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From Desires To Despair: The Untold Challenges Of Parenthood In Kashmir

Hirra Azmat

"Take the marriage in your stride and enjoy this companionship. Give yourself some time and don't rush to the doctors so early for fertil-ity treatments," a psychologist at Institute of mental health and neurosciences (IMHANS), Kashmir, tells one of the females in her mid-20's, who recently got married.

In an adjacent room, a 39-year-old female reveals in her first session, "It's been five



years of trying to conceive. We fertility treatments but all in have gone through various vain. With every passing year

there is a disappointment and hopelessness that has set in. Nobody seems to understand what it does to a woman's body and her self-esteem. I often get suicidal thoughts and sleep evades me.'

The inability to have children can crush the beautiful dream of parenthood and evoke a feeling of unending grief and loss. Experts believe that around 18 to 25 percent of married couples in Kashmir struggle with the problems related to infertility at present.

Within our community, this issue, however, unfolds at two ends of the spectrum. On one side, couples over the age of 35 deal with various problems of infertility and seek treatment. On the other side, recently married and younger couples face the intense pressure to conceive swiftly driven by societal expectations. This urgency leads them to pursue fertility treatment prematurely, resulting in disrupted hormones and a tumultuous cycle of shame and despair.

The National Family Health Survey for 2019-21 shows there has been a sharp fall in the total fertility rate (TFR) the average number of children a woman bears in her lifetime. In Jammu & Kashmir, the fertility rate has dropped from 2.0 to 1.4, far below the national average of two since 2015.

What has caused a dip in fertility rate? Why are married couples under immense stress? Has the age for marriage gone up? Has the lifestyle altered? To find More On P6

The LG, the spokesperson

said, requested the Power

Minister to allocate additional

funds under RDSS for further upgradation and modernisation

of the distribution infrastruc-

ture in the UT, including re-

placement of outdated conduc-

tors, transformers and poles. Singh, he said, suggested

the LG send proposals in this

regard and assured him that

the Ministry will positively

consider the proposal for the

The Minister, according to the spokesperson, directed

the officers of his Ministry to

ensure adequate allocation of

Power to J&K to meet the ris-

Singh, he said, also re-viewed various programmes

development of J&K.

ing demand.

Aadhaar. Voter **ID Linking Not Started Yet: Govt**

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The linking of Aadhaar details with voter identity cards has not yet begun, Lok Sabha was informed on Friday.

In a written reply, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said linking of Aadhaar is process-driven.

He also said no targets have been given for linking Aadhaar details with the electoral photo identity card.

"... The Election Commission has informed that linking of Aadhar with EPIC has not yet started," he said. He also noted that the time period to submit Form 6B (to link Aadhaar card) has been extended for a period of one year -- March 31, 2024.

The Election Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021 allows electoral registration officers to require the existing or prospective elector to provide the Aadhaar number for the purpose of establishing identity on a "voluntary basis", he said. More On P6

Lok Sabha **Expels TMC MP** Mahua Moitra

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Trinamool Congress leader Mahua Moitra was expelled on Friday from the Lok Sabha after the House adopted the report of its Ethics Committee that held her guilty of accepting gifts and illegal gratification from a businessman to further his interest.

After a heated debate over the panel report during which Moitra was not allowed to speak, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi moved a motion to expel the Trinamool member for "unethical conduct", which was adopted by a voice vote.

Reacting sharply to her expulsion, Moitra equated the action with hanging by a "kangaroo court" and alleged that a parliamentary panel was being weaponised by the government to force the opposition into submission.

She told reporters that she has een found guilty **More On F**

Security Brass In Huddle Ahead Of 370 Verdict

'All District Heads Stressed To Keep Eye On The Situation'



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Observer News Service

Srinagar: With just two days left for the Supreme Court to pronounce its verdict on a batch of pleas challenging Article-370 revocation, the top security brass on Friday went into huddle in this capital city to discuss all expectedly emerging situations in view of upcoming events.

The joint meeting was chaired by ADGP Law and order Vijay Kumar at the Police Control Room (PCR) here on Friday afa nolice snokesperson said. The meeting was attended by Div Com Kashmir, IGP Kashmir, DD IB, DIsG of all the ranges of Kashmir, DIG CID and all the DMs & SSsP of Kashmir

LG Meets Power Minister, **Urges More Electricity For J&K**

Observer News Service

Delhi: New Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha met Union Power Minister R K Singh in New Delhi and requested him to allocate additional electricity to Jammu and Kashmir, besides more funds under RDSS for further upgradation and modernisation of the distribution infrastructure in the Union Territory.

The LG met the Union Power Minister on Thursday evening in the wake of rising power demand in UT, as a result of economic growth and increasing electrification, during the ongoing winter season, an official spokesperson said Friday.

Sinha, he said, informed the Minister that the current demand of UT of J&K has touched around 2800 MW with a deficit of approximately 1400 MW in the current winter season.

Co-Chairs Meeting With Singh **To Review Power Sector**



He requested the Union Power Minister for allocating more power to the UT.

According to the spokesperson, Singh apprised LG that the Ministry of Power has already allocated 1500 MW from the central pool to meet the winter requirements of J&K. Further, he said, 472 MW is also allocated under Shakti

Purchase Agreement (PPA)

ditional allocation has been made by the Central government to take care of the urgent power requirement of the Union Territory," he added.

ion Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy, R. K. Singh and Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha co-chaired a high-level meeting to review the power sector of the Union Territory. During the meeting, Principal Secretary, Power Development Department, H. Rajesh Prasad, presented a detailed overview of the department's recent achievements, an official spokesperson said.

He said the meeting was informed that J&K has taken several proactive steps to ensure sufficient availability of power as a part of both short term and medium term measures. "In this direction, PPAs for 2500 MW have been signed during the current year, aiming to double

by the end of Dec, 23.

with the power department of

J&K is proposed to be signed "Overall, 1972 MW of ad-

of the Ministry of Power being implemented in the UT, under Central Sector Schemes. "The Power Minister directed the concerned More On P6

policy, for which, Power

During the meeting, the spokesperson said, all the officers briefed the chair on the prevailing law and order and security scenario More On P6

Today's high-security meet-

ing comes two days ahead of

the scheduled verdict by the

Supreme Court on a batch of pe-

titions challenging revocation of Article 370 of the Constitution

which gave special privileges

to the erstwhile state of Jammu

According to the cause list of December 11, Monday, up-loaded on the apex court web-

site, a five-judge constitution

bench headed by Chief Justice

D Y Chandrachud would deliver

Pahalgam Coldest In Kashmir At -4.8 Deg Cel

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The minimum temperature dropped at most places in Kashmir on Friday as the vallev continued to experience subzero nights, the weather department said

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir. recorded a low of minus 2.4 degrees Celsius, slightly up from minus 2.6 degrees Celsius noted the previous night, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in its bulletin.

in south Pahalgam Kashmir's Anantnag district, which serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath yatra, saw the minimum temperature settling at minus 4.8 degrees Celsius. The resort was the coldest recorded place in the Valley.

The famous ski resort of Gulmarg in Baramulla district recorded a low of minus 3.0 degrees Celsius – down from minus 2.5 degrees Celsius the previous night, the IMD bulletin said.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 2.4 degrees Celsius. Kokernag town in south Kashmir registered a minimum temperature of minus 2.0 degrees Celsius, while Kupwara recorded a low of minus 2.5 degrees Celsius. The meteo-rological office said the weather would remain generally cloudy but mainly dry till December 11. It also predicted a dip in the night temperature by a few degrees. From December 12 to 15, there

is a possibility More On P6

Family & Colleagues Bid Tearful Adieu To Inspector Masroor



FATHERS GRIEF: Family grieve at the funeral of slain Inspector Masroor in Srinagar

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Loud wails rent the air at the Police Lines area here as soon as the tricolour-draped coffin of Inspector Masroor Ahmad Wani was brought for a

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wreath laying ceremony.

the final goodbye |More On P6

NIA To Probe Police Officer's Killing

he probe into the killing of Jammu and Kashmir Police inspector Masroor Ahmad Wani has been handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), a senior police officer said here on Friday. "The case has been given to the NIA. The NIA and JK Police will investigate it jointly," Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Vijay Kumar told reporters on the sidelines of a wreath-laying ceremony of the slain officer here. Kumar said the police have got some leads in the case and the investigation is underway. |More On P6

Srinagar Leads 9 Kashmir Districts In **Crimes Against Women**

Augib Javeed

Srinagar: The capital city of Srinagar has surpassed other nine districts of Kashmir Valley in reported cases of crime against the women, including domestic violence by husband and in-laws besides abduction, a report released by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has revealed.

According to the report a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer, the UT has recorded a total 3,716 registered cases of crimes against women, including cases under section 498 (cruelty by husband or his relatives) of the IPC and IPC's section 326A (voluntarily causing grievous hurt by use of acid).

The report, however, suggests that the valley takes the lead in many cases including cruelty by husbands, kidnapping and abduction and acid

attacks as compared to Jammu. The NCRB data reveals that

there were 500 instances of cruelty by husbands and their relatives towards women in J&K. Srinagar topped with 70 such cases, followed by Jammu with 60, Rajouri 58, Kupwara 38, Poonch 25, Doda 49, seven each from Anantnag and Awantipora, 11 each from Bandipora, Handwara, and Ramban, 24 from Baramulla, 17 from Budgam, 23 from Ganderbal, 13 from Kathua, and six from Kishtwar.

The Valley also witnessed two acid attacks on women, while no case was reported from Jammu in the year 2022.

The NCRB report disclosed 886 cases of kidnapping and abduction of women throughout Jammu and Kashmir in 2022. Out of these, the valley witnessed 384 cases while rest were reported More On P6

"You always wanted to be-

come a police officer," said a teary-eyed Wani's sister who was amid the family and colleagues gathered here to bid

Baramulla Stadia Named After Gen Rawat

he Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday accorded sanction to rename Jhelum Stadium Janbazpora in north Kashmir's Baramulla district after former Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat. According to an order, sanction has been accorded to name Jhelum Stadium, Janbazpora as "General Bipin Rawat Stadium". "The Youth Services and Sports Department and Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla shall take immediate | More On P6

5 Arrested With Weapons In Jammu

ive people were arrested with weapons in separate incidents in Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Friday. Acting on a tip-off, a police team raided the Ramgarh area in Samba district and arrested hardcore criminal Vivek Singh on Thursday night. A country-made pistol and a 12-bore gun were recovered from him, they said.

A case was registered against him under the Arms Act at Vijaypur police station, they said. Singh was arrested in 2018 with three others in connection with a | More On P6

Youth Found Dead In Anantnag

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youth hailing from Aligarh city of Uttar Pradesh was found dead on Friday at his rented accommodation in Anantnag district of South Kashmir. 25-year-old Raj Bahadur, son of Shankar Lal, of Aligarh was found dead inside his rented accommodation near Thak Boni village of the district on Friday morning, an official said. "Initial investigations suggest that the now deceased person was suffering from epilepsy from a prolonged period", | More On P6

3 Terror Suspects Held In Reasi

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ecurity forces arrested three terror suspects with unaccounted for cash in their possession in an operation in Jammu's Reasi district, officials said on Thursday. The arrest came when a joint team of army and police, acting on a tip off, intercepted an SUV which was on its way to Mahore town, they said. The team apprehended the three occupants of the car and seized cash found on them. It is suspected that the money was likely to be used for funding terror activities which have | More On P6

India Logs 180 Covid Cases

ndia has logged 180 new coronavirus infections, while the active cases have increased to 744, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Friday. The death toll was recorded at 5,33,306, the data updated at 8 am stated. The country's Covid case tally is 4.50 crore (4, 50, 02,741). The number of people who have recuperated from the disease has increased to 4,44,68,691, and the national recovery rate stands at 98.81 per cent, according to the health ministry's website. The case fatality rate | More On P6

Navy Short Of 10.896 Personnel

he Indian Navy is reeling under a shortage of 10,896 personnel including 1,777 officers, according to details provided by the defence ministry in Parliament on Friday. Responding to a question in Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt also said 9,119 posts of sailors are lying vacant in the Navy as on October 31. He said the shortage in the officer-rank is 1,777. The sanctioned strength of officers and sailors in the Navy is 11,979 and 76,649. | More On P6



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Jammu & Kashmir And Ladakh Finance Corporation Head Office Srinagar/Jammu

NOTICE

The commercial accommodation measuring 7000 SFTs is available in the ground floor & 3rd floor of SFC House, at Durga Nag, Sonwar Srinagar, adjacent to Kirshna Taba @ the market rate prevalent in the area, enjoys all the infrastructural facilities and is ideal for banks, private Offices & other Corporate offices. The interested parties can approach the JKLFC @ SFC House, Durganag Srinagar during office hours or make a contact on the following phone numbers.

