

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 fertility 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 have gone through various fertility treatments but all in 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**

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 Aadhaar 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

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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 been found guilty **More On P6**

Security Brass In Huddle Ahead Of 370 Verdict

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



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 afternoon, a police spokesperson 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

division.

Today's high-security meeting comes two days ahead of the scheduled verdict by the Supreme Court 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.

According to the cause list of December 11, Monday, uploaded on the apex court website, a five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud would deliver the verdict.

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

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

Observer News Service

New Delhi: 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.



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

policy, for which, Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the power department of J&K is proposed to be signed by the end of Dec, 23.

"Overall, 1972 MW of additional allocation has been made by the Central government to take care of the urgent power requirement of the Union Territory," he added.

The LG, the spokesperson said, requested the Power Minister to allocate additional funds under RDSS for further upgradation and modernisation of the distribution infrastructure in the UT, including replacement of outdated conductors, transformers and poles.

Sinha, he said, suggested the LG send proposals in this regard and assured him that the Ministry will positively consider the proposal for the development of J&K.

The Minister, according to the spokesperson, directed the officers of his Ministry to ensure adequate allocation of Power to J&K to meet the rising demand.

Sinha, he said, also reviewed various programmes of the Ministry of Power being implemented in the UT, under Central Sector Schemes.

"The Power Minister directed the concerned **More On P6**

Co-Chairs Meeting With Singh To Review Power Sector

Union 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 **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

wreath laying ceremony. "You always wanted to become a police officer," said a teary-eyed Wani's sister who was amid the family and colleagues gathered here to bid the final goodbye **More On P6**

NIA To Probe Police Officer's Killing

The 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

Auqib Javed

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**

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 valley continued to experience sub-zero 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.

Pahalgam in south 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 meteorological 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**

SHORT TAKES

Baramulla Stadia Named After Gen Rawat

The 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

Five 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

A 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

Security 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

India 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

The 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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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 same 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

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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
 Registration: NI560270075
 Name : Safia Anwar



Father's Name: Mohammad Anwar Qureshi
 Mother's Name : --Husan Jan
 Date of Birth:- 09-09-2000
 Residence:- Chattibandy

According to 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

Assistant Secretary
 Certificates, KD.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas I, Mr. Orusha Mattoo Father's Name: Nazir ahmad matto R/o Eidgh 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 Eidgh Srinagar KASHMIR under tourist trade act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas I will submit state subject / Domicile certificate, Qualification Certificate, pan card \ 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) before my case is processed for my registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/ Financial institutions/Bank/ Organisation, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism Registration (email id: ddtregl23@gmail.com) within a period of 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.

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The Hoble Court Of Principal District Judge At Budgam.

In the Case of:

- 1 Chand I Pandita Shahabadi.S/O Late Mohan Lal Pandita Shahabadi. R/O Qaziyaar, Zaina kadal Srinagar Kashmir A/P H.no 75, Sector 31, Faridabad, Haryana.
- 2 Kuldeep Shahabadi S/O Late Jagan Nath Pandita Shahabadi R/O Qaziyaar. Zaina kadal Srinagar Kashmir. A/P 26-C. Udhew-wala Bhoori. Jammu Tawi.
- 3 Shiv Kumar Shahabadi S/O Late Jagan Nath Pandita Shahabadi R/O Qaziyaar, Zaina kadal Srinagar Kashmir. A/P 19/22 Anand Nager. Bhoori. Jammu Tawi.
- 4 Ashwani Kumar Shahabadi S/O Late Hira Lal Shahabadi R/O Qaziyaar. Zaina kadal Srinagar Kashmir. A/P H.no 2/103 Sector 16, Rohni Delhi,
- 5 Ravinder Kumar Shahabadi S/O Late Hira Lal Shahabadi R/O Qaziyaar, Zaina kadal Srinagar Kashmir. A/P G-201, Arya Apartment, sector-15, Rohni Delhi,

CAVEATOR/APPLICANTS

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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
 1 That the applicant' caveators is bonafide domicile of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.
 2 The Applicant caveators is lawful owners in possession of land located at Wanabal Rawalpura 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 suppressio veri).
 4. 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 exparte.
 5. That in case the non-applicants succeeds in obtaining orders in exparte, 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 exparte. The same would be in the interests justice

Applicant through Counsel
 Adv Umer Rashid

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From The Office Advocate Nazakat Hussain Tak (Advocate High Court)

High Court Premises Sgr:- 190001.
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In the case of:

1. Mrs. Sitara Banu W/o Nissar Ahmad Wani.
 R/o Wani Kocho, Gulshan Nagar, Natipora, Near Ahmad Hospital, Srinagar, Kashmir, J&K.

