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After Warning, Police Swings Into Action

# 9 Booked For **'Hateful, Seditious' Social Media Posts**



Izhar Nazir Ali

Srinagar: Days after serving a tough warning against social media misuse, the Jammu and Kashmir police on Saturday booked nine youth from different districts of the Valley on charges of spreading rumours and posting hateful, inflammatory and seditious statements on social media platforms.

The action comes days after police issued a stern warning and issued a set of guidelines for social media users under CrPC Section 144 in an attempt to curb spread of communally sensitive content and to discourage glorification of terrorists and secessionism

In South Kashmir's Anantnag district, police initiated legal action Salman Mushtaq Kuttay of Dooru, Rameez Ashraf Hadi of Kokernag and Umer Farooq Ganie alias Ghazi Sir of Srigufwara for uploading hatred videos on their social media platforms in which they made "inflammatory and seditious statements".

"We urge the public to be vigilant against such individuals

who spread hatred content on social media. Anyone found engaging in such activities will be dealt strictly with in accordance with the Law, a police spokesperson said Saturday.

the neighbouring Awantipora, police booked Sheeraz Ahmed Beigh for uploading inflammatory and instigating content on social media.

The police also cautioned people to be vigilant against hate spreaders and warned strict action if anyone is found engaging in such activities.

The action against social media users also comes over a week after Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain, said that police will introduce a new provision under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) to criminalise social media content that promotes disharmony and terrorise or threaten anyone.

Meanwhile, two youths have also been slapped with criminal charges in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district for posting hateful content on social media platforms.

According to | More on P6

POLICE WILL TAKE STRINGENT MEASURES AND LEGAL action against those found promoting anti-national or terror narratives on social media, so parents should counsel their children to stay away from these activities."

## **CB Charge Sheets Husband,** Wife In 5Cr Bank Fraud Case

**Press Trust Of India** 

Jammu: A married couple and two others were charge sheeted here for their alleged involvement in swindling Rs 5 crore in loans from a Jammu and Kashmir Bank branch in Poonch district, an official said on Saturday.

The 496-page preliminary charge sheet was filed by the Crime Branch, Jammu, in a court here against Saleem Yosuf Bhatti, the alleged mastermind of the scam, Mohd Altaf and his wife Ruksana Tabassum, and Zahida Parveen, a spokesman of the agency said.

The person said that Bhatti. who earlier worked as a contractual employee in the Integrated Water Management Programme (IWMP) a central government sponsored scheme appropriated the money by misusing his position and misrepresenting facts.

The Jammu Crime branch had earlier this year registered a case in the matter following a complaint by the J&K

Bank, which alleged that Bhatti along with other illegally "activated" the inactive accounts of Watershed Committee at the bank's branch in Lassana village of Surankote tehsil in Poonch.

Subsequently, the accused changed names on the accounts, fabricated fake salary certificates and confirmation letters issuing them to several non-existing employees, and managed personal loans, cash credit loans, and car loans in crores by presenting themselves as government employees, the spokesman said.

He said the accused also managed to open fraudulent government accounts at J&K Bank Branch Office Mendhar and Branch Office Bus Stand Mendhar.

According to the official, the accused first transferred money from different branches in the accounts of Watershed Committee and other fake accounts opened by them.

They then "... issued fake authority letters instructing the branches to | More on P6

# LG Lauds Armed Forces For Combating Terrorism In J&K

**Observer News Service** 

Jammu: Hailing armed forces for playing a crucial role in combating terrorism and creating a safe and secure environment for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Saturday that it is our collective responsibility to look after the families of martyrs, who have sacrificed their lives for the country.

Sinha made these remarks at Raj Bhawan where Army veterans and office bearers of Sainik Welfare Department, I&K were hosted for the customary Armed Forces Flag pinning.

Armed Forces Flag Day is observed on December 7 every year to honour the martyrs and express gratitude to soldiers protecting the integrity and sovereignty of the nation



The LG paid tributes to the martyrs and expressed gratitude to the men and women in the uniform, who are valiantly and selflessly fighting to safeguard the country's honour, integrity and sovereignty.

He also appealed to all citizens to generously contribute to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund for welfare and rehabilitation of exservicemen, Veer Naris and martyrs' families. "In J&K, Armed | More on P6

### **LG Calls For Collective Efforts To Promote Sanskrit**

Says Hindi, Sanskrit; **Indian Philosophy Posts** Filled In J&K Universities **Observer News Service** 

ieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha said on Saturday that vacant posts in Hindi, Sanskrit and Indian Philosophy have been

filled in Universities of Jammu and Kashmir, while Indian Philosophy is being taught in all the Universities of the Union Territory. Addressing the 11th Foundation Day function of Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust on Saturday, the LG also called for collective efforts from all stakeholders to pass on the knowledge system of Sanskrit, one of the oldest living

languages of the | More on P6

### **PM Modi Hails Women Power Of Kashmir**

**Cop Injured** 

**Terror Attack** 

Srinagar: A policeman was injured after he was shot at by the unidentified terrorists at

Hamdaniya Colony, Bemina area of Srinagar on Saturday

late evening, officials said here.

