickets at an average of 12.06 with an economy rate of 5.68. Overall, he finished as the leading wicket-taker of the 2023 Cricket World Cup, with 24 wickets to his name from merely seven innings. Among his highlight efforts this month was a stunning 5/18 against Sri Lanka at Wankhede.

Australia's batting sensation Head returned to the squad after a long injury layoff at the end of October with a spectacular century against New Zealand and continued his good vein of form throughout

In November, he scored 220

runs in five ODIs at a remarkable average of 44, including a halfcentury and a century. Notable were his efforts in the Cricket World Cup semi-final and final, where he was named Player of the Match and played a key role in Australia's sixth title.

Meanwhile, Australia's star all-rounder Maxwell gathered 204 runs at an average of 204 with a strike rate of 152.23 in his three ODI outings last month, along with two wickets. In two T20Is in the series against India, he amassed an impressive 116 runs at a stunning strike rate of 207.14.

The all-rounder returned in style against Afghanistan. His double hundred was the first by an Australian in Men's ODIs and the second-fastest ever. It was also the first time a chaser scored a double century. This was also the highest score from someone ranked sixth or lower.

He later appeared in the T20I series against India, and his century in the third T20I in Guwahati helped Australia win. His 104* came off just 48 balls, with eight fours and eight sixes. It aided in the pursuit of India's 223. (ANI)

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