0194-2500592 0194-2500502 Mr. Kifayat Hussain +919149952196 No: 265

DIPK-NB-4695/23 Dated: 08-12-2023

Jammu & Kashmir And Ladakh Finance Corporation Head Office Srinagar/Jammu

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Office Of the Executive Engineer JS-PHE Deptt. Rural Water Supply Division, Ganderbal/Sgr.

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e – mail: pherwsd@gmail.com, Phone/Fax: 0194 – 2416292.

Reference: This Office Fresh e-NIT No: 49/JS-PHE/RWSD/Civil of 2023-24, issued Under No: JS-PHE/RWSD/Corrs/11879-11903, Dated: 25.11.2023, Works figuring at S.No:01, bearing Tender id. 2023_PHE_238280_1,

EXTENSION NOTICE-I

Due to nil response for the work advertised / published vide this office above referred e - NIT No. & date bearing tender ID mentioned above, the bid submission end & bid opening (online) dates of the same are hereby extended & re-fixed as under: -

Last date of submission of Bids online 14.12.2023 up to 02:00 p.m.

2. Date of opening of bids online 15.12.2023 at 11:30 a.m.

All other terms and conditions of the e-NIT shall remain unchanged

Sd/-(Er. Samiullah Beigh) **Executive Engineer JS-PHE, RWS** Division Ganderbal/Sgr

No. JS-PHE/ RWSD/ Corrs. / 12531 - 55 Dated:-08.12.2023 DIPK-13497/23

Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council Administrative Block Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar/M A Stadium, Jammu,

E-mail:ikstatesportscouncil@:gmaii.com. Contact No: - 0194-2311207, 0194-2310064 0191-2570423,0191-2560771.

NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to notification No.033-BOPEE of 2023 dated 06-12-2023 received from Controller of Examination J&K BOPEE Srinagar, offline applications on prescribed forms are invited from the eligible candidates of UT of J&K / Ladakh desirous to seek admission in M.Sc Technology Courses at S.P. College M.A. Road Srinagar for the session 2023 under Sports category for determination of sports merit.

The forms duly numbered are available on payment of Rs 200/- in the office of Divisional Sports Officer(K) J&K Sports Council, Polo Ground playing field, Srinagar & Divisional Sports Officer(J), J&K Sports Council, New Indoor Sports Complex. M.A. Stadium, Jammu from 08-12-2023 to 15-12-2023 during office hours.

The candidate who fulfill the following qualification/condition as prescribed in Government order No: 808-GAD of 2008 dated: 17-06-2008, 946-GAD of 2008 dated: 15-07-2008, 1090-GAD of 2008 dated: 14-08-2008 < & 733-GAD of 2010 dt: 24-06.2010 should only apply:-

A person who has represented India at the Olympic Games, Asian Games, SAARC Games, Common Wealth Games or other officially recognized Test Matches/World Cup Competitions in any of the Games/Sports mentioned below.



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 11th session Bi- Annual 2020 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

Name : Safia Amwar S/o: Mohammad Anwar Qureshi Roll No: 2615462 Year & Session : 2020 Bi-Annual

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 cancelled.

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

The Jammu and Kashmir **State Board Of School Education** New Campus Bemina Srinagar

Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-

Roll No: 2618437 Class 10th Year & Session : Bi-Annual 2017

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Registration: N1560270075 Name : Safia Anwar Father's Name: Mohammad Anwar Qureshi Mother's Name : -- Husan Jan Date of Birth:- 09-09-2000

Residenc:- Chattibandy According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice.

(Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 1781KAM 3005127 be treated as "CANCELLED")

No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)B/KD/23 Dated 06-12-2022

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas I, Mr. Orusha Mattoo Father's Name: Nazir ahmad matto R/o Eidgah srinagar KASHMIR intend to apply in the Department of Tourism for registration of my proposed travel unit under the name & style of "M/S Kashmir Canvas Tour And Travel" situated at Eidgah Srinagar KASHMIR under tourist trade act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas I will submit state subject / Domicile certificate, Qualification Certificate, pan cardr \ Experience Certificate(Minimum 5years). 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. kri r

From The Office Advocate Nazakat Hussain Tak (Advocate High Court) High Court Premises Sgr:- 190001.

PH: 9682197970

In the case of: Mrs. Sitara Banu W/o Nissar Ahmad Wani. R/o Wani Kocha, Gulshan Nagar, Natipora, Near Ahmad Hospital, Srinagar, Kashmir, J&K.

2. Mr. Nisar Ahmad Wani S/o Ghulam Mohammad Wani. R/o Wani Kocha, Gulshan Nagar, Natipora, Near Ahmad Hospital, Kashmir, J&K.

3. Mr. Suhaib Nissar S/o Nissar Ahmad Wani R/o Wani Kocha, Gulshan Nagar, Natipora, Near Ahmad

Hospital, Srinagar, Kashmir, J&K ... Caveator's VERSUS

Public at Large

Non-Caveator's In the matter of: CAVEAT PETITION

The Caveator's have reasons to believe/ apprehension that Non-Caveator may file a suit or any other type of proceedings before the Hon'ble Court & on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation & cooked story & may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at their back/Ex-Parte against the Caveator's & in such eventuality the Caveator's will be put to an irreparable loss & inconvenience. It would be proper that Caveator's be given an opportunity of being Heard by the Hon'ble Court before passing any order. Sd/-Nazakat Hussain Tak

Advocate J&K High Court at Srinagar.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of "D class" card contract . If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she can contact Superintending Engineer R&B Baramulla within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Name : Hameedulla Gani S/o Late Aziz Gani R/o. Watige bmg Tehsil kharhama, Dist Baramulla

از نیابت ایزیکیپومجسٹریٹ درجہاول گوم احمد پورہ درخواست: براد حصول DOB Certificate أزجانب لياقت على جان ولدغلام محدجان ساكنةكوماحمه يوره بخصيل يبن ضلع بارهموله تجق مرزياز مرا دخر ليافت على جان تاريخ پيدائش 2017-08-01 ادرجان محمه پسرلیاقت علی جان تاریخ پیدائش 2020-01-01 اشتهار بمرادا گاہی ہرخاص وعام معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں مثبت ریورٹ پنجائت سکڑی و سرپنچ و نمبردارو چوکیدار علاقہ وغیرہ کے رپورٹ کے مطابق سائل کے پسران کی تاریخ پیدائش مزکورہ تاریخ تی ہوئی ہے اور سائل اینے اولادان کے حقائق میں DOB Certificate تاریخ پیدائش

ے۔ سرانفکییٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہاں ہے۔ نوٹ: بذریعہاشتہارمشتہ کروایا ہیہ گیا کہ اگر کسی شخص یا اشخاص کوکوئی عذریا اعتراض ہوتو وہ مات یوم کے اندر پیش کرے معیاد گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی عذر یا اعتراض قابلِ قبول نہیں ہوگاہ۔ نائب تحصلدا، bmg

از نیابت ایزیکیٹو مجسٹریٹ درجہاول گوم احمہ پورہ

در خواست: بمراد حصول DOB Certificate ازجانب جوابر احمد جان ولد محد براہیم جان ساکنڈکوم احمہ یورہ بخصیل پٹن ضلع بارہمولہ تجق أيت زبرادختر جوابراحمه جان تاريخ بيدائش 2018-01-01 ادر زينب زهرادختر جوابرا حمد جان تاريخ پيدائش 2020-01-01 اشتهار بمرادا گاہی ہرخاص دعام معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدرميل مثبت ريورٹ پنجائت سکڑی و سرپنچ و نمبردارو چوکيدار علاقہ وغیرہ کے رپورٹ کے مطابق سائل کے پسران کی تاریخ پیدائش مزکورہ تاریخ پی ہوئی ہے اور سائل اینے اولادان کے حقائق میں DOB Certificate تاریخ پیدائش پر مرفیکیٹ حاصل کرنے کاخواہاں ہے۔ ر کمپیے کا کی دیلے کہ ج کی ہے۔ یہ: بذریعہ اشتہار مشتہ کر کروایا یہ گیا کہ اگر کسی څخص یا اشخاص کو کو کی عذریا اعتر اض ہوتو وہ یات یوم کےاندر پیش کرے معیاد گز رنے بعد کوئی بھی عذریا اعتراض قابلِ قبول نہیں ہوگاہ۔ نائب تحصلداه bmg



Assistant Secretary Certificates, KD. nj



A person who has participated & secured one of the first three positions in the individual events or was a member of the team which obtained first, second or 3rd position or has participated twice or more in the same discipline in the National Championship in any of the Sports or Games as mentioned below.

The disciplines (Sports/Games) covered under the above rules are Athletics Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Swimming, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Tennis, Weight lifting, Wrestling (International Style), Boxing, Cycling, Gymnastics, Judo Shooting, Archery, Equestrian, Handball, Rowing, Roller/Ice Skating, Skiing, Squash, Billiards & Snooker, Chess, Golf, Kabaddi, Karate, Kayaking & Canoeing, p0|0, Power lifting, Taekwondo, Yachting, Kho-Kho, Body Building, Ball Badminton, Bridge, Tenni-Koit Carrom, Softball, Wushu, Sport Climbing, Thang-Ta, Base-Ball, and all other games falling within the purview of Indian Olympic Association and/or recognized by the Government of India.

The other terms A conditions as enclosed with the Application Form will also be applicable for determining the eligibility of the candidates for grant of sports category weightage. The last date of receipt of Applications is 16-12-2023 during office hours in the office of the respective Divisional Sports Officers, Sports Council at both Divisions at Bakhshi Stadium Srinagar and New Indoor Sports Complex, M.A. Stadium, Jammu

Administrative Officer **JAK Sports Council**

No:SC/491-M.Sc Technology 2024/9187-96 DIPK-NB-4675/23 Dated:08-12-2023

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR Sher-I-Kashmir Institute Of Medical Sciences Soura, Srinagar, J&K (India)-190011

e-NIT NO: SIMS -324-eNIT-34-(Imports) of 2023 DATED: 06 /12/2023.

Subject: -Abbreviated Notice inviting e-tenders for supply Open Heart Surgical Consumables for Cardiac Surgeries for the Department of CVTS.

For and on behalf of Lt Governor Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders under two bid system are invited through Director Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Soura, Srinagar from Original Manufacturers OR their Indian subsidiaries or Authorized local dealer for supply of Open Heart Surgical Consumables for Cardiac Surgeries for the Department of CVTS on one year rate contract basis to be reckoned from the date of allotment of rate contract.

The detailed tender document is available on www.jktenders.gov.in as per following:

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Tender Fee	Last Date of Submission of online bids	Opening of Technical Bids	Last Date of Clarifica- tion
Rs.300000.00	Rs.1500.00	26.12.2023 upto 12:00 Noon	29.12.2023 at 12:00 Noon	11.12.2023 upto 4PM

No clarification/representation shall be entertained after the expiry of last date of clarification.

Complete bidding process will be done online on e-tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in & the tenders should be submitted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the detailed NIT. No Proposal will be accepted in physical form. The tender documents are available on SKIMS website www.skims.ac.in for reference only.

Note: the EMD of the bidder(s), who has / have submitted against Enit No.28-Imports of 2023 dated 17.10.2023 shall be considered for the instant bid also.

Sr.Materials Management Officer Imports SKIMS.

No: SIMS-324-eNIT-34-(Imports) of 2023-DIPK-NB-4691/23 Dated: 08/12/2023.

The Hoble Court Of Principal District Judge At Budgam.

In the Case of:

1 Chandi Ji Pandita Shahabadi.S/O Late Mohan Lal Pandita Shahbadi. R/O Oaziyar, Zaina kadal Srinagar Kashmir A/P H.no 75, Sector 31, Faridabad, Haryana,

2 Kuldeep Shahbadi S/O Late Jagan Nath Pandita Shahbadi R/O Qaziyar. Zaina kadal Srinagar Kashmir. A/P 26-C. Udheywala Bhori. Jammu Tawi.

3 Shiv Kumar Shahbadi S/O Late Jagan Nath Pandita Shahbadi R/O Qaziyar, Zaina kadal Srinagar Kashmir. A/P 19/22 Anand Nager, Bhori, Jammu Tawi,

Ashwani Kumar Shahbadi S/O Late Hira Lal Shahbadi RIO Qaziyar. Zaina kadal Srinagar Kashmir. A/P H.no 2/103 Sector 16. Rohni Delhi.

Ravinder Kumar Shahbadi S/O Late Hira Lal Shah-5 badi R/O Qaziyar, Zaina kadal Srinagar Kashmir, A/P G-201, Arya Apartment, sector-15. Rohni Delhi,

CAVEATOR/APPLICANTS

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Public at Large NON CAVEATOR/ NON- APPLICANTS In the matter of: Caveat Application In terms of section 148- A

CPC May it please your Honour.