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

3. Mr. Suhaib Nissar S/o Nissar Ahmad Wani
 R/o Wani Kocho, Gulshan Nagar, Natipora, Near Ahmad Hospital, Srinagar, Kashmir, J&K

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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.

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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.

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از نیابت گوم احمد پورہ

درخواست: برآمد حصول DOB Certificate از جانب لیڈنگ علی جان ولد غلام محمد جان ساکن گوم احمد پورہ تحصیل پٹنہ ضلع بارہمولہ

01-08-2017

01-02-2020

اشتہار برآمد گامی ہر خاص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان صدر میں ثبت رپورٹ پنچائت سکری و سرچ و نمبر دار و چوکیدار علاقہ وغیرہ کے رپورٹ کے مطابق سائل کے پسران کی تاریخ پیدائش مذکورہ تاریخ میں ہونی ہے اور سائل اپنے اولاد کے حقائق میں DOB Certificate تاریخ پیدائش سرٹیفیکٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہاں ہے۔

نوٹ: بذریعہ اشتہار مشہور کروایا گیا کہ اگر کسی شخص یا شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات یوم کے اندر پیش کرے معیاد گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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از نیابت گوم احمد پورہ

مضمون: درکواسٹ منجانب : ارشاد احمد راجہ ولد اسد اللہ راجہ ساکنہ ارچندر ہامہ برآمد علاقہ لیڈنگ تاریخ پیدائش سرٹیفیکٹ بنی ڈکٹر طیبہ راجہ

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از نیابت گوم احمد پورہ

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR Office Of the Executive Engineer JS-PHE Deptt. Rural Water Supply Division, Ganderbal/Sgr.

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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: -

1.	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
 DIPK-13497/23 D a t e d :- 08.12.2023

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

E-mail: jkstatesportsCouncil@gmail.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:-

i) 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.

Or

ii) 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, p[O], 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 Bakshi 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 Clarification
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.

As Winter Sets In, Migratory Birds Flock To Kashmir

Observer News Service

Srinagar: With the onset of winter in Kashmir, the migratory birds have started flocking to the wetlands across the Valley with officials stating that Mallard, Gadwall 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.



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

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

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

Power Scenario Improved, To Get Better In Days To Come: Div Com

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 inconvenience to the people.

"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 Vishwakarma 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.

From Office Of The Advocate
Vaseem Aslam Lic No: 184/2013
In the case of
Mohd sultan Dar
S/o late Kabir Dar
R/o kurso Rajbagh
V/S
PUBLIC AT LARGE
(Caveator)
(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 caveat is given opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

NORTHERN RAILWAY				
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.reps.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 prescribed format as available in document section on the portal.				
Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System		
Open	Works	Single Bid System		
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time		
06.12.2023	14.12.2023	28.12.2023/ 15.00 Hrs		
S.N	Tender No	Details of Tender		
1	328-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR	Through Bridge Sleeper Renewal (TBSR) with H beam-882 nos (i.e. 251 Nos. (244A UP, 224A DN, 232 UP,233A DN, 233A UP) on SCPO-PTK Section & 631 Nos (171, 175, 201, 236, 20, 49, 53A, 50, 69, 88, 96, 103) on ASR-PTK section under ADEN/PTK.		
		Advertised Value	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
		3,17,38,826.02/-	3,08,700.00/-	60 Days
				Period of Completion
				08 Months
		Similar nature of work:- Fabrication & laying of channel sleepers in running track.		
2	329-2023-24-JAT-DRM-FZR	Through Bridge Sleeper Renewal (TBSR) with H beam-868 Nos. (159UP, 172 DN, 183DN, 190DN, 196DN, 218UP) in the section of ADEN/JAT.		
		Advertised Value	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
		3,12,28,632.16/-	3,06,200.00/-	60 Days
				Period of Completion
				08 Months
		Similar nature of work:- Fabrication & laying of channel sleepers in running track.		
3	330-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR	Through Bridge Sleeper Renewal (TBSR) 190 Nos. with H-Beam at Br. No. 232 DN and TRR (P) 0.310 TKM and on JUC-PTK section under ADEN/PTK.		
		Advertised Value	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
		1,34,40,984.49/-	2,17,200.00/-	60 Days
				Period of Completion
				08 Months
		Similar nature of work:- Fabrication & laying of channel sleepers in running track.		
4	331-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR	AT welding of 60 kg/60E/52Kg-R260/90/72 UTS rails in situ with single shot crucible fitted as per RDSO specifications in the Section of ADEN/PTK and ADEN/JAT under Sr. DEN-II/FZR.		
		Advertised Value	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
		93,47,961.18/-	1,87,000.00/-	60 Days
				Period of Completion
				10 Months
		Similar nature of work:- Nil.		
5	335-2023-24-PTK-DRM-FZR	Cess repair in the section of SSE/PWAY/PTK at various locations under ADEN/PTK of FZR division.		
		Advertised Value	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
		1,68,41,421.12/-	2,34,200.00/-	60 Days
				Period of Completion
				08 Months
		Similar nature of work:- "Any Civil Engineering works involving earth work in banks/cuttings".		
6	336-2023-24-PLMX-DRM-FZR	CTR (S) NG of 29.412 TKM i.e. 16.626 km at KM 49.8 to 66.426 & 12.786 Km at KM 75.7 to 85.7, KM 117.325 to 118.592, Km 164.281 to 165.8 of the existing standard 58.5 LBS rails laid on ST sleepers M+3 density with 75R (SH) rails laid on ST (converted) sleepers 1340 nos/km, including increasing the ballast cushion to 15 cm with deep screening & re-compaction of ballast from existing standard of 0 to 2 cm on Pathankot - Joginder Nagar Section under ADEN/PLMX.		
		Advertised Value	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer
		4,59,38,492.72/-	3,79,700.00/-	60 Days
				Period of Completion
				10 Months
		Similar nature of work:- CTR/TRR/TFR/TTR includes raising of track, screening, distressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine like tamping machine/ballast screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28.		
Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.				
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.