An official said that terror-

ists on Saturday late evening

attacked a policeman identi-

fied as Mohammad Hafiz Chad,

son of Ghulam Hassan Chad

of Mathiya bund, Hamdaniya

He added that the cop has

received injury in the right arm and abdomen and has

been shifted to hospital for

Meanwhile, Kashmir Police

Zone, in a post on X, formally

Twitter, wrote: "#Terrorists fired upon & injured one police

personnel namely Mohammad

Hafiz Chad S/O Gh Hassan Chad

R/O #Bemina at Hamdaniya col-

ony Bemina. He has been shifted

to hospital for treatment. Area

#cordoned off. Further details shall follow." | More on P6

Colony, Srinagar.

treatment.

In Bemina

**Agencies** 

**Observer News Service** 

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday expressed confidence among Kashmiri women for availing benefits of the government schemes, educating their children and moving forward with the intention of the development of the nation.

The PM expressed these thoughts while interacting with Nadia Nazeer, a milk vendor and Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) beneficiary from Sheikh Pura, through video conferencing, an official spokesperson said Saturday. The PM, he said, asked Nadia about her family to which she replied that her husband is an auto driver and her two children are studying at government schools in the UT.

Expressing delight upon ineraction with Nadia, the PM the spokesperson said, also expressed confidence in the women power of Kashmir, who by availing the benefits of the government are educating their children and | More on P6



BOYS ENJOYING GAME OF CRICKET inside a park in Srinagar, covered by the fallen leaves of the mighty Chinar trees. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Illegal Gun Licence case

# **CBI Court Frames Charges Against Ex-District Magistrate, 3 Others**

**Court Holds** 

**Man Guilty** 

**Homicide** 

Of Culpable

Anti-Corruption Srinagar: Court (CBI Cases) here on Saturday framed charges against four accused persons including former District Magistrate Kulgam in connection with fraudulent and illegal issuance of gun licences in the south Kashmir district between 2012 to 2016. The case had



registered in pursuance of notification dated 5 October 2018 issued by Ministry of personal, public grievances

case, according to prosecution, was registered following a complainant | More on P6

and pensions (Department of personal & training) government of India New Dehli and with consent of the then State Government of J&K for transfer of FIR No. 18/2018 dated 17.05.2018 from Police Station VOK to CBI Chandigarh.

As per the CBI, during the period from 2012 to 2016 the District Magistrate of various Districts of J&K including District | More on P6

court in Srinagar on Thursday held a man guilty of culpable homicide not amounting to murder in connection with the death of a person during scuffle at Soura here in June 2018. However, the court of 1st Additional Sessions Judge Srinagar Khursheed UI Islam acquitted the two sisters of the convicted person. The

# **Srinagar Shivers** At -4.6 Deg Celsius

**Press Trust Of India** 

Srinagar-Srinagar experienced its coldest night of the season, with the minimum temperature settling below the freezing point at minus 4.6 degrees Celsius, officials said on Saturday.

The temperature recorded on Friday night in the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir was down more than two notches from the minus 2.4 degrees Celsius on Thursday night, they said.

Srinagar's temperature is the lowest so far this season, the officials said. Pahalgam was the coldest place in the Kashmir Valley.

The officials said Pahalgam

in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, which serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded its minimum temperature at mi-

nus 5 degrees Celsius. The famous resort of Gulmarg in Baramulla district recorded a low of minus 4.2 degrees Celsius, down from minus 3 degrees Celsius on Thursday night, they said.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 2.8 degrees Celsius, Kokernag town minus 2.3 degrees Celsius and Kupwara minus 3 degrees Celsius.

The meteorological office said the weather would remain generally cloudy but mainly dry till December 11. It also predicted | More on P6

### **Rape Accused Arrested In Samba**

man accused of raping a woman was arrested in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, police said. Shambu Ram, a resident of Bazigar Basti Swankha morh Vijaypur, was on the run after a case of rape was recently registered against him following a complaint by the victim, a police spokesman said. After strenuous efforts, police was successful in tracing and arresting the accused from Vijaypur, he said. Meanwhile, police also arrested drug peddler

### **Kerala Resident Succumbs To Injuries**

erala resident who was injured in a road accident at Zojilla Pass on December 5, succumbed to his injuries on Saturday morning, officials said. Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that the man identified as Manoj of Kerala, who was injured in the road accident succumbed to his injuries at SKIMS Soura today. On 5 December, four Kerala residents and a local driver were killed and two were injured after a vehicle they were traveling in fell into a deep gorge at Zojila Pass.