The Application most respectfully submits as under That the applicant' caveators is bonafide domicile of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Applicant caveators is lawful owners in posses-2 sion of land located at Wanabal Rawalpora District Budgam. 3. That the applicant caveator apprehends that the non-applicants may file a civil original Suit, or application or any other legal proceedings before this Honble Court against the applicants and may obtain orders in exparte by suppression of facts and statements of false and untrue facts (suggesto falsi and suppresso veri). That the attendant facts and circumstance of the case warrant that the applicant caveators be heard before any orders are passed in the matter in exparie. 5. That in case the non-applicants succeeds in obtaining orders

in exparie, and then the applicant/ caveators will suffer an irreparable loss and injury which cannot be compensated by

any means whatsoever. In the premises it Is therefore most respectfully prayed that in the event of any Civil Original suit or application or any other proceeding being filed by the non-applicants" against the Applicant caveators, the applicant/ caveators be heard through his counsel first before any order are passed in expane. The same would be in the interests justice

Applicant through Counsel Adv Umer Rashid

از نیابت گوم احمد یوره مضمون: درکواست منجانب : ارشادا حمد را تفرولدا سداللدررا نفرسا کنه ارچندر بامه بمرادعطا ئیگی تاریخ پیدائش سرٹفیکیٹ سمجق دخُتر طیبہارشاد ريورٹ موصول ہوئی کہ سائل کی دختر طیبہ ارشاد مورخہ 2017-03-02 کو پيدائش ونی ہے۔اور سائل مذکورنے تا حال کوئی DOB سرٹفیکیٹ حاصل نہیں کی ہےا ب سائل ندکورانے دختر کے حق میں سند DOB حاصل کرنے کا خواہاں ہے۔ س بارے میں اگرکسی شخص پااشخاص کوکوئی عذر پااعتر اض ہوتو وہ ساتھ یوم کےاندر پیش کرے معیاد گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی عذر پااعتر اض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگاہ۔ نائب تحصلدار fko

زنيابت كوم احمر يوره

مین مصلح مسلم مستوجعه تصمون: درکواست منجانب : شوکت احمد ڈارولدغلام نبی ڈارسا کنه ارچندر مامه بمرادعطا ئیگی تاریخ پیدائش سرٹفیکیٹ سمجق اولادان مومن شوکت وایمن شوکت وحازق

اشتهار بمرادا گاہی ہرخاص وعام معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر ميں ريورٹ پنجائت سکٹر ي ونمبر دارو چوکيدارعلاقہ وعاشہ سے ريور موصول ہوئی كہ سائلكا كپر مومن ثوكت مورخه 2017-12-17 ودختر ایمن شوکت مورخه 2016-04-15 اور جازق شوکت مورخة 15-04-2016 كو پيدائش بوئى ب_اورسائل مذكور نے تا حال كوئى DOB سرٹفیکیٹ حاصل نہیں کی ہےاب سائل مٰدکورا پنے اولادان کے خق میں سند DOB حاصل کرنےکا خواہاں ہے۔ اس بارے میں اگر کس شخص یا اشخاص کوکوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہوتو وہ ساتھ یوم کے اندر پیش ىرےمعيادگز رنے بعدکوئی بھی عذر يااعتر اض قابل قبول نہيں ہوگا ہ۔ fko

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As Winter Sets In, Migratory **Birds Flock To Kashmir**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: With the onset of winter in Kashmir, the mi gratory birds have started flocking to the wetlands across the Valley with officials stating that Mallard, Gadwalls and geese have arrived at the Hokersar wetland, here.

Ifshan Dewan, Wildlife Warden, Wetlands Kashmir said the migratory birds have started arriving at the wetlands here and at present a number of birds including Mallard, Gadwall and almost 100-200 Geese are among the species witnessed at Hokersar wetland.

"These birds flock to Kashmir every year during the winter period," she said, adding that they flock to Kashmir from different parts of the world including Siberia, Northern Europe

and Central Asian Countries where the temperature

remains low The wetlands are among the main attractions for these birds as the wetlands are their habitation, she said, adding that in the previous year, Hokersar hosted 5 lakh migratory birds and this year also, the number is very good.

Asked about the situation during freezing temperatures, she said in case the water body is frozen, the birds are being provided artificial feed, however these birds rely on the natural food only.

About the poaching incidents, she said, "I appeal to the people that these birds are our guests and cooperate with the department in ensuring their safety here in the wetlands of Kashmir," she said.



Hunderds of People attanded funeral prayers of slain J&K police inspector, Masroor Wani at his native place in Yechpora Eidgah on Friday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Power Scenario Improved, To Get

Better In Days To Come: Div Com

PMUY Beneficiaries Of Srinagar Panchayats Covered Under VBSY

Observer News Service

Srinagar: As a part of ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a number of left out beneficiaries were covered under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojna (PMUY) in rural areas of Srinagar District by organizing awareness camps.

The camps were organized on directions of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad in all 21 Panchayat Halqas of Harwan, Khonmoh, Srinagar and Qamarwari Blocks of the District.

During the camps, organized by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) under Viksit Bharat

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Sankalp Yatra, people in all the Panchayats Halgas of the District participated actively with excitement and visited

Majid Nabi Srinagar: Divisional Commissioner (Div-Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar

Bidhuri claimed on Friday that power scenario in Kashmir has significantly improved and that overall improvement in this direction is

expected in the days to come. The Div Com Kashmir also claimed that the administration is well prepared to deal with the up-

coming winter challenges which include snow clearance and timely replacement of faulty transformers.

All the allied departments, Bidhuri said, have been directed to remain alert in the event of any major snowfall in the time to come. He also said the administration's top priority will be replacing faulty transformers well in time to avoid

"Power scenario. I hope you will also agree, has improved a lot and further improvement is anticipated in the days to come. Besides, the administration is well prepared to tackle the winter challenges and the arrangements are much better than the previous year," Div Com Kashmir told reporters on the sidelines of a function here.

Border Roads Organization (BRO), Bidhuri said, has also been instructed to remain alert as far as snow clearance of roads is concerned.

DC Srinagar Reviews Implementation Of PM Vishwakarma Scheme

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to review the progress on implementation of PM Viswakarma scheme, launched to uplift traditional Artisans and Craftspeople, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here today at the Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a firsthand appraisal about the progress made so far with regard to reg-

istration of Artisans (Vishwakarmas), verification process in both rural and urban areas, capacity building of stakeholders and monitoring & evaluation mechanism in place for Artisans

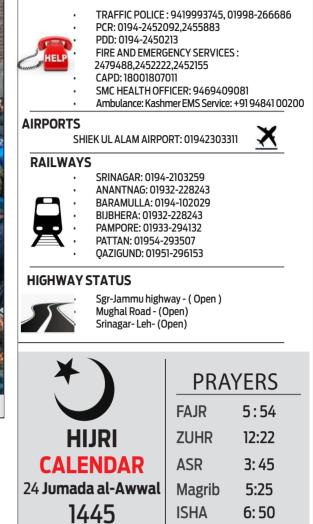
(Vishwakarmas). The chair also took stock of the login issues on PM Vishwakarma Portal and establishing communication channels with MSME. On the occasion, the DC was

informed that as of date as many as 796 applications have been received in the District for registration under Vishwakarma scheme

and 20 Panchayats of Srinagar District have been on-boarded on the PM Vishwakarma Portal.

The DC asked the Officers of line Departments to complete Tier-1 verification process within 2 days to further speed up the process.

The DC also stressed on resolving the issues related to login issues on PM Vishwakarma Portal at the earliest to ensure a smooth process. He also reviewed the process being undertaken by Common Service Centers (CSCs) in ensuring smooth enrolment of beneficiaries under the scheme.



This Day In History

1910 - French troops occupy Morrocan harbor city Agadir.

- 1917 British forces under General Allenby capture Jerusalem.
- 1918 French troops occupies Mainz.
- 1924 Netherlands & Hungary trade treaty signed.
- 1931 Japanese army attacks Chinese province of Jehol.
- 1931 Spain becomes a republic.
- 1941 1st US WW II bombing mission in Far East, Luzon, Philippines.
- 1941- China declares war on Japan, Germany & Italy.
- 1948 UN General Assembly unanimously approves Convention on Genocide.
- 1951 West German voters approve merger of 3 states to form Baden- Wurttemberg.
- 1957 1st Japanese ambassador to Israel.
- 1961 SS-Obersturmbannführer (lieutenant colonel) Adolf Eichmann found guilty of war crimes in Israel.
- 1961 Tanganyika gains independence from Britain, takes name Tanzania.
- 1962 Tanganyika becomes a republic within British Commonwealth.
- 1965 Nikolai Podgorny replaces Anastas Mikoyan as president of Soviet Praesidium.
- 1968 NLS (a system for which hypertext and the computer mouse were developed) is publicly monstrated for the first time in San Fi 1970 - OPEC meeting in Caracas establishes 55 percent as minimum tax rate and demands that posted prices be changed to reflect changes in foreign exchange rates.

(Non-Caveators) In the matter of : Caveat petition in terms of section 148-A of C.P.C The caveator has reason to believe/ apprehension that non caveator may file a suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble court and on the ground or Distorted facts/misrepresent and cooked story and may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at irreparable loss and inconvenience it would be proper that caveator is given opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order

From Office Of The Advocate

Vaseem Aslam Lic No: 184/2013

stalls set up by OMC's authorized dealers who placed kiosks with personnel to promote and educate the people about the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala yojna (PMUY). The people were educated by the officials equipped with computers, biometric authentication machines.

and a PMUY information bulletin pamphlet. Various services like on spot Aadhar authentication, KYC updation, besides fresh PMUY connection were provided to the beneficiaries on spot.

(Caveator)

inconvenience to the people.

NORTHERN RAILWAY 7. E-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No:- 328,330,331,335-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR,329-2023-24-JAT-DRM-FZR & 336-2023-24-PLMX Date:06.12.2023

Sr.DEN-II/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 these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. In place of Earnest money deposit, "Bid Security Declaration" is to be submitted on prescribe format as available in document section on the portal

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Department Of Urban Local Bodies Kashmir Srinagar Office Of The Executive Officer Municipal Committee Beerwah

Subject: Auction Sale Of Dry Waste Including Non-Recyclable Plastic & Polythene, Waste Paper/Card Board , Iron , All Type Of Fabric/ Cloths at MC BEERWAH.

or and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, term e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited for the interested persons / parties for uction Sale Of Dry Waste Including Non-Recyclable Plastic Polythene, Waste Paper, Rubber, All Type Of Fabric/Cloths at MC BEERWAH. Iunicipal Committee BEERWAH, for the year 2023-24 and (Upto 04/2025). w.e.f. 17-12-2023 to 31.03.2025. The Minimum reserved bid is xed as below of each item

Item	Minimum Reserved bid (Rate per Kg)
Plastic	Rs:10 per Kg
Polythene	Rs:5 per Kg
Waste Paper/Card Board	Rs:3 per Kg
Iron	Rs:15 per Kg
All Type Of Fabric/Cloths	Rs:5 per Kg
Other Mix Items	Rs:7 per Kg

ne bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOQ) set of terms and conditions of contract nd other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in, as per the schedule of dates given below:

Date of issue of Tender Notice	08.12.2023
Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 09.12.2023 to 15-12.2023
Bid submission Start Date	09.12.2023 from 12.00 PM
Bid submission End Date	15.12.2023 upto 4.00 PM
Date & Time of opening of Bids (Online)	16.12.2023 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Officer, Municipal Commit-
	tee BEERWAH.

he date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.in. The bids of the responsive bidders shall be opened online on the same website in the ice of the Executive Officer, Municipal Committee BEERWAH.

he bids for the tender shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.

ID SECURITY

Bid Security Declaration: If the successful bidder fails to sign the contract or to submit the performance security before the deadline defined in the request for the bid documents, bidder will be suspended for the participation in the tendering process for the works / tenders for a period of one year from the bid due date of this Auction. The bid security claration shall be submitted as per the Format appendex - 2 (format for the bid security declaration).

Any bid not accompanied by the BID security declaration shall be summarily rejected by the Authority as non responsive.

Fhat, the successful bidder has to execute MOU with the Executive Officer. Municipal Committee BEERWAH

n case of any dispute arising between the parties with respect to any of the conditions as laid down herein above or any ambiguity will be referred to arbitrator and the decision he arbitrator, Director Urban Local Bodies shall be final and binding upon the parties.

uthority has the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason at any time of during the contract period.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.into acquaint bid mission process.

To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any proved vendor.

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid

te: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons

The Bidder must have to upload (soft copies) of the following documents (Photostat/Original should be clearly seen in all respect with Ink Signed and Seal):-Valid GSTIN/ PAN Card No.

he Bidder should upload the Tender Document form attached below (Not Mandatory). j) Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including BID Securing Declaration and tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. No document (s) which has /have not been uploaded shall not be entertained in e form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises. I) The Highest Bidder will ve to submit hard copies of all documents uploaded on e-tending portal before issuance of Allotment.

:- Mc / Bru / Auction / 2071-74 PK-NB-4689/23 Dated :- 08-12-2023

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- 1973 Arab oil ministers announce a further production cut of 5 percent for January for nonfriendly countries.
- 1975 Jelena Bonner receives Andrei Sacharov's Nobel Prize.
- 1975 Iraq completes nationalization by taking over the BP, CFP, and Shell shares of the Basrah Petroleum Company.
- 1978 Pioneer Venus 2 drops 5 probes into atmosphere of Venus
- 1983 US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site.
- 1984 Great Britain performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site.
- 1984 Iranian commandos end day hijack of Kuwaiti plane.



American FBI Team Arrives In Srinagar

Observer News Service

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Executive Officer Municipal CommitteeBeerwah.

EW DELHI: A two-member team of US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) today left for Srinagar in connection with the mys-terious disappearance of the four foreigners kidnapped in 1995, official sources said.

The sources said this was a routine visit by the FBI officials as per the requirement of the United States laws where they have to submit a report every quarter.

Six foreigners — John Childs and Donald Fred Hutchings (both US nationals), Paul Wells and Keith Mangan (UK nationals), Dirk Hasert (German) and Hans Christian Ostro (Norwegian) - had been kidnapped in July 1995 from Pahalgam hills in South Kashmir.

The group responsible for kidnapping identified itself as Al- Faran, While Childs managed to give a slip to his abductors, the head of Norwegian abductee was found severed near Anantnag in August 1995.

The fate of other four hostages despite hectic search operation carried by the government and later by German and British po¬lice remains unknown. (Kashmir Observer, 09 December, 2000)

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Don't Let City Go To Dogs

Ummar Jamal

ften regarded as 'man's best friend,' dogs have historically been celebrated for their loyalty. However, the increasing incidents of canine attacks in Srinagar are challenging this cherished bond. Stray dogs in the city have become a growing concern, posing a threat to residents and visitors alike.

In recent times, there has been a noticeable surge in dog bite cases in Kashmir, particularly in Srinagar. According to the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), an estimated 91,000 stray dogs roam the streets, putting everyone from elderly individuals to toddlers at risk. The aggressive behavior of these dogs includes chasing cars, pulling down bicycles, and frequently attacking pedestrians. The severity of the issue has prompted the Jammu and Kashmir State Human Rights Commission to label dog attacks as a "violation of human rights

The statistics from Srinagar's Shri Maharaja Hari Singh (SMHS) hospital paint a grim picture. In the 2021 alone, from April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022, there were 5,629 reported dog bite cases. Over the past decade, a staggering 58,869 individuals have fallen victim to dog bites, as reported by the Department of Community Medicine, Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar.

Srinagar city bears the brunt of this crisis, with 3,975 out of 6,319 dog bite cases occurring between April 2019 and February 2020. Over the last five years, Shri Maharaja Hari Singh Hospital (SMHS) has reported 30,000 dog bite cases, with 2,800 cases in Srinagar alone.

Several factors contribute to the unchecked growth of the stray dog population in Kashmir. Notably, the accumulation of garbage and poultry waste on the streets has become a breeding ground for dogs. The daily generation of 450 metric tonnes of garbage and the slaughter of 100,000 poultry birds in the city, producing 40,000 kg of poultry offal daily, create an environment conducive to the rapid reproduction of dogs. The availability of offal and leftover food in garbage exacerbates the problem, with five to ten thousand breeding females adding approximately five puppies each year to the dog population.

Despite the escalating crisis, municipal corporations, particularly the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), have failed to implement effective measures to address the dog menace. Urgent steps are needed, focusing on improved waste management, intensified sterilization and vaccination programs, and the establishment of shelters for stray dogs. The Animal Birth Control (ABC) program, emphasizing sterilizations for long-term control, should be prioritized. In March this year, the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh directed the Commissioner of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) to provide information on the actions taken to address the issue of dog bites. The court also directed details regarding the sterilization centers established in Srinagar City.

During the examination of a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) presented by law students from the Central University of Kashmir, the High Court granted an extension to the municipal authority, responding to the request made by its legal representative. on a public interest petition. NGOs can play a crucial role in assisting with birth control procedures and vaccination efforts, complementing municipal initiatives.

A comprehensive approach to dog management must be developed and put into action, aiming to pro-



The formulation of such policies should be guided by specific goals, including enhancing the health and well-being of both owned and stray dog populations, diminishing the number of stray dogs to a tolerable level, fostering responsible ownership, aiding in the establishment and upkeep of a dog population that is immune to rabies or free from rabies, lowering the risk of zoonotic diseases, addressing other threats to human

tions regarding the provision of information on the number of stray dogs in Srinagar city, the court also instructed the Commissioner of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) to furnish details concerning animal birth control measures and the establishment of Anti-rabies Centers. In a previous ruling, the court had directed the SMC to present a comprehensive action plan to address the challenges posed by stray dogs, with a specific focus on dog bites and the potential spread of rabies.

Mayor of Srinagar, Junaid Azim Mattu, has consistently expressed the city's commitment to reducing the stray dog population within 6 to 7 years, emphasizing the imminent commencement of large-scale sterilization efforts by the corporation.

While some advocate for culling as a solution, it is crucial to approach the issue with moral sensitivity. The humane treatment of animals is paramount, emphasizing public awareness initiatives on maintaining a clean environment to discourage dog breeding. Education on proper behavior around dogs is also essential, as dogs often react defensively when provoked. SMC Commissioner Athar Amir Khan maintains that sterilization is the primary strategy to effectively manage the stray dog issue in Srinagar. The government, in collaboration with municipal corporations, should consider constructing dog ponds on the outskirts of the city, as suggested by former Chief Justice F.M. Ibrahim Kalifulla in a ruling

vide a morally sound and efficient substitute for culling. These strategies necessitate sustained dedication over the long term. The formulation of such policies should be guided by specific goals, including enhancing the health and well-being of both owned and stray dog populations, diminishing the number of stray dogs to a tolerable level, fostering responsible ownership, aiding in the establishment and upkeep of a dog population that is immune to rabies or free from rabies, lowering the risk of zoonotic diseases, addressing other threats to human health like parasites, preventing harm to the environment, and safeguarding other animals.

The escalating stray dog menace in Srinagar demands urgent and comprehensive action. Collaboration between municipal corporations, the government, and NGOs is essential to implement effective waste management, sterilization, and vaccination programs. By prioritizing the humane treatment of animals and fostering public awareness, a harmonious coexistence between humans and dogs can be achieved, preserving the cherished bond often celebrated as 'man's best friend.

The WEEK That Was

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Supreme Court To Deliver Article 370 Verdict On Monday

By Observer News Service

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 matter have also challenged the J&K Reorganization Act which bifurcated the State into Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh.

India's BJP Scores as National Elections Loom

By Foreign Policy

India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) stormed to victory in three big state elections on Sunday. It wrested power away from the Indian National Congress, the country's main opposition party, in Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, and it retained control of the government in Madhya Pradesh. Congress triumphed in a fourth state election in Telangana.

The BJP's victories solidify its political dominance in what is known as the Hindi heartland—a populous region stretching across north and central India. Ten of the region's states alone account for more than 40 percent of the seats in Parliament. The ruling party's performance also deals a blow to Congress just as the opposition was picking up momentum to gear up for India's national elections next spring.

Coldest Night In Srinagar At -2 Deg Cel

By Press Trust of India

The minimum temperature across Kashmir settled below the freezing point as the cold conditions intensified in the valley officials said on Wednesday

health like parasites, preventing harm to the environment, and safeguarding other animals Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer

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Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 2 degrees Celsius, down from minus 1.4 degrees Celsius the previous night, they said.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, which serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath yatra, saw the mercury settling at minus 5.1 degrees Celsius, they said.

India's growing Neighbourhood Dilemmas

By Happymon Jacob for The Hindu

The proverbial Achilles heel of Indian foreign policy continues to be its neighbourhood. Contemporary Indian foreign policy has an ambitious vision — from being the leader of the global South, to be an arbiter in global geopolitical contestations, to making a serious claim to be a pole in world politics. But South Asia is not only not keen to jump on the bandwagon of the India story, but it is also seemingly holding India back, albeit indirectly. Neighbourhoods are difficult for any major power, but contemporary India is faced with an exceptionally hard one, complicated by a rising superpower in its neighbourhood, for the first time in its history.

Man in a man's world: 'Animal' is not Just Banal. Its Provocations are Tepid and Boring

By Pooja Pillai for The Indian Express

The sins of Sandeep Reddy Vanga's Animal are many: It glorifies violent masculinity, violates the dignity of women characters and is far too reliant for humour on jokes about sex and scratchy underwear. But its worst sin is that it dares to be the

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one thing that no film should be — boring.

On the wafer-thin premise of a son's unhinged love for his emotionally withholding father, Vanga has constructed a 201-minute homage to his favourite directors, Ranbir Kapoor's body hair and more sunglasses than you're likely to see on Lenskart dot com. There is an early 2000s music-video quality to the whole film, especially to the much-vaunted action sequences — the stylised slo-mo, perfectly toned bodies in tight suits and, above all, the loud, often deliberately incongruent music that jostles with Kapoor for the audience's attention. It makes Animal feel less like a movie and more like something that might have played on MTV or VH1.

The Resilience Of Congress And Of INDIA Is Being Tested

By Rajmohan Gandhi

for NDTV The remarkable Telangana exception to what (for a section) were hugely disappointing election results brings one more renowned city to an important list. Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, and Patna, all five hosting an INDIA bloc government, are now joined by Hyderabad.

We have heard Ramachandra Guha make this point, but it would have occurred to others too, as it did to me. Yet it is not a trivial piece of data. If (as was always possible) Mumbai had been added to the list, that would have given the INDIA bloc command over almost every metropolis in the land. Delhi of course is obliged to cede much of its power to the union government, but that cannot alter the fact that in the most recent state-level election the people of Delhi voted overwhelmingly for AAP.

Even without Mumbai, the six great cities now being governed by the INDIA bloc, along with the major states they administer, comprise a vast, and vastly influential, launching pad for ideas and policies. Many eyes (including the eye of history) will now naturally focus on Maharashtra and on what its astute veteran leader, Sharad Pawar, chooses to do. The election results have added to his importance.

Memoir of a Specially-Abled Person

By Amir Suhail Wani for Kashmir Observer

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

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

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PSALMS OF PEACE

In times like today it gains relevance whenever clouds of devastating wars thunder anywhere on the globe



PROBABLY **CONCEIVED BY SAHIR AROUND 1944-45AD, CONNECTS THE READER'S HEART, RHYTHMICALLY, AND CONCLUDES ON A COVENANT** FOR PEACEFUL **RESOLUTION.** This poem comes to one's mind whenever clouds of devastating wars thunder anywhere on this globe



Shabir Sarwar Malik

PSALMS OF PEACE - I

Sahir is the iconic romantic literary poet known for his sensitivity towards human suffering and his unceasing optimism for a better tomorrow. His intense anti-war poem, parchhayiyaan, visualised apparently by two ordinary lovers, bringing reminiscences of the prime period of the poet & his beloved's ('where journey of our love commenced'); probably conceived by Sahir around 1944-45AD, connects the reader's heart, rhythmically, and concludes on a covenant for peaceful resolution. This poem comes to one's mind whenever clouds of devastating wars thunder anywhere on this globe. Since it is a very long poem, and space in newspapers cannot afford rendition in entirety, a carefully selected portion is attempted herein for giving readers an overall feel of this great Urdu poem but please read the original poem of Abul Hai

-conscripts left homes

Many sons and brothers will never return Soaring prices, famishing famines, distressed homes

- Sale of fields, flesh trade, naked bodies, tousled hair and deserted pathways That is what the political oppressors
- offered My bleeding heart reddened the horizon Beneath which the capitalist system put Two innocent souls up for sale
- Forcing them to dream of each other While seated in aliens lap
- Helplessly paying the price of living
- -that is either disgrace or gallows, Living on pyres, their garbs and even dreams are burning
- Today once again when clouds of war are visible
- Two images have once again come under the shadow of trees And I am wondering whether
 - their glowing dreams will
- Come to have the same fate

PSALM OF PEACE - II

Humming the verses of Sahir's poem for rechecking the translation attempted, yesterday, while strolling in wee hours, I sensed anti-war words of an impressive voice deserve to be offered to readers, in the shape of appetizer Subeh subeh ik khuwab ki dastak per darwa-

zah khola . sarhad per kal raat sunna hai chali thi

goli// sarhad per kal raat sunna hai kuchh khuwaboon ka khoon hova hai":

PARCHHAIYAAN, of Ab. Hai Sahir Ludhyanvi (1921-1980), is the great, inimitable, heart renting and soul-churning anti-war Urdu poem that appeals head and heart. I dedicate it's rendition to all innocent noncombatant lives and irretrievable beautiful moments of life we lost in the turmoil period here. Let us raise our hands in supplication with Faiz:

pairiveeve kufr-o-riva hai, unko/ Jin ka deer Himmat-e-kufr milay, jurrat-e-tehqeeq milay// Jin kay ser montizir-e-taigh-e-jafa hain unko,// Dast-e-qatil ko jhatak daynay ki toufeeq

- I still remember that evening- besmeared with blood of Sun/
- I still remember the fate of love; the golden dreams/
- That eve I came to know even the identity of two innocent souls.//
- Is put to sale in this opulent (capitalistic) system (by dice players).//
- Images past are coming to life.

Miles away somewhere in solitude or mirthful gathering//

- Weaving my dreams you sit in stranger's lap// The price we pay for living in present time is,// Gallows or miserable ignominy, nothing less, my love//
- You couldn't struggle till end and I didn't make to gallows//
- Wished and desired but estranged we remained./

Images past are coming to life.

Mantle of dreams burns in the wasteland of arsh realitie

Images past are coming to life.

- For long it has been the pastime of politics: // Children who reach prime should be butchered.//
- Come, let us tell the political *Shatranj* (chess) players//
- That we hate the custom of battle contests// That we hate the very attire of life, // That finds no colour suitable except that of blood./

Images past are coming to life.

Our blood is the trust of new generation.// Now onwards these exploiting vampires, // Can't be fed on OUR blood.// Can't be fed on OUR blood.// Images past are coming to life. Images past are coming to life. Tasavuraat ki parchhaiyaan ubherti hain //

Parting words :(Glean before I say adieu) ... Khoon apna ho ya paraya ho// Nasle aadam ka khoon hai aakhir//

- Sahir Ludhvanvi To say and to listen Something With silent lips, And fast throbbing hearts To say the little prayers in stolen moments Once again two youthful lovers have come beneath the trees But suddenly the heavy sound of boots Raps from that end of the field And the breeze brings the smell of gunpowder
- Soft whirl of the spinning wheel gets drowned under the sounds of military bands
- Village after village grew sad when young
- We were made to die endlessly But we wish these lovers melodious life Let our wounds speak, let us rise and tell
- these political players That we hate these war-games
- *Let us rise and tell these war mongers* Our blood is the sacred trust for the new
- generation If we fail to speak our land our sky will not be safe
- The madness of the atom will not only burn our forms and figures but our shadows too.//
- milay.//
- Aiyay haath othayen hum be...//
- Now here are the remaining verses of Parchhaiyaan
- Winds heavy with gunpowder-smell blow from west//
- Subversive clouds obscure the peaceful face of weal//
- Images past are coming to life.
- And today when beneath these trees once again//
- Two dusky images flutter; two hearts have come to meet
- I am wording my wish: the blood smeared evening, //
- Should not be their fate. (Look! Clouds of war loom again.)//
- I haven't forgotten what the fate of our golden dreams was//
- Ignominy and vain struggle was in store for us// May these two get the singing dancing life.//

Jung mashriq main ho ki magrib main// Amann-e-aalam ka khoon hai aakhir///

Woh layain apnay siyah irraday// Hum apnay dil ki umang layain// Hum apnay loh-o-qalam nikalain,// Woh apnay tayg-o-tofang layain // Ik aur naye tadbeer sahi,// Ik aur naye taqdeer sahi// Ik shoukh-o-haseen khauwab aur sahi// Ik shoukh-o-haseen tabeer sahi.//

Does Success Lead to Happiness?

Tasha Eichen

The short answer is no, success doesn't lead to happiness. Despite the myth that achieving goals will lead to contentment, doing what makes you happy can help you create a fulfilling life. With that said, although success may not lead to happiness, experiencing happiness is one of the primary ways to achieve success.

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN SUCCESS **AND HAPPINESS**

Does success lead to happiness? That's often what we're taught. Work hard, earn good grades, get a raise, and you'll feel satisfied.

But recent research suggests that it's actually the other way around. Setting career goals can lead to stress and disappointment, while focusing on being happy first can help you succeed.

A groundbreaking 2021 study on nearly 1 million people suggests that those who feel optimistic and happy going into a job have more career success.

The research found that military personnel (from all ranks, roles, socio-economic, and ethnic backgrounds) who experienced more positive thoughts, feelings, and emo-



Center of Pennsylvania. "If you get a

raise at work or if you graduate from

college, that can make you happy.

However, you don't need achieve-

ments that are typically deemed

How we define happiness can be

successful to be happy."

tions received more professional accolades, awards, and promotions.

Of course, professional advancement is just one way to measure success.

"Success is often described as reaching a personal accomplishment or achievement, or even a purpose in life," says Amanda Levinson, LPC,

a cognitive behavioral therapist at nuanced, too. the Neurofeedback and Counseling

FINDING HAPPINESS

Humans have been trying to unlock and dissect this elusive feeling for centuries. It was a key topic for the Greek philosopher Aristotle back in the fourth century BCE. In psychology, happiness is related to subjective well-being and positive emotions, including joy, content-

- ment, and hope. Subjective well-being is essen-
- tially a measure of three things: Frequent positive thoughts, feel-1.
- ings, and emotions 2. Infrequent negative thoughts, feelings, and emotions, like an-
- ger, disgust, and shame 3. Satisfaction with your physical
- health, relationships, and work Happiness can come, in part, from

hedonism, or the pursuit of pleasure. But ultimately, research from 2021 shows that we derive happiness from a combination of pleasure-seeking endeavors, like sex and fun, and happiness-related qualities, including:

- meaning ►
- autonomy
- authenticity
- personal growth
- purposefulness

In another 2021 study, Trusted Source researchers interviewed nearly 1,000 Spanish residents to look at the relationship between happiness and quality of life.

They found that happiness is associated with a rich mix of factors, including:

income level

residential and job stability and

satisfaction

- familv
- trust
- culture
- safety

HOW DOES THIS DIFFER FROM SUCCESS?

When it comes to success, research is emerging that indicates ambitious goal setting can actually do more harm than good.

In a 2021 study on the mental health consequences of aiming for lofty and very specific goals, researchers found that participants who failed to reach those goals experienced negative impacts on their moods, self-esteem, and motivation.

"In some cases, pursuing success may lead to increased happiness, but it can also have a negative impact on overall well-being," says Becca Smith, LPC, the clinical director at Basepoint Academy, a mental health treatment center for teens. "For example, the pressure to constantly strive for more success can lead to burnout and stress. Society tends to equate success with wealth and status, but true happiness and fulfillment can come from personal growth, relationships, and inner contentment."

The article was originally published by Psych Centre

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From Desires To Despair:

the answers, Kashmir Observer spoke to several experts.

Infertility, causes and treatment Infertility means not being able to get pregnant even after being with your partner or husband for almost a year without using any birth control.

There are various factors that can cause infertility. "Sometimes, there are issues with the woman's ovulation, problems with the fallopian tubes (where eggs and sperm meet to start a pregnancy), or damage to these tubes due to tuberculosis, infection, or other diseases. Hormonal problems, such as issues with the thyroid, can also lead to infertility. One significant factor nowadays in our region is polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), a condition that can cause the absence of ovulation," Dr Sabahat Rasool, IVF consultant and Reproductive Medicine Specialist told Kashmir Observer.

Both men and women who smoke, lead an unhealthy lifestyle, or are obese may also face infertility issues. Conditions like endometriosis. a disease in which tissue similar to the lining of the uterus grows outside the uterus. It can cause severe pain in the pelvis and make it harder to get pregnant. "In males, infertility can be genetic or result from surgeries, accidents, drug or steroid use like anabolic steroids used in the gym. Anabolic steroids are synthetically produced variants of the naturally occurring male hormone testosterone that are abused in an attempt to promote muscle growth, enhance athletic or other physical performance, and improve physical appearance," Dr Sabahat said.

The doctor expert said that sometimes couples struggle to conceive even after one or two years of marriage due to physical reasons. "As people age, especially women, their ovaries also age, and the number and quality of eggs decrease. The age for marriage has gone up in our region primarily due to pursuit for stabilised careers. Late marriages and delayed pregnancy planning become major challenges because the chances of conception decrease and treatment success rates are lower for older women. Even if they do get pregnant, the risk of miscarriage is higher," she said.

Dr Sabahat emphasized that many couples wait too long before seeking specialized treatment, losing precious time and the best chances for successful treatment. "After the age of 35, there's a rapid decline in the number of eggs, and sometimes couples and their families hesitate to pursue further treatment."

For treatment, the doctors begin with a comprehensive evaluation of both partners. Seeking fertility treatment together as a couple is crucial. "Bringing a child into the world is a joint effort, and it requires both partners to be in optimal physical and mental health. If there's an issue with ovulation, we can use ovulatory drugs. Correcting hormonal problems, such as thyroid issues or adjusting prolactin levels involves weight management and targeted interventions. Laparoscopic surgery is advised for problems with the tubes. If all else fails, In vitro fertilization (IVF) or intrauterine insemination (IUI) may be recommended, especially in cases of unexplained infertility. While IVF can be expensive, costing in lakhs, IUI is a more affordable option. Dr Sabahat emphasized that it's after all a couple's journey and blaming anyone, be it the man or the woman, doesn't help. "There's no one to blame—it's a shared challenge that requires joint effort. In the midst of fertility challenges, patience is key. Let nature take its course, maintain a healthy lifestyle and approach the journey with resilience and understanding," she added.

synchrony of hormones in the body for procreation to happen anxiety does the reverse. Pressures and anxiety produce an environment of disharmony not congenial for fertility. Hence, I advise all newly married couples to build the relationship, enjoy the moments, bring pleasures to each other, hold on, the happiness will come from the initial understanding that procreation is linked with pleasure. Dr Arshad said.

He stressed that now think of the opposite situation where having kids is the main focus. "This can mess up the pleasure part affecting hormone balance. The pressure builds up every month, leading many couples to consult gynaecologists. Some even face mental health issues. When talking to these patients, it's clear that cultural pressure to have kids affects both men and women. This makes the situation even more complicated," Dr Arshad added.

The psychiatrist said the implicit expectation that society has around the idea that every woman should be able to conceive quickly has led to a significant number of females seeking help and advice for resultant mental health distress.

From his clinical observations, he added that another important factor is that men and women both nowadays prefer to get married in their 30s and a focus on financial stability before having kids, which is a valid reason and cannot be sidelined. "The late marriages are, however, a contributing factor for infertility. Also, the primers of all non-communicable diseases (NCDs) share Etio-Pathological links with infertility; these are all linked to neuro endocrine disruptors often caused by genetic predisposition and environmental factors like diet, lack of exercise, sleep rhythm and stress. This creates conditions suitable for both NCDs and infertility," he said.

Dr Arshad pointed out the couple should not only focus on producing an off-spring. "The companionship should be enjoyed without panicking and rushing to doctors. Give it time. Focus on a healthy lifestyle, including a balanced diet, regular exercise, and less stress about having kids. Conception will happen naturally without taking too much pressure,' he said.

Relationship between Exercise and Infertility

Aliya Farooq, a Fitness Trainer and Owner of Fitness Solution Gym at Khanyar in old city, Srinagar, said the around 70 percent of the young females enrolled in her gym suffer from Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS), a common hormonal disorder which is associated with infertility.

"We are approached by women with PCOS who often have irregular or no periods because they rarely ovulate. For overweight and obese women with PCOS regular exercise can increase the frequency of ovulation which leads to more regular menstrual cycles. As ovulation becomes more frequent, the chance of conceiving increases. We have several examples of married females suffering from PCOS who conceived after losing their weight and making proper diet changes," Aliya said. Aliya said exercise for females with PCOS includes regular workouts with cross trainer, cycling, treadmill, pel-vic stretches etc. "This can help to improve insulin sensitivity and promote weight loss," she said. The gym instructor added that before starting any exercise program, they inquire about any existing health concerns and accordingly make the diet and exercise chart. The fitness expert said that for those who are still not ready for gym yet they can start with a brisk walk. "Walking is a low-impact exercise that can be done anywhere and doesn't require any special equipment. Aim for at least 30 minutes of brisk walking, five times a week," she

be awarded by the end of December 2023 and also that completion of all the ongoing projects should be ensured as per the schedule," he said.

The spokesperson said that it was informed that the Ministry of Power under various programmes like PMDP, PMRP and RDSS have already sanctioned Rs. 10691 crores for strengthening of the power systems in J&K.

He said that it was reported that more than 4.25 lakh smart pre-paid meters have already been installed under PMDP and RDSS schemes and that a remarkable improvement in the billing and collection efficiency has been noticed in these areas. 100% smart pre-paid metering is targeted to be achieved by 2025-26.