AUCTION NOTICE.
E - NIT No: MC/Bru/2023/
Dated:07/12/2023

For 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 Auction Sale Of Dry Waste Including Non-Recyclable Plastic Polythene, Waste Paper, Rubber, All Type Of Fabric/Cloths at MC BEERWAH. Municipal 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 fixed as below of each item

S.No	Item	Minimum Reserved bid (Rate per Kg)
01	Plastic	Rs:10 per Kg
02	Polythene	Rs:5 per Kg
03	Waste Paper/Card Board	Rs:3 per Kg
04	Iron	Rs:15 per Kg
05	All Type Of Fabric/Cloths	Rs:5 per Kg
06	Other Mix Items	Rs:7 per Kg

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

S.No	Date of issue of Tender Notice	08.12.2023
1 <td>Date of issue of Tender Notice</td> <td>08.12.2023</td>	Date of issue of Tender Notice	08.12.2023
2 <td>Period of downloading of bidding documents</td> <td>From 09.12.2023 to 15-12-2023</td>	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 09.12.2023 to 15-12-2023
3 <td>Bid submission Start Date</td> <td>09.12.2023 from 12.00 PM</td>	Bid submission Start Date	09.12.2023 from 12.00 PM
4 <td>Bid submission End Date</td> <td>15.12.2023 upto 4.00 PM</td>	Bid submission End Date	15.12.2023 upto 4.00 PM
5 <td>Date & Time of opening of Bids (Online)</td> <td>16.12.2023 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Officer, Municipal Committee BEERWAH.</td>	Date & Time of opening of Bids (Online)	16.12.2023 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Officer, Municipal Committee BEERWAH.

- The 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 office of the Executive Officer, Municipal Committee BEERWAH.
- The bids for the tender shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
- BID 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, the 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 declaration shall be submitted as per the Format appendix - 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.
 - That, the successful bidder has to execute MOU with the Executive Officer, Municipal Committee BEERWAH.
- In 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 of the arbitrator, Director Urban Local Bodies shall be final and binding upon the parties.
- Authority 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.in to acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved 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.
- Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- 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.
 - The Bidder should upload the Tender Document form attached below (Not Mandatory). I) Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including k) 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 the 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. l) The Highest Bidder will have to submit hard copies of all documents uploaded on e-tendering portal before issuance of Allotment.

NO- Mc / Bru / Auction / 2071-74
DIPK-NB-4689/23 Dated:- 08-12-2023

Sd/-
Executive Officer Municipal
Committee Beerwah.

- TRAFFIC POLICE: 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,2452222,2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
- Ambulance: Kashmir EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

AIRPORTS
SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311 ✈

RAILWAYS

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

HIGHWAY STATUS

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

PRAYERS

FAJR 5: 54
ZUHR 12:22
ASR 3: 45
Magrib 5:25
ISHA 6: 50

HIJRI CALENDAR
24 Jumada al-Awwal
1445

This Day In History

- 1910 - French troops occupy Moroccan 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 demonstrated for the first time in San Francisco.
- 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.
- 1973 - Arab oil ministers announce a further production cut of 5 percent for January for non-friendly 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.

From KO Archives

American FBI Team Arrives In Srinagar

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: A two-member team of US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) today left for Srinagar in connection with the mysterious 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 police remains unknown. (Kashmir Observer, 09 December, 2000)

Don't Let City Go To Dogs

Ummar Jamal

Often 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 health like parasites, preventing harm to the environment, and safeguarding other animals

While reiterating its instructions 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'.

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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 being 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

one thing that no film should be — boring.

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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.

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.