### **2 Burglars Arrested From Pahalgam**

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olice on Saturday claimed to have cracked a theft case by arresting two thieves and recovering stolen property worth lacs from their possession in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. In a statement issued here on Saturday, a police spokesperson said that a written complaint was received by Police Post Mouchua from Vikas Kumar Pandit of Hindu Mohalla Kralpora Chadoora stating that while he was on way home from Chadoora, some unknown persons snatched

### **372 Gentlemen Cadets Pass Out Of IMA**

total of 372 gentlemen cadets, including 29 from 12 friendly countries, passed out of the Indian Military Academy here on Saturday to be commissioned as officers into the armies of their respective countries. Addressing the passing out parade as the reviewing officer, Chief of Defence Staff of Sri Lanka Gen Shavendra Silva congratulated them

on the successful completion of their

rigorous training and wished them

the best of luck for all their future

### **AQI 'Very Poor'** In New Delhi

The weather

he national capital on Saturday recorded a minimum temperature of 8.5 degrees Celsius, one notch below the season's average, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD). The city's air quality index (AQI) at 6 pm stood at 322 in the 'very poor' category. The mercury recorded a high of 25.3 degree Celsius, one notch above the season's average, while the relative humidity oscillated between 100 per cent and 69 per cent, the IMD said.

### Rs 26L Looted **From Latur ATM**

our to five persons, including one wearing a tiger mask, stole Rs 26.58 lakh from an ATM machine in Latur in Maharashtra, a police official said on Saturday. The incident took place at 1:50am on Friday in Shirur-Tajband on Nanded-Bidar highway, Assistant Inspector Balaji Totewad of Ahmedpur police station said. "They tied the ATM machine with a cord and uprooted it by pulling it with a four wheeler parked by them outside the kiosk. They carted away the



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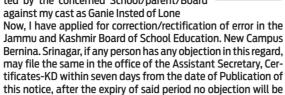
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Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council Administrative Block Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar (May-October), M A Stadium, Jammu J&K 180001 (Nov.-May),

E-mail: - jkstatesportscouncil@gmail.com, Contact No: - 0191-2570423, 0191-2560771

Sub: -Notification for seeking 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 - Withdrawal of notification.

> Sports Council Order No: 977 of 2023 A T E D: 08-12-2023

Notification issued under endorsement No.: - SC/491-M.Sc Technology2024/9187-96, dated: - 07.12.2023 is hereby withdrawn ab-

No: - SC/491- M.scTechnology2024/9251-58 DIPK-NB-4697/23 Dated: - 09.12.2023

Administrative Officer **J&K Sports Council** 

### **Srinagar Municipal Corporation** Office Of The Executive Engineer **Right River Works Division**

Regal lane Lal Chowk Srinagar

**FRESH SHORT TERM** NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER No. 35 of 2023-2024

Dated: 08.12.2023

For and on behalf of the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Commissioner, e-tenders are invited on a percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered th J&K Govt., CPWD, sRailways and other State/Central Governments for the below mentioned wo

S.	Name of the WorkNo	Adv. cost	Cost of T/	Earnest	Time of	Head of	Class of	AA order No	T.S. Order
No.		in lacs	Doc. in Rs.	Money	Com-	Account	contractor		No. dated
				(In Rs.)	pletion				
1.	Const. of surface drain from	1.78	210	3560	3 weeks	<b>MPLADS</b>	DEE	Order No. 17-DDCS of	313 dated:
	H/o Ghulam Hassan Kumar							2023 dated: 09.03.2023	08.12.2023
	upto H/o Ghulam Qadir Kumar							read with DDCS/DEV/	
	at Kumar Mohalla Bonigam							MPLADS/17th LS/6147-	
	Shalimar							50 dated: 12.10.2023	
2.	Community Toilet at Jenab	13.17	610	26340	8 weeks	City	DEE/CEE/	Order No. 134 of 2022	314 dated:
	Sahib Soura inside two blocks					Grants	DEE	dated: 28.01.2022	08.12.2023
	( Penovation / Pestoration)								

Position of AAA: Accorded, Technical Sanction: Accorded

The NIeT consists of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms and conditions of contract other details can be seen/

downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the date schedule given below:-						
S. No.	Particulars	Date from to				
1	Date of publication of e-portal	08.12.2023				
2.	Date of Downloading of bid documents for said NIeT	08.12.2023 from 05:00 PM				
3.	Date of uploading of bid document / bid submission starts	08.12.2023 from 06:00 PM				
4.	Date of uploading of bid document/ bid submission Ends	18.12.2023 at 06:00 PM				
5.	Date of Bid opening	19.12.2023 at 11:00 AM				
6.	Date of Submission of Uploaded documents (Hard Copies) by Successful Bidder including Bid	20.12.2023 up to 04:00 PM				

Security (CDR/FDR), Tender document fee Note: - (The Date of EMD/Challan must be from the date of start of bid upto Bid Submission End date

The intending tenders should attach a call denosit receipt equivalent to 2% of the advertised cost / total cost of the work shown against each work pledged to the Executive Engineer Right River Works Division, SMC, drawn from any scheduled Bank without which no tender will be entertained

Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in the shape of Bank Receipt / challan as a tender fee paid in the Municipal Account No. Viz RRWD) and Earnest Money/bid security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Bank Receipt/ Challan and earned money/bid security should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date). The tender fees is non-refundable and can also be paid through online mode via NEFT/RTGS in favour of F./A/ Chief Accounts officer, Srinagar Municipal Corporation with Bank Details as given below:-

Name of the Bank: -Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd. Balgarden, Srinagar 0216010200000007 Bank Account No: -**JAKAOGARDEN** MICR CODE: 190051008

Any payment for Tenders fees through online mode shall necessarily mention the following information. (Sender Name, Account No of Sender/Beneficiary, Transaction ID, Reference ID, Transaction date and time, The Remarks should necessarily mention NIT NO, SNO and RRWD viz. NIT 03, SNO. 10, RRWD)

For one particular work, only one bank Receipt / challan (not more than one) of the exact amount of tender fees (neither lesser nor greater) as shown against that particular work must be paid and uploaded with the tenders. The same tender fees paid and uploaded for a particular work should not be again used/ uploaded for any other work in the NIeT (i.e. one Bank Receipt / Bank Challan for one work only)

over writing for any work such tender /bid shall be considered as invalid bid and shall be out rightly rejected and action under rules shall be initiated Further use of pencil in writing (NIT No and S. No) on tender fees and EMD must be avoided.

Tender Fee and other relevant documents including Bid security (CDR/FDR) duly filled up, if found uploaded, with any ambiguity or un-attested correction/

The participating agencies/contractors are advised in their own interest not to resort to any cheating while submitting and uploading the tender document

Fees or any other document. The bidders are requested to uploadfollowing documents:

EMD in the shape of CDR and FDR.

Registration card and its latest renewal.

Verification of Registration Card from competent Authority

Latest GST clearance.

Correspondence Address of the Agency with active Mobile No. Bank Account details (16-digit Bank Account No, Branch office, IFSC code)

Any other document required to be uploaded as per the NIeT.

The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an E-mail message on their email address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on the same website in the office of the Executive Engineer, Right River Works Division, SMC (Regal Lane, Lal Chowk, Srinagar) or in the office of the Informatics officer, SMC (Karan Nagar Srinagar). In case of holidays/ offices happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids, or there is any Net problem the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids. The lowest successful bidder has to furnish 5% of the contract value/allotted cost cost as performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR immediately after

opening of tenders. The performance security required as per NIT conditions shall be released after DLP is successfully over. Earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR shall be released after performance security is received. The earnest money in favour of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Bank Receipts/chal-

The earnest money shall be forfeited, if: Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any Modifications to the terms and conditions of the bid.

Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process

No: SMC/EERRWD/1989-1996 Dated: - 09/12/2023

**Executive Engineer** Right River Works Division Srinagar Municipal Corporation

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Name: Sharief Ahmad Lone F/N: Ab Majeed Lone M/N Bhakti Begum DOB 10-11-2000 Residence: Gulshanpora Tarbal

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Noor Mohammad Kumar (DOB 12-03-1960) S/o Abdul Aziz Kumar R.o Kralpora Magam

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

This notice is issued to general public for inviting objections, if any with regard to appointment of guardian of person and property of Mst. Zaina W/o. Late Ghulam Rasool Zargar R/o.Fateh Kadal Srinagar, legal heirs of the Mst.Zaina have filed a petition under section 14 of the persons with disability Act 2016 before the hon'ble court of principle District and Sessions Court at Srinagar with the title TEHMEENA RASOOL V/S PUBLIC AT LARGE which is listed on 22th day of December 2023, therefore it is informed that in case anybody wants to file objections in aforesaid case may approach to the hon'ble court on 22 December 2023 failing which it shall be deemed that nobody has any objections in this regard.

The parentage of my daughter namely Arwaa Banday has been writen in SAMIE school as Javaid Ahmad Banday while as it should be Javaid Hassan Banday which in question is as per my Adhaar Card and School Records. I have requested school adm to rectify this error and as such if anybody is having any objection he can do so within 5 days after publishing this.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Javaid Hassan Banday R/o Beerwah

ازعدالت ایڈیشنل ڈسٹر کٹ جج ( بنک مقد مات )سرینگر بااجلاس:اروندشر ما

J&K Bank B/U Zakura Sgr

Javaid Ahmad Sheikh

دعويٰ وصوليا بي رقم مبلغ =/ اشتهار بمراد آگاهی بنام

1. Javaid Ahmad Sheikh S/o Gh Nabi Sheikh R/o Shaheed Guni Sgr 2. Reyaz Ahmad Khan S/o Mohd Ramzan Khan

R/o Firdous Colony Eidgah Sgr 3. Umer Farooq Khan S/o Farooq Ahmad Khan R/o

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ہے کہ آپ کے خلاف مقدمہ بعنوان بالا اجراء بغرض وصولی رقم مبلغ ، Rs: 1,84,381 نریهاعت عدالت مذاہے۔ لہذا آپ کو بذریعہ اشتہار مذامطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ آپ بغرض پیروی ابراء مذابعنوان بالامورخا 2023-12-11 اصالتاً ما وكالتاً بروفت كچيري حاضراً كرمقدمه منداكي پیروی کریں \_بصورت عدم حاضری حسب ضابطہ کا روائی بعمل لائی جائے گی څخر بر ایڈیشنل ڈسٹر کٹ جج بنک مقد مات سرینگر

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### 13 Shops Gutted In Separate Fire **Incidents In Central Kashmir**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: At least 13 shops were gutted in separate fire incidents in twin districts of Central Kashmir, including Srinagar and Gnderbal leaving a property worth lakhs damaged.

At least seven shops were gutted in a massive blaze that broke out in a shopping complex in the main market of Kangan in Ganderbal district, officials said.

An official said the midnight blaze caused extensive damage, particularly to two cloth houses within the complex.

The fire tenders rushed to the spot and doused the flames, however, the belongings worth lakhs of rupees were damaged, said the officials.

Meanwhile, no loss of life, or any injury was reported in the incident, and the cause of fire is being ascertained.

Moreover, six shops were damaged in a midnight blaze at Batamalloo area of Srinagar, officials said.

At least six shops, officials said, in a single-story shopping line in Batamalloo were damaged in the fire that broke out at around 2:34 am.

He said the timely response from the F&ES personnel prevented the fire from spreading further.

Furthermore, no loss of life or injuries was reported in the incident, the official said, adding the cause of the fire is being ascertained.

## **Awareness Camps Under VBSY Held Across Srinagar Panchayats**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: As part of ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), a widespread awareness campaign was launched by PHE Department on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar to disseminate awareness among rural masses and to reach out uncovered beneficiaries.

During the awareness programs, the Department set up stalls at villages of Khonmoh A, B, C, Balhama A, Balhama B and Panzinara A, Panzinara B, Faqir Gujiri A, Faqir Gujri B, Dara A, Dara B. Syedpora, Khimber, Theed A, Theed B and Gandtal for creating awareness regarding various issues related to Water Quality Monitoring, e-billing on single window system and other activities related to the Jal Shakti Department.

The appreciation letters/ Abhinandan Patra were also distributed, acknowledged by Sarpanch, Pani Samiti members of each rural village of Srinagar District

### Rs 20.62L **Disbursed Among** 38 Beneficiaries

rinagar: With a view to reach out uncovered beneficiaries under ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, the Labour Department on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad conducted dissemination and awareness campaigns in different Panchayats of the District.

During the awareness camps held at Nowgam, Lasjan, Fakir Gujri, New Theed, Dhara, Panzinara and other Panchayats of the District, the Labour Department sensitized the people about various Government flagship programs.

# **Court Holds Father Guilty Of Sexually Harassing Minor Daughter**

Srinagar, Dec 23: A court in Srinagar on Thursday held guilty a father for sexual harassment of his 9-year-old girl in city outskirts.

"In my opinion, therefore, the prosecution has also succeeded in establishing offence of sexual harassment also against the accused person," Aarti Mohan, Presiding Officer Fast Track Court For POCSO Cases here said.

However, the court acquitted the father-farooq Ahmad Beigh for offences under section 354-B (assaults or using criminal force to any woman or abetting such act with the intention of disrobing or compelling her to be naked), and 506 (criminal intimidation), observing that prosecution has not led any evidence

with respect to the same.

"...the offence under section 9 (l), (n), (p) and section 11 stand established against the accused. The accused is accordingly convicted u/s 9 read with section 10 and section 11 read with section 12 of POCSO Act," the court said and ordered listing of the file for arguments on quantum of punishment on December 11.

As per the prosecution, the case was registered in 2021 following a complaint with police station Nowgam Srinagar by the girl that she is studying in 9th class and her father is harassing her for the last three months and tries to make an illegal relationship and uses vulgar language. Public Prosecutor Mohammad Maqbool represented the prosecution in the case.

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

**New Campus Bemina Srinagar** 

I have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class- 10th)under Roll No:. 8114538 Session: 2019-20 Year 2019 through the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. Due to the error committed by the concerned School/parent/Board against my Name as Tabeer Hussain Instead of Tabeer Hussain Bhat



Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. New Campus Bernina. Srinagar, if any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period no objection will be entertained.

Name: Tabeer Hussain Bhat F/N: Fida Hussain Bhat M/N: Fehmeeda DOB: 05-04-2004 Residence: Hassan Abad Rainawari Srinagar



A group of people have gathered around a bonfire to warm themselves amidst an intensified

# **Wire-Free Markets In Old City, Wooden Bridge At Amira Kadal Soon**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Under the much-hyped Smart City project, the government is all set to come up with a couple more wire-free markets as well as a wooden bridge presently under construction at the site of Old Amira Kadal, which would be completed by the next four months.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL), Athar Aamir Khan said the work on various projects is going on in full swing at present at various places in Srinagar including the old city.

"In Shehr-e-Khaas, among various projects like Dalagte-Gojwara road, Nallamar Road, typical heritage markets including Zaina Kadal, Malarata stretch, Nawa Bazaar, Nawa

Kadal, Karan Nagar have already been taken up," he said. Khan further said besides roads,

the work on sewerage and other projects have been started; the drainage networks are being laid while underground electricity is also being done in Zaina Kadal and Malaratta. "Like Residency Road, the work

to lay the underground wires is being done also in heritage markets of the downtown including Zaina Kadal and Malaratta," he said. Three types of roads, He said, are

being designed at present, which include vehicle priority, shared streets and specifically for pedestrians for which tile paths and other things are being done.

About the heritage buildings, he said some of these buildings have deteriorated and to restore the façade, the work has been divided into four parts. "At least 6-7 agencies are working in downtown areas at present and the work is being monitored on a daily basis," he said.

He also informed that a wooden bridge is coming up at Amira Kadal, saying that the new wooden bridge is being constructed at the site of Old Amir Kadal bridge to integrate Lal Chowk and Riverfront with Hari Singh High Street, Goni Khan, Maharaja Bazar and other adjacent parts.

"The work to construct the bridge has been already started while a load testing was needed and is being done at present with NIT,' he said, adding that the work has been started in a full-fledged way and the project is expected to be completed in the next 3-4 months.

### GOVT. OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

# J&K Projects Construction Corporation Ltd.

Head Office: Haft Chinar (Near Sher Gali Police Station) Srinagar, J&K-190009, Jammu Office: Panama Chowk, Rail Head Complex, Jammu-180001

> NOTICE INVITING TENDER E-NIT No. 02 Dated: 09-12-2023

For and on behalf of Managing Director J&KPCC Ltd. e-Tenders are invited from the Registered and Experienced Chartered Accountants as per the details given here under:

1.		Name of Work	Conducting audit of the accounts of the Employees Contributory Provident Fund Trust (C.P. Fund trust) of the Corporation for the financial year 2022-23 and ITRs
H			/resolution of subsequent notices, if any, for the years (2019-20 to 2022-23)
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b		Date of Issue of Tender Notice	09-12-2023
7.		Date and time of submission of bids online	09-12-2023
8		Last date and time of submission of bids	16-12-2023 upto 2:00 PM
		online	
9		Date of opening of technical bids online	18-12-2023 after 1:00 PM
10	0.	Date of opening of financial bids	Will be conveyed after technical evaluation

Terms and conditions etc. can be downloaded from website www. iktenders.gov.in

No: PS/MD/3777-81 DIPK-NB-4708/23 Dt: 09-12-2023

Sd/-Trustee CPF JKPCC Ltd., Jammu/Srinagar.

**Executive Engineer ED Ganderbal** 

# **Office Of The Executive Engineer Electric Division (KPDCL) Ganderbal**

Phone/Fax no: 0194-2416236 E-mail:-edgbl123@gmail.com

> NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER e-NIT no: 102 of 2023-24 dated 25/11/2023

For and on Behalf of Managing Director KPDCL Kashmir, Tenders are hereby invited from  $resourceful/reputed \ \textbf{Class A Electrical Contractors} \ Registered \ with \ competent \ Authority \ / \ PDD/PDC \ / MES \ for \ PDD/PDC \ / MES \$ following work for the following job.:-

Name of the work	Est. cost (in Lacs)	CDR Amount (In Rupees)	Cost of tender document (Treasury Challan)	Class of Contractor	Completion Period	Position of funds
SITC for Aug of 100KVA by 200KVA sub Station at Takiya Lar-B and Aug of 100KVA by 200KVA Sub Station at Dushpora Lar-B, Masjid Shareef Qasami Lar-B, Pakhtoon Basti Lar-B and Naiteng Alfala Masjid at Lar-B under PRI Grants for the Year 2023-24	1.56	2% of Advertis ed Cost	Rs 500/-	Class-A Electricals Contractors	Within 20 Days from the date of issuance of LOA	Authorized

The tender document consisting of terms &conditions, Bill of Quantities and other details can be seen/downloaded from official web site of JKPDD or http://jktenders.gov.in as per following schedule:

S#	Description	Date	Time
1.	Publish/uploading of e NIT Date	09-12-23	17.00 hrs
2	Documents Download/Sale start date	09-12-23	17.00 hrs
3	Clarification Date Start	09-12-23	17.00 hrs
4	Clarifications Date End	11-12-23	16.00 hrs
5	Bid submission Start date	10-12-23	09.00 hrs
6	Bid submission end date	16-12-23	14.00 hrs
7	Opening date for E-tender	18-12-23	14:00 hrs
8	Venue of opening e bids	Office of the Executive	Engineer ED Ganderbal

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TRAFFIC POLICE: 9419993745, 01998-266686 PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883 PDD: 0194-2450213

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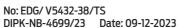
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## This Day In History

- 1510 Muslim ruler of Goa, Yusuf Adil Shah and his Ottoman allies surrender to Portuguese forces led by Afonso de Albuquerque who puts the Muslim population to the sword
- 1684 Isaac Newton's derivation of Kepler's laws from his theory of gravity, contained in the paper De motu corporum in gyrum, is read to the Royal Society by Edmond Halley
- 1899 Battle at Storm Berge South Africa Boers vs British army 1905 - Austrian pacifist and writer Bertha von
- Suttner becomes the 1st woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 1906 - US President Theodore Roosevelt is the 1st
- American awarded the Nobel Peace Prize
- 1913 Bengali poet Rabindranath Tagore becomes the first non-European to be presented with the Nobel Prize for Literature for "Gitanjali"
- 1914 French government returns to Paris 1919 - Nobel Peace Prize awarded to US President
- **Woodrow Wilson** 1926 - 2nd part of Adolf Hitler's Mein Kampf
- published 1931 - Manuel Azaña becomes Prime Minister of
- Spain with Niceto Zamora as President 1940 - British anti-offensive in Libya (Sidi Barrani)
- 1941 Japanese troops overrun Guam 1943 - British 8th Army (1st Canadian Infantry
- Division) occupies Orsogna/Ortona Italy 1948 - UN General Assembly adopts the Uni
- **Declaration of Human Rights** 1961 - USSR & Albania break diplomatic relations
- 1964 Nobel Peace Prize presented to Dr Martin Luther King Jr. in Oslo 1966 - Nobel for chemistry awarded to Robert S.
- Mulliken 1967 -Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine awarded to Ragnar Granit, Haldan Keffer Hartline
- and George Wald "for discoveries about the makeup of the eye 1967 - Guatemalan author Miguel Ángel Asturias is awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in Stockholm
- 1968 Japan's biggest heist, the still-unsolved "300 million yen robbery", occurs in Tokyo. 1972- USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern
- Kazakh/Semipalitinsk USSR 1973- Bruno Sammartino beats Stan Stasiak, to
- become WWWF champ for 2nd time 1973- For the first time since 1885, tennis has 2 top-
- ranked male players Americans Stan Smith and Jimmy Connors 1974- European Economic Community calls for a
- European Parliament
- 1974- Helios 1 launched by US and Germany; later makes closest flyby of the Sun 1974- Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Irishman Seán
- MacBride for his human rights work and Japanese Prime Minister Eisaku Sat for signing Nuclear Non-**Proliferation Treaty**
- 1975- Andrei Sakharov's wife Yelena Bonner accepts the Soviet dissident's Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo - Sakharov not allowed to leave the country
- 1976- Samuel C. C. Ting is the first person to deliver a Nobel Prize lecture in Mandarin, during the ceremony to award him and Burton Richter the Nobel Prize for Physics for discovering the J/ particle
- 1977- Soyuz 26 carries 2 cosmonauts to Salyut 6 space station
- 1978- Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat accept the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo for negotiating peace between Egypt and Israel
- 1980- Soyuz T-3 returns to Earth 1980- USSR performs underground nuclear test
- 1981- The United Nations General Assembly approves Pakistan's proposal for establishing nuclear free-zone in South Asia. 1982- CDC report on a transfusion recipient who
- developed AIDS symptoms
- 1982- Soyuz T-5 returns to Earth, 211 days after take-off
- 1983- American cytogeneticist Barbara McClintock, aged 81, is the first woman to be solely awarded Nobel prize for Physiology or Medicine for her discovery of genetic transposition in maize [1]



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# Unraveling the Challenges of Communication in Mental Health Awareness

Farooq Shah

uring a mental health awareness event last week, a young girl in the audience stood up and posed a question to the expert when he invited queries from the public. "How can one effectively encourage a person requiring psychiatric help who adamantly refuses any form of assistance from any source," she inquired.

The expert scrutinized the girl, attempting to discern the nature of her question. In his response, he inundated her with a plethora of technical terms and jargon, leaving her bewildered and utterly perplayed.

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Seemingly at a loss and unable to decipher the expert's vocabulary, the girl requested him to raise his vocal pitch as he was seriously inaudible to the audience, thereby unsettling him further. Despite his earnest attempts to amplify his pitch, he faltered, unable to project his voice audibly. The event's sound system, rather than helping the situation, emitted disconcerting noises that added an unexpected layer of chaos, further exacerbating the already challenging communication between the expert and the perplexed girl.

This impasse continued for some time, with neither party yielding ground, and the expert's fatigue became palpable on his countenance. Baffled, he scanned the audience and luckily zeroed in on a clinical psychiatrist, a seasoned professional who routinely deals with psychiatric patients, charging a fee for his services.

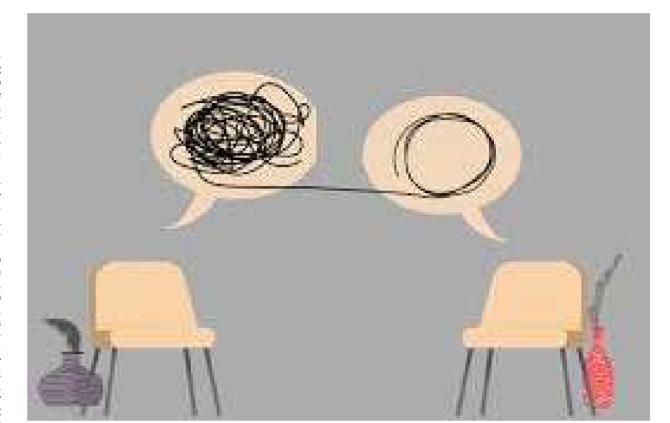
Recognizing him as the sole individual capable of extricating him from the predicament, the expert astutely redirected the question to the doctor, who graciously accepted the challenge.

The doctor rose from his seat, giving his coat a brisk shake with his hands, walked gingerly towards the podium, and took hold of the microphone. Hesitatingly clearing his throat, he omitted any introduction and cautiously requested the girl to repeat the query.

The girl, adamant to seek an answer, humbly repeated the question.

The doctor, holding his head high, scanned the surroundings with an air of professionalism. Opting to communicate in English, he adopted an accent, seemingly prioritizing authoritative delivery over substantive content to prevail over the audience. Following in the footsteps of his predecessor, the doctor inundated the girl with the same jargon. Furthermore, he asserted the legal empowerment of psychiatrists to compel the evaluation of such patients in order to address the issue

At this juncture, the girl's interest in the query had waned. Unable to find satisfaction, she chose to bring the inquiry to a close, with the doctor concluding the matter in a typical



Zakir Naik style by saying, "Hope you get the answer."

The reality remains that not a single person, including the girl, got the reply, and instead, it sparked numerous additional questions. The most assertive among them being, "Does the entire communication protocol between a counselor and a sufferer appear to be entirely missing from the equation?"

I posed the question to another expert in the field, a senior professor, who metaphorically bit his fingers, conveying a sense of frustration and bemoaning that the mishandling of the situation right from the beginning had resulted in the squandering of a valuable learning opportunity presented by this specific instance.

"There might be various factors—such as child abuse, substance abuse, parental neglect, sexual violence, harassment, family or external bullying, suicidal ideation, relationship abandonment, and more—at the core of the issue," he mentioned. "This has exacerbated the predicament for the girl, and those accountable for neglecting her query have committed a transgression against both God and the profession they have chosen."

A sincere cry for help has regret-

tably gone unnoticed, he lamented.

The professor, while strongly against the idea of holding such events in the first place, expressed dissatisfaction with the lackluster efforts of such organizations and discouraged their hosting, particularly with a vulnerable generation that has endured various hardships in attendance.

"While ostensibly designed to share information with good intentions, the coordinators of these events inadvertently do more harm than good, the professor continued. "The root cause lies in the persistent lack of proper training and empathy among the available resources, leading to a detachment from the urgent concerns within the community."

We are not genuinely descending to the level of these individuals and placing ourselves in their positions to assess the situation, he remarked.

Pertinently, the event in question featured some experts who presented information through PowerPoint slides and other materials, reciting details from internet sources that were disconnected from the actual on-the-ground reality.

Notably, no one provided statistical data regarding the patient count, the ratio of patients to doctors, the underlying causes, infrastructure, or challenges associated with addressing the issue. Given the prevalence of information easily available on the internet, which at times can be seriously misleading, this lack of concrete data is particularly concerning, hence dangerous in shaping perceptions and strategies for mental health awareness and support.

Moreover, the inadvertent use of negative terminology such as "mentally-challenged", employed by certain experts indicated their insensitive and apathetic approach in dealing with such a sensitive topic.

There will inevitably be a divergence between what is written in textbooks or available on the Internet and the real-world situations encountered. Therefore, psychiatrists and other mental health professionals should immerse themselves in the community, cultivating both empathy and sympathy, rather than aspiring to remain aloof in ivory towers.

Mitigating the risk of miscommunication between psychiatrists and their patients experiencing psychosis represents a cost-effective strategy to improve treatment outcomes from both the psychiatrist and patient viewpoints. Addressing these challenges becomes vital for enhancing the overall treatment outcomes. This is particularly crucial for patients who frequently struggle with establishing positive relationships with psychiatrists and healthcare services in general

The most widely endorsed communication model in the medical field is patient-centeredness. This approach emphasizes a shift from focusing solely on the disease to customizing care based on the individual concerns and preferences of patients. It takes into account the biological, psychological, and social dimensions of illness.

Undoubtedly, the success of medical treatment hinges on the quality of the relationship between the patient and the clinician.

The manner in which the girl's question was handled during the socalled mental awareness program highlights the significant impact that faulty communication can have on potentially perilous results.

In a lecture from 2000, Terry Canale, Vice President of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, aptly rounded it off: "The patient will never care how much you know, until they know how much you care."

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n December 3, 2023, Amir Suhail Wani wrote, "Memoir of a Specially-Abled Person" in the local daily, Kashmir Observer. In my mindscape, his Twitter pictures reign supreme. A bookworm who is girdled around by books. A lover who is bitten by Urdu poetry and sporadically treats his followers by a couplet or