"The Power Minister appreciated the efforts made by the UT in the implementation of various programmes of the Ministry of Power, Government of India, which has resulted in drastic reduction of AT&C losses in the UT since 2019," the spokesperson said.

Singh, he said, informed the LG that the power generation capacity in J&K will be doubled in the coming 3-4 years. He added that four Mega Hydro Electric Projects with total capacity of 3,014 MW - namely PakalDul (1,000MW), Kiru (624 MW) Kwar (540 MW) and Ratle (830 MW) - which were either stalled or could not commence due to various issues for past so many years have now been fast-tracked and are fully on track for completion before 2026.

"In addition, MoUs between Government of India and Government of J&K have been signed, for development of 4 more Mega Hydel Projects worth 29,600 crores, with total capacity of 3,284 MW," the spokesperson added.

Co-Chairs Meeting

the existing power availability in the UT in coming years," he said.

He said that the Union Minister announced that a senior officer from the Ministry would act as the Nodal Officer, responsible for continuous monitoring of power situation and addressing any gaps from the Central Pool to ensure adequate power supply to J&K.

"The Union Minister directed the project implementing agency, RECPDCL to expeditiously implement smart metering, ensuring end to end solution including integration with MDM, enabling pre-paid functionality and other smart features so that benefits of the technology are effectively passed on to the consumers," he said.

Singh, he said, directed the CPSUs engaged in RDSS implementation to promptly award and initiate execution of all projects entrusted to them, recognizing the intended impact of RDSS works in transforming J&K's power sector.

Apart from the technical matters, the spokesperson said, a notable highlight of the meeting was launching of 4E Wave - A Student led National Movement for Energy Conservation by the Union Minister and LG Sinha

Sabha members, who were involved in a 'cash for questions' scam, to speak in the House.

Joshi also said in 2005 the then Leader of the House Pranab Mukherjee had moved a motion to expel 10 members on the same day the report was introduced in the Lok Sabha.

Noting that it was a very "painful day" for the House as well as for him as its presiding officer, Birla said, "but at times we do face such difficult moments when this House has to take tough decisions to fulfill its duties to the House itself and the nation."

Committee Earlier, Ethics Chairman Vinod Kumar Sonkar tabled the first report of the panel on the complaint filed by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey against Moitra.

In October, Dubey, based on a complaint by Supreme Court lawyer Jai Anant Dehadrai, alleged that Moitra had asked questions in Lok Sabha in exchange for cash and gifts from businessman Darshan Hiranandani to attack industrialist Gautam Adani and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In an affidavit to the Ethics

Committee on October 19. Hiranandani claimed that Moitra provided him with her login ID and password for the Lok Sabha members' website.

CBI has already filed a preliminary FIR in the case.

Denouncing Moitra's expulsion from Lok Sabha, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said it was a "murder of democracy".

"It is a disgrace to parliamentary democracy. We condemn the expulsion of Mahua Moitra; the party stands firmly with her. Unable to defeat us in elections, the BJP has resorted to vendetta politics. Today marks a sad day and a betrayal of Indian parliamentary democracy," Banerjee said during a press conference in Darjeeling.

The TMC chief accused the BJP of preventing Moitra from presenting her defense. "I condemn the way democracy has been murdered by not giving her an opportunity (to defend herself)," she added.

"I fail to comprehend how members can thoroughly review 500 pages within 30 minutes. How can all speakers reach a decision? I condemn the way democracy has been undermined. Despite having a two-thirds majority in the assembly, we refrain from expelling anyone arbitrarily," she remarked.

Initiating the debate in Lok Sabha, leader Adhir Ranjan Congress Chowdhury sought more time to analyse the report, a suggestion that was turned down.

Chowdhury also wrote to Birla, saying that given "the seriousness and importance of the matter, I would request that members may be given sufficient time of three to four days at least to study the report and prepare themselves for the discussion in the House.

Participating in the debate, Congress member Manish Tewari contended the report of the Ethics Committee was "fundamentally flawed" as it did not have the powers to recommend the expulsion of a member.

behest. If someone gives them money then they can raise questions in the House in a high-pitched voice," the BJP member said.

Her party colleague Aparajita Sarangi, also a member of the LS' Ethics Committee, said Moitra was given adequate time to present her side during the panel's hearing but she "misbehaved, used unconstitutional words and walked out of the

meeting." Earlier, the opposition leaders also accused the government of resorting to "vendetta politics".

Pahalgam Coldest

of light rain or snowfall at isolated places in the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir, the MeT office said.

Family & Colleagues

to the cop who was killed in a terror attack.

Additional Director General of Police, Armed, SJM Gillani, Additional Director General of Police, Law and Order, J-K, Vijay Kumar, and Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, V K Birdi, laid floral wreaths on Wani's coffin.

Wani's wife was expecting their first child when her husband fell to the bullets of terrorists. She stood numb amidst the commotion.

Wani's younger brother broke down in front of Wani's coffin. He bowed to him and then raised his right hand for one final salute.

After his father and other relatives, Wani's frail looking old mother took the photograph of her son which was placed in front of the coffin and kissed it many times.

"I want to kiss my son one more time," she said every time she kissed the photograph.

Wani's wife folded her hands before the coffin as if seeking forgiveness, and then took the photograph of Wani, in uniform, and kissed it a number of times.

"The whole J-K Police parivar stands together in paying tribute to our martyr colleague," ADGP Vijay Kumar told reporters at the ceremony. Wani was later buried at the fam-

ily's ancestral graveyard in Narwara locality of the city.

A large number of people participated in the funeral prayers held for the dead officer.

Scores of people, including former -K chief minister Omar Abdullah, thronged his residence to offer their condolences.

Wani was shot by terrorists on October 29 when he was engaged in a cricket match with local boys at Eidgah grounds in downtown Srinagar. He succumbed at AIIMS in New Delhi on Thursday.

NIA To Probe Police

"Those involved will soon be brought to justice. Investigations are on and we cannot share the details," he added.

The ADGP said maintenance of law and order is a basic need and a right of the public, and those persons, separatists, miscreants or terrorists who try to disturb it will be dealt with sternly

2022, followed by Jammu with 431 cases, and Rajouri ranking third with 306 cases. Kulgam recorded 200 crimes against women in 2022, while Udhampur district documented 145 crimes during the year.

Despite a slight decrease from 3937 cases in 2021, Jammu and Kashmir reported 3716 crimes against women in 2022, marking a notable increase from 3405 cases recorded in 2020.

In 2020, the report revealed that there were nine cases of dowry deaths, 243 rape cases with 247 victims, including three girls, 349 cases of cruelty against women by their husbands or relatives, as many as 1.639 cases of assault on women and 1,744 cases of assault on women with the intention to outrage their modesty.

Notably, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has reiterated that his government has adopted a policy of zero tolerance for crime against women and is committed to punish the criminal networks or individuals behind human trafficking.

According to the NCRB report, I&K has registered nine cases under section 304B (dowry deaths) of Indian Penal Code (IPC) in 2022. Additionally, 42 cases under section 305 (abetment of suicide of child or insane person) and 306 (abetment of suicide) of IPC were also registered in the erstwhile state which was downgraded into a Union Territory in August 2019.

According to the report, in 2022, J&K reported a total of 886 cases of kidnapping and abduction under sections 363 (kidnapping) and 364 (kidnapping/abduction with the intent of murder) of the IPC.

J&K has registered 287 cases under section 376 IPC (rape) and all the victims are adults. Besides, 11 cases have been registered under section 511 (attempt to commit rape) of IPC while 1606 cases have been registered under section 354 (assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty) of IPC in the UT last year.

The UT registered 17 cases under Dowry Prohibition Act 1961, 27 cases of Information Technology/Cyber Crimes (women centric) and 303 cases under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (girl child) at various police stations during 2022, the report noted.

The report also painted a grim picture of disposal of cases of crimes against women with over 1929 cases pending investigation from 5667 total cases recorded the previous year

Baramulla Stadia

necessary steps including amending their records for effecting the change," reads the order.

It added that it is further ordered that Divisional Commissioner Kashmir shall ensure that an appropriate event is organized in connection with the naming of the stadium.

5 Arrested With

kidnapping and attempt to murder case, according to police.

In the second incident, police reformation that so were collecting royalty from the mining mafia at the cricket ground in Sum Toph, Phallian Mandal area. A team rushed to the spot and arrested four people who were identified as Abhishek Singh, Ravi Singh, Harbax Singh and Sachin Singh, officials said. During a search, a sharp-edged weapon was recovered from the accused. A case under the Arms Act has been registered against them and an investigation is underway, they said.

Infertility and its association with mental health

Infertility is more than a medical problem. It affects all aspects of life, the most important being mental health. Infertility can cause psychological distress, emotional stress and financial difficulties for both partners.

Studies suggest that couples may feel "emotions like anger, guilt, sadness, depression, anxiety, and loss of self-confidence and self-esteem. Apart from this, the financial cost of infertility treatment also significantly contributes to the stress. The average cost for one cycle of IVF in India ranges from INR 1,00,000 to 3,50,000, with the additional cost of medications and tests. Because of such a high cost, some couples cannot get treatment leading to hopelessness.

Dr Arshad Hussain, Professor of Psychiatry at IMHANS, Kashmir told Kashmir Observer that many married couples are referred to us by gynaecologists and endocrinologists when they don't find any obvious cause, I see their anxieties and infertility stemming from mounting cultural and societal expectations.

"I have seen many such couples. They feel a lot of pressure, family friends and even neighbours seem to be contributing. The basic biology is that nature has linked procreation to pleasure, pleasure is primary and procreation is secondary natural and normal, pleasure creates absolute

said **Security Brass**

and shared the field generated inputs with respect to all the expectedly emerging situations in view of upcoming events.

the district heads were "All stressed to keep eye on the situation, and take preventive and punitive actions under law those who indulge in mischief, misinformation and misuse of social media. He stressed that miscreants and mischievous elements shouldn't be allowed to vitiate the peace and harmony," he said.

Kumar, he said, also got briefed about prevention of incidents and directed to anticipate different scenarios and accordingly plan an effective response for the same.

"All DMs and SSPs were asked by the ADGP and Div Com Kashmir to conduct meetings with field officers and other stakeholders. ADGP L&O sensitized them about the calibrated response to be taken in case of any untoward scene emerging out of the situation," the spokesperson added.

LG Meets Power

agencies to expedite the ongoing projects related to transmission lines, smart meters and other distribution infrastructure works. He directed that all the remaining projects should

While launching the 4E Wave -a Student lead National Movement for Energy Conservation, the Union Minister was elated to know that the youth of J&K has taken the initiative to launch a national movement on energy conservation, which holds the potential to make a substantial impact on the nation's energy conservation efforts.

LG mentioned that this initiative will significantly contribute towards promoting the National Cause of Energy Conservation and play a crucial role in safeguarding the planet.

Lok Sabha Expels

of breaching a code of ethics that does not exist and that there was no evidence of cash or gift given to her.

The Ethics Committee report found Moitra guilty of "unethical conduct" and contempt of the House by sharing her Lok Sabha credentials -- User ID and Password of Lok Sabha Member's Portal, with unauthorised persons which had an irrepressible impact on national security, Joshi said.

The Committee also recommended that in view of the "highly objectionable, unethical, heinous and criminal conduct" of Moitra, an intense, legal and institutional inquiry be initiated by the government in a time-bound manner.

The motion moved by Joshi said that Moitra's "conduct has further been found to be unbecoming as an MP for accepting gifts and illegal gratification from a businessman to further his interest which is a serious misdemeanour and highly deplorable conduct" on her part

Joshi urged the House to accept the recommendation and finding of the committee and "resolve that continuance of Moitra as member of Lok Sabha is untenable and she may be expelled from the membership of the Lok Sabha".

Trinamool Congress and other opposition members demanded that Moitra be allowed to put her views in the House, which was turned down by Speaker Om Birla citing past precedence.

Birla observed that in 2005, the then Speaker Somnath Chatterjee had in a directive disallowed 10 Lok

"The Congress member said the Ethics Committee at best can make recommendations and not decide whether a person was guilty or innocent. It is this House sitting as a jury which has the power to decide the quantum of punishment," Tewari argued.

The Congress member said it was for the first time in his 31 years as a practicing lawyer that he was arguing in haste without reading the documents completely.

"Heavens would not have fallen if we were given 3-4 days to read the report and then discuss it as the matter is sensitive,"Tewari said and also insisted that Moitra be allowed to present her side.

JD(U) member Giridhari Yadav said he never wrote his Parliament questions as he does not even know how to operate a computer.

Yadav said his Parliament login id was with his personal assistant who prepared questions on his behalf. Yaday's candid admission in the Lok Sabha drew a reprimand from the Speaker.

"A member can submit written questions to Parliament but can't get questions drafted by someone else," Birla said.

During the debate, BJP MP Heena Gavit said Moitra was asked questions by the ethics panel based on an affidavit, and no 'cheer haran' (outraging modesty) was done by asking personal questions.

Gavit said as per the report, Hiranandani has interests in five sectors -- telecom, shipping, real estate, petroleum and pipeline.

"The member has asked 61 questions of which 50 pertain to these five sectors related to Mr Hiranandani. The report also states that her account was accessed from Dubai 47 times, six times UK, US and Nepal to upload the questions. The member had admitted before the Ethics Committee that she had shared the login id and password with Mr Hiranandani," Gavit said.

"Such conduct sends a message that parliamentarians do not ask their questions, but do so at someone's

Asked what steps the police have taken to stop such attacks in the future, Kumar said there are a number of standard operating procedures for police personnel and these will be followed strictly.

"We had issued a number of SOPs last year after several meetings and consultations...for officers and personnel, what to do when on leave or at home or outside. Awareness was spread but there are deficiencies sometimes, the consequences of which we have to bear," he said.

To a question on whether there was any input shared with the officer about the attack, Kumar said there was an input and every police personnel was told but "there is a lapse sometimes".

"We will take care in the future and every officer has been told to make their personnel aware of the SOPs and it is very important to follow them strictly," he said.

Responding to a question on several security agencies taking actions against militants and their sympathisers to break the terror ecosystem, the senior police officer said kinetic and non-kinetic operations will continue.

"We have been doing it for the last two-to-three years by taking a holistic approach to fight and there are both kinetic as well as non-kinetic operations. This is a part of that and it will continue. We are also adding more steps to non-kinetic operations," he said.

Srinagar Leads 9

from Jammu. Among these cases, 118 were reported from Jammu, 109 from Srinagar. Budgam reported 63 cases, Rajouri 53, while Kulgam and Kupwara each recorded 41 cases, according to the NCRB report.

In 2022, there were 287 reported cases of rape. Among these, 57 were reported in Jammu, 34 in Rajouri, 19 in Anantnag, 15 in Kathua, 12 each in Doda and Srinagar, 10 in Baramulla, and 14 in Bandipora. The report indicated that in 276 cases, the offenders were acquainted with the victims.

The overall statistics reveal that Srinagar district leads with 446 reported crimes against women in

Youth Found

the official said, adding "as such the incident is not in any way attributed to terrorism."

He said the body was taken to a nearby hospital for medical formalities.

Meanwhile, a police official said that a case has been registered under section 174 CrPC in this regard.

3 Terror Suspects

been impacted by the recent elimination of foreign terrorists by the security forces, they said.

The action was a follow up to the arrest of two overground workers in Budhal on Wednesday.

India Logs

stands at 1.19 per cent. According to the ministry's website, 220.67 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far.

Navy Short Of

Bhatt said a total of 323 officers were recruited in 2021 while the number in 2022 was 386.

In 2021, 5,547 sailors were inducted into the Navy. The number in 2022 was 5,171, he added.

To a separate question, he said a technology development fund to provide financial assistance to Indian industries, startups as well as academic and scientific institutions for the development of defence and dual use technologies.

The fund is also aimed at engaging the private industries especially MSMEs and startups to bring in the culture of design and development of military technology and support them with grant in aid, Bhatt said in his written reply.

STATE

J&K Has Second Highest **Potential To Produce Solar Energy**

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir ranks at the second place for having higher potential to produce solar energy in India, documents reveal.

As per the documents, Jammu and Kashmir has a potential to produce 111050 MW of solar energy.

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han ranks at the first place for having a potential to produce

142310 MWs of solar energy. Jammu and Kashmir is followed by Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, which as per the document has a potential to produce 64320, 61660, and 38440 MWs of solar energy.

Currently, Jammu and Kashmir has 27.25MW of installed capacity of solar power.

During the last financial year, the centre released Rs 27.98 crores to further tap the solar energy in Jammu and Kashmir.

Pertinently, the Ministry of Renewable Energy has em-

barked on a mission to install 175 GW of renewable energy capacity, which includes 100 GW from solar, 60 GW from wind, 10 GW from bio-power, and 5 GW from small hydropower.

This year, the Centre has also focused on establishing infrastructure for utilizing renewable energy sources in Jammu and Kashmir.

In the budget released earlier this year, the Centre proposed installing 4,000 additional agricultural solar pumps and commissioning about 80 megawatts of solar capacity, which would cover 20,000 families in the union territory.

Meanwhile, the Jammu and Kashmir government is also planning to harness 500 Megawatts of solar energy by 2030 under a clean energy mission.

As per the vision document of the Jammu and Kashmir government, the government has to complete the target of generating 1500 MW of solar energy in the union territory by 2047. An official of the Jammu and Kashmir Energy Development Agency said they have been

We are offering financial said—(KNO)



A FISHERMAN CASTS his net inside Srinagar's Dal Lake on a cold Friday afternoon. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

SEASONAL MIGRATION ENDS

Over 12K Tribal Families Given Transport Facilities From Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a significant achievement, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir under its initiative for supporting biannual migration (transhumance) of tribal communities provided transport service to 12,497 families and transported 1,56,215 livestock.

The scheme initiated by the Tribal Affairs Department in 2021 is being implemented through District Administrations under supervision of Deputy Commissioners and transport fleet provided by the J&K Road Transport Corpora-tion. More than 12,000 families and around 70,000 population was benefited under the initiative this year which is highest since the launch of initiative.

These include 86,192 from Anantnag, 22,221 from Ramban, 12,714 from Kulgam, 10,223 from Pulwama, 9758 from Ganderbal, 6897 from Shopian, 3593 from Srinagar, 17,48 from Budgam, 1717 from Bandipora and 1152 from Baramulla. The arrangements at district level were supervised by the respective Deputy

Commissioners. The concept of transport service was introduced after 1st International Conference on Transhumance held in Albania in 2021 shared International



partment, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary informed that as per 2021 survey conducted by the department tribal families possess an average livestock of 12.48 and family size is 5.8. This year total livestock numbering 1.56 Lakh was transported along with the families from various districts of Kashmir to Jammu. An evidence based approach public policy has been introduced to acknowledge the rangeland management and environmental conservation services provided by the migratory tribal families based on which transport service is being provided an incentive.

Dr Choudhary informed that at an average each family saves 20 days of transit and taking into account man-days and prevailing wage rates there's is saving of Rs 20,380 per family of 3 adults and additional save ing of transport costs upto Rs 40,000. He said that notional saving of these families during current migration season is Rs 25.46 Cr for days saved and Rs 48.72 Cr for transportation and other expenses. These initia-

tive lead to poverty reduction and also safeguarding the livestock against losses related to accidents, exhaustion deaths

He added that the United Nations has declared 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) to create awareness about role of pastoralists in sustainability and drive public policies for their inclusion and empowerment. Jammu and Kashmir, over last two years, has taken substantial steps to promote sustainable transhumance and economic growth of the migratory tribal pastoral families.

Secretary Tribal Affairs appreciated the coordinated role played by the Deputy Commissioners, J&K Road Transport Corporation, Planning Department, Sheep Husbandry Deptt, Traffic Police and other departments to support and facilitate migration of families through National Highway -44 and the Mughal road over last more than 10 weeks which also benefited the smooth export of Kashmir's horticulture produce and traffic management.

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HC Upholds Seniority Of Patwaris Through Departmental Exam

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M Ahmad

SRINAGAR: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has upheld fixing seniority of Patwaris on the basis of the Departmental Examination by the authorities.

Dismissing a petition against an order by Central Administrative Tribunal Srinagar on 27 September this year, a division bench of Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi said that the course of action adopted by the Department in fixing seniority based on the merit position obtained in the Departmental Examination cannot be said to be "impermissible

and illegal". Rather, the court said, it stands to logic and is in conformity to the intent and purpose behind Rule 24 of the

CCA Rules 1956 which gives premium and

primacy to merit for determining seniority. "Accordingly, we agree with the conclusion arrived at by the learned Tribunal which does not warrant interference from us," the court said and

dismissed the plea. The CAT had rejected the prayer of the petitioners for determining their seniority in the post of Patwari on the basis of the select list dated 13.08.2012 prepared as per results of the initial entrance examination conducted by the J&K Board of Professional Entrance Examination (BOPEE) for the purpose the Patwaris."

of selecting Patwar Trainees pursuant to the advertisement No.20-BOPEE of 2012 dated 09.05.2012 and in terms of Rule 24 of the J&K Classification, Control and Appeal Rules, 1956, (CCA Rules) which provides for determining the seniority on the basis of the merit obtained in the competitive examination. The petitioners had demanded that the seniority should not be based on the Departmental Examination conducted before they were appointed as Patwaris. The counsel representing the government submitted that the true merit of the

candidates can only be ascertained through the examination conducted by the Department. "This Departmen-

Examinatal tion truly reflects the ter se merit inof the candidates," the counsel said, adding, "While

in the screening test conducted by the BOPEE in 2012, the merit was prepared based on the knowledge of various subjects such as general studies, current affairs, functional Urdu, mathematics topics such as mensuration, geometry of Class 10th standard, which do not have a direct bearing with the skills required for the role of Patwaris, whereas the syllabus prescribed for the Departmental Examination conducted by the Department have a direct relevance to the job and responsibilities discharged by

Jammu Schools To **Close For Winter Break** From Dec 11

LAW

'Ensure Online Classes For Class 10 And 12th Through CRC's'

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Directorate of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) Friday announced winter vacations in winter zones in a phased manner from December-11 to February-29.

DSEJ in an order said that all government schools and recognised private schools upto Higher Secondary Level of winter zone of Jammu Division shall observe winter vacations. DSEL said that the classes

The directorate further ordered that the Chief Education Officers shall ensure online classes for Class 10 and 12th through CRC's.

It also ordered that the teaching staff shall report back to their respective schools on February-21 so that they remain available for making arrangements regarding preparation of ensuing examinations.

"All teachers shall remain available on demand for any online guidance of students during vacation period," it reads DSEJ said that any default on part of the Head of the Schools or Teaching staff in observance of the instruction schedule shall attract strict action under rules–(KNO)

Allowed Beyond Sonamarg

Immediate Safety Measures

Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: Following the fatal road accident along the Zojila stretch, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir, conducted a thorough inspection of the Zojila pass on Friday.

Accompanied by SDM Kangan, Javaid Ahmad Rather, ARTO Ganderbal, Tehsildar Gund, SDPO Kangan, and OC BEACON, the DC conducted a visit to evaluate the road conditions and assess immediate safety measures to prevent future mishaps.

promoting the use of solar energy driven appliances. assistance for solar water heaters, cookers, and other everyday goods. A significant effort to encourage people to utilize appliances powered by renewable energy would be launched in the upcoming months," he

No Tourist Vehicle To Be

DC Ganderbal Inspects Zojila Road For

future.

During the spected vulnerable spots on the Zojila road stretch and issued instructions to BEACON authorities to implement necessary safety measures promptly. The authorities briefed the DC on the immediate safety measures already taken, including erecting Hesco barriers with reflecting tapes, signages, reflecting mirrors, etc. The ongoing project for long-term measures, such as retaining walls and permanent crash barriers, is slated for completion in the next year.

Expressing grief over recent tragic road accidents on Zoiila pass, the DC directed the concerned authorities to ensure effective safety measures to prevent such incidents in the

A discussion was held on cutoff timing from Sonamarg upward and Minimarg downward, with a decision made to restrict tourist vehicles beyond Sonamarg starting tomorrow.

To enhance road safety, the DC directed BEACON authorities to conduct thorough trail runs before allowing traffic towards Zojila pass. He directed for displaying Speed limits

and climatic conditions.

prominently at key locations. Meanwhile, The DC appealed

to all commuters to strictly adhere to road safety measures, avoiding rash driving on Zojila pass.

The DC emphasized the importance of immediate action to secure Zojila road, ensuring the safety of commuters and preventing further tragic incidents. OC BEACON assured implementing both short-term and long-term safety measures to safeguard lives on this critical stretch of road.

Div Com Reviews Installation Of 4G BSNL Service In Remote Villages



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Friday reviewed the process of installation of 4G BSNL infrastructure across the valley especially in uncovered villages and the villages along border fencing line to saturate the delivery of advanced communication services to the people.

The meeting was attended by all Deputy Commissioners, Additional Commissioner Kashmir, Assistant Commis-

the BSNL. Addressing the officers, Div Com directed DCs to super-

sioner Revenue and officers of

vise & expedite the process of saturation of 4G services in the identified villages where the advanced service is not available to the people.

He directed to ensure rapid mobilization of machinery and equipments by the client awarded the work.

Div Com also emphasized for identification of villages ahead of fencing line where the work has to be done on priority basis.

best practices for sustaining transhumance and supporting the pastoral communities in migration to avoid conflict, mitigate losses and establish institutional mechanisms. Secretary, Tribal Affairs De-

CS For Ensuring Sustainability Of Cleanliness Measures In Rural Areas

Reviews Overall Functioning Of Rural Development Department

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Friday while reviewing the functioning of Rural Development Department (RDD) here impressed upon it to ensure that the measures taken for cleanliness of our villages are sustainable and effective on ground level.

Dulloo observed that the cleanliness (Swachhta) is one of the foremost priorities at the national level espoused by the Prime Minister himself. He substantiated that this nationwide campaign needs to be turned into a movement for its benefits are multiple and valuable for people at grassroots level.

He impressed upon the Department to carry forward this campaign ensuring that the cleanliness parameters actually aspired for in the ODF+ Model category which J&K has secured do not fell short anywhere in the UT. He directed for having continuous assessment of the same by the Department for all the villages of the UT to maintain it for all the times.

The Chief Secretary further made out that the door to door collection and segregation of waste in rural areas shall be monitored to ensure that the agencies or persons put on this job are doing it as per the schedule and set criteria. He asked for looking into the col-



lection of user charges in the villages for this purpose and the ways to make this exercise sustainable for all the times.

Regarding the NRLM the Chief Secretary maintained that the empowerment of women is another focus area nationally and a concern too for PM. He made out that the rural women shall be imparted all the training to turn options into opportunities. He expressed that these women are creative enough to keep on adding value to their enterprises once they are given freedom to establish and flourish them as per their convenience.

He advised for encouraging them through capacity building and strengthening their cadre by efficient utilization of Community Resource Persons provided by the mission. He called for making it a regular exercise for these resource persons to visit far off places to bring a positive drive among

upto 8th standard shall observe the vacations from December-11-2023 to February-29-2024 and the classes from 9th to 12th standard shall observe the vacations from December-18 to February-29 respectively.



this office above referred e-quotation No. & date bearing tender ID mentioned above, the bid submission end date and bid opening (online) dates of the same are hereby extended & re-fixed as under: -

- Last date of submission of Bids online 14.12.2023 up to 1. 02:00 p.m.
- Date of opening of bids online 15.12.2023 at 11.30 a.m.
- All other terms and conditions of the e- quotation shall remain unchanged No. JS-PHE/ RWSD/ Corrs. / 12505 -12530 Sd/-Dated: - 08.12.2023. (Er. Samiullah Beigh) DIPK-13498-23 **Executive Engineer JS-PHE**, DT: 08/12/2023 **RWS Division Ganderbal/Sgr.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information to the general public that I Shamim Ahmed intend to correct the particulars in the passport of my daughter bearing No S9436126 from Name: Saila Shamim Wani, Father's Name: Shamim Ahmed Wani, Mother's Name: Sumaira Shamim Wani which is incorrect whileas her correct particulars are Name: Saila Wani, Father's Name: Shamim Ahmed, Mother's Name: Sumaira Ashraf. In this regard if anybody have any objection he/she may file the same with Passport Officer Srinagar within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained afterwards.

SPORTS

ICC Rates ODI World Cup Final Pitch As 'Average'

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The pitch at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, which hosted the ODI World Cup final between India and Australia on November 19, has been rated "average" by the In-ternational Cricket Council (ICC).

ICC match referee and former Zimbabwe batter Andy Pycroft, however, rated the outfield as "very good"

Australia had won the World Cup final after beating India by six wickets on a pitch which was slow and sluggish.

Opting to bowl, India could score just 240 in 50 overs with Australia achieving the target in 43 overs, with opener Travis Head making a 120-ball 137.

The pitches used in league matches India's against South Africa, England, Pakistan and Australia in Kolkata, Lucknow, Ahmedabad and Chennai respectively were also rated as 'average' by the ICC.

However, the Wankhede Stadium pitch on which India faced New Zealand in the semifinals received a 'good' rating. There were media reports ahead of that match suggesting that the hosts had switched pitch, offering a used surface instead of a fresh one.

The ICC also gave an "average" rating to the Eden Gardens pitch in Kolkata



which hosted the second semifinal between Australia and South Africa. It turned out to be a

low-scoring match where Australia dismissed South Australia then managed to overhaul the target in 47.2 overs, losing seven wickets. ICC match referee and former India pacer Javagal

According to the ICC, a pitch is rated average if it

"lacks carry, and/or bounce and/or occasional seam Africa for 212 in 49.4 overs. movement, but consistent in carry and bounce. A degree of turn, but with average bounce for the spinner. Falling significantly short of 'very good' concerning Srinath, however, gave a carry, bounce and turn."

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outfield at Eden Gardens.

Warner Shrugs Off Johnson Criticism As A Home Summer 'Headline'

Agencies

MELBOURNE: David Warner has shrugged off Mitchell Johnson's withering criticism of his selection in Australia's test squad as a "headline" for the home summer, saying his former team mate is entitled to his opinion. In an incendiary colum Johnson questioned Warner's place in the side for the Pakistan series, citing his waning output in test cricket in recent years.

Johnson also said Warner had not taken full responsibility for the 2018 Newlands ball-tampering scandal and questioned whether he should be given a "hero's send-off" in the third test in Sydney, which the lefthander has nominated as his last.

"It would not be a summer of cricket without a headline," Warner said at a broadcaster event in Sydney on Friday.

"Everyone is entitled to an opinion. But moving forward, we are looking to a nice test over in the west." Johnson's comments triggered a fierce reaction in Australian media, with some pundits condemning the former test quick.

He later revealed his column in the West Australian newspaper was motivated in part by a personal spat with Warner and expressed regret for some of the content. Team mates Usman Khawaja and Glenn Maxwell threw their support behind Warner this week, and captain Pat Cummins



said the squad had rallied around the batsman.

"I think we protect each other a lot. We have been through a lot over the years," Cummins told reporters at the event. "I've played alongside someone like Davey or Steve (Smith) for a dozen years now.

"(We are) fiercely protective of each other. "It is hard to say (what Johnson's motivation is). You have to ask Mitch. But there are so many things we should be celebrating about Australian cricket

at the moment."

Cummins also defended selector George Bailey, who Johnson said was too close to Warner and the players in general. "George has been fantastic," said Cummins, who led Australia to a record-extending sixth one-day World Cup title in India three weeks ago.

"I have never seen a selector be as hands-on and as impressive as George has been."

Australia play the first of three tests against Pakistan in Perth from Dec. 14.

Bijbehara Lifts District Level Tennis Ball Cricket Title



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Department Of Youth Services & Sports organised an Under-17 Boys Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament at HSS Dailgam in which all six zones of the district participated.

At the inaugural ceremony, Principal Govt. Higher Secondary School Dailgam was Chief Guest and in her speech, she congratulated the department for organising the tour-

nament despite odd weather and extended her full cooperation in organising such tournament in the

school premises. The final match was played between Zone Qazigund and Zone Bijbehara in which Bijbehara lifted the title and won the Under-17 Boys Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament. Qazigund boys also displayed their talent by being the runners up team of the tournament

Pampore Martial Artist Wins National Icon Award

Agencies

PAMPORE: Maroof Hilal Sofi, a talented martial artist from the Saffron Town of Pampore in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, has been felicitated with the prestigious National Icon Award in sports. Known for his exceptional skills, Maroof has previously represented India at various levels, securing several medals.

Speaking with news agency KNO. Maroof said he had a passion for martial arts since childhood.

"I began learning martial arts at the age of 8," he said.

He won a bronze medal at the 16th World Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation Championship held in the Philippines last year. "Receiving any award means recognition of efforts and it boosts confidence and provides courage to showcase



skills more efficiently," he said. Proud of his achievement, Maroof received the National Icon Award at a ceremony held in Delhi, attended by highranking officials.

He said awards make his parents happy and proud. 'This gives me more happiness," he said.

Sofi said he has participated in various tournaments at the state, national and internalevels and has consistional

tently clinched medals - 6 gold medals at the national level and a bronze medal at the international level.

He also serves as the head coach of Thang Ta Academy in Pampore, where he trains youth interested in martial arts. He said sports promote physical fitness and prevent drug addiction among youth.

Commenting on the sports infrastructure in Jammu & Kashmir, the athlete said, "We lack infrastructure and have only a few stadiums available that too for cricket only. However, infrastructure is being developed."

There is a need for more indoor sports stadiums as during winter, players are un-able to practice. "Such facilities should be made available round-the-year so that athletes can practice well and excel more at various stages," he said (KNO)

Roll Ball Senior Trials On Dec 11 In Jammu



No Coach Can Create An Artist Like Shami: Mhambrey

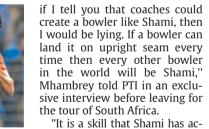
Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Mohammed Shami possesses a rare ability of landing the ball in an upright seam position every single time and no coach in the world can create such a fast bowling "artist", gushed India's bowling coach Paras Mhambrey.

Shami, who finished on top of



Will India get another talent like Mohammed Shami? "Well,



quired with tremendous hardwork and developed himself into the bowler that he is. "Bowling ball after ball on the seam and with that perfect wrist position and getting it to move either ways is a rare skill set. A lot of bowlers, even if they land deliveries on the seam. will see the ball straightening up after pitching," Mhambrey said.

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that it will be holding selec-

tion trials on 11th and 12th

of December at M.A. Sta-

dium Skating Rink in Jammu

for selecting both men and

women's teams that will par-

ticipate in the 20th Senior

Roll Ball National being held

at Belguam, Karnataka from

4th to 7th of January 2024.

The selection of the team will be held under the super-SRINAGAR: Roll Ball Associavision of J&K Sports Council. tion of J&K announced Friday

"Those who are interested to take part in the trails should report to Ashraf Dijjo Phone No. 9419179740 for Kashmir Division and Madhu Sharma 9419148556 for Jammu Division or contact the undersigned at jkrollballassociation@gmail. com," the association said in a statement.

Russians Can Compete At Paris Olympics As Neutrals: IOC



Agencies

LAUSANNE: Some Russian athletes will be allowed to compete at the 2024 Paris Olympics, the IOC said Friday, in a decision that removed the option of a blanket ban over the invasion of Ukraine.

The International Olympic Committee's decision confirms moves it started one year ago to reintegrate Russia and its military ally Belarus into global sports, and nine months after it urged sports governing bodies to look at ways to let individual athletes compete.

It is up to each Olympic sport's governing body to assess and enforce neutral status for individual athletes who have not actively supported the war and are not contracted to military or state security agencies. Those who are given neutral status must compete without national identity of flag, anthem or colours.

Russia remains banned from team sports. The IOC said eight Russians and three from Belarus are among 4,600 athletes worldwide who have so far qualified for the Summer Games, which open in July.

Russia sent 335 athletes to the Tokyo Olympics held in 2021 but only dozens are likely to compete in Paris.

Athletes and officials from Ukraine, including President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, have repeatedly urged the IOC to exclude Russia and Belarus entirely from the Olympics because of the invasion that started in February 2022.

Man United Wins Hat Trick Of Premier League Awards

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MANCHESTER: Manchester United won a hat trick of monthly Premier League awards on Friday to push back talk of a crisis for manager Erik ten Hag.

Ten Hag and Harry Maguire were voted Premier League manager and player of the month, respectively, for November, while Aleiandro Garnacho's stunning overhead kick against Everton was named the best goal. The awards came at the end of a week when Ten Hag faced reports of player unrest in the locker room, which led to journalists being banned from a news conference.

"We know where we are going and we had our setbacks, especially at the start of the season," the Dutchman said.

Things went against us with injuries, decisions, and sometimes you find yourselves in such a place.

"You see the character of the team, we're in a better place, better form. The performances are increasing, we are performing as a team and as individuals, you have to be sharp in every game."

Maguire's award comes after he had been stripped of the United captaincy and pushed to the fringes of Ten Hag's squad. The England centre-back looked set to leave the club in the off-season, but has fought his way back into the first team and has been one of United's best performers this term

"Couldn't have done it without my teammates, the staff and vou fans. Your love and support doesn't go unnoticed, I appreciate it," he posted on X, formerly known as Twitter.

Reports of player unrest came after United lost for the 10th time this season, against Newcastle last week. But, victory against Chelsea on Wednesday moved it to within three points of defending champion Manchester City and the top four. United can go level on points with City if it beats Bournemouth at Old Trafford on Saturday, with Pep Guardiola's team playing against Lu-

ton on Sunday. Ahead of that game, Ten Hag said he had faith in Marcus Rashford to regain top form after the forward was dropped for the win against Chelsea. Rashford was

United's top scorer last season with a career-best 30 goals. He has failed to replicate that form this term with just three goals in 19 appearances.

"Rashford is an incredible, good player. You can't do it with 11 players, he can't play every game," said Ten Hag. "He's not in this moment in the form he was last year, but I am sure he will get there.

"It is up to him. The team will always line themselves up and the best players who form the best team will play."