Memoir of a Specially-Abled Person

By Amir Suhail Wani
for Kashmir Observer

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

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

OPINIONS

The Pick Of The Bunch

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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, *parchhaiyaan*, 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 Sahir Ludhyanvi.

*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*

*-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.
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.//*

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 darwazah khola
..... sarhad per kal raat sunna hai chali thi goli//
sarhad per kal raat sunna hai kuchh khuwaaboon 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 non-combatant lives and irretrievable beautiful moments of life we lost in the turmoil period here. Let us raise our hands in supplication with Faiz:
Jin ka deen pairiveeye kufri-o-riya hai, unko//
Himmat-e-kufri milay, jurrat-e-tehqeef milay//
Jin kay ser montzir-e-taigh-e-jafa hain unko//
Dast-e-qatil ko jhatak daynay ki toufeeq 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.

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 harsh realities//
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.//

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 ubhertai hain //
Parting words : (Glean before I say adieu)
... *Khoon apna ho ya paraya ho//
Nasle aadam ka khoon hai aakhir//
Jung mashriq main ho ki magrib main//
Aman-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 tay-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-

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 the Neurofeedback and Counseling 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 achievements that are typically deemed successful to be happy." How we define happiness can be

nuanced, too.

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, contentment, and hope.

Subjective well-being is essentially a measure of three things:

1. Frequent positive thoughts, feelings, and emotions
2. Infrequent negative thoughts, feelings, and emotions, like anger, 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

- ▶ family
- ▶ 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



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.

Throughout India Rajasthan



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 27.98crores 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 hydro-power.

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 promoting the use of solar energy driven appliances.

"We are offering financial 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 said—(KNO)

No Tourist Vehicle To Be Allowed Beyond Sonamarg

DC Ganderbal Inspects Zojila Road For Immediate Safety Measures

Observer News Service

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

Accompanied by SDM Kangan, Javid 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.

During the visit, the DC inspected 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 Zojila pass, the DC directed the concerned authorities to ensure effective safety measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

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 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-

sioner Revenue and officers of the BSNL.

Addressing the officers, Div Com directed DCs to supervise & 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.



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 Corporation. 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 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-



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 a saving of Rs 20,380 per family of 3 adults and additional saving 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 initiatives lead to poverty reduction and also safeguarding the livestock against losses related to accidents, exhaustion deaths and climatic conditions.

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.

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

the women there to channelize their energies into successful enterprises. Regarding other schemes Dulloo stressed on strictly adhering to National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) in execution of MGNREGA works. He asked for completing all the targeted works taken up under convergence in the scheduled time during the ensuing financial year. He also took note of the houses completed under PMAY and asked the department to ensure that the housing needs of all the houseless are fulfilled here.

He asked for digitization of Back to Village data besides devising a mechanism to make it a year long demand raising and interface between public and administration. He even asked for creation of a dedicated portal for the same displaying the status of all such demands received by the Prabhari officers.

HC Upholds Seniority Of Patwaris Through Departmental Exam

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 the 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

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 Departmental Examination truly reflects the merit of 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 the Patwaris."



Jammu Schools To Close For Winter Break From Dec 11

'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.

DSEJ said that the classes 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.

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)

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Due to poor response for the work advertised/ published vide 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:-
1. Last date of submission of Bids online 14.12.2023 up to 02:00 p.m.
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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: Saita Shamim Wani, Father's Name: Shamim Ahmed Wani, Mother's Name: Sumaira Shamim Wani which is incorrect whereas her correct particulars are Name: Saita 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.

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 International 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 India's league matches 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 Africa for 212 in 49.4 overs. Australia then managed to overhaul the target in 47.2 overs, losing seven wickets.

ICC match referee and former India pacer Jagavall Srinath, however, gave a

"very good" rating to the outfield at Eden Gardens.

According to the ICC, a pitch is rated average if it "lacks carry, and/or bounce and/or occasional seam 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 carry, bounce and turn."

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 column 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 high-ranking 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 international levels and has consis-

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 unable 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



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Roll Ball Association of J&K announced Friday that it will be holding selection trials on 11th and 12th of December at M.A. Stadium Skating Rink in Jammu for selecting both men and women's teams that will participate 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 supervision of J&K Sports Council.

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

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

the bowling charts with 24 wickets from seven matches in the ODI World Cup, has been India's go-to bowler in ODIs and Tests.

Mhambrey, one of the quietest back-room workers in the current Indian set-up, doesn't want to take any credit for Shami's success.

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



if I tell you that coaches could create a bowler like Shami, then I would be lying. If a bowler can land it on upright seam every time then every other bowler in the world will be Shami," Mhambrey told PTI in an exclusive interview before leaving for the tour of South Africa.

"It is a skill that Shami has ac-

quired with tremendous hard-work 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.

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

Agencies

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 Alejandro 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 Unit-



ed 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 you 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 Luton 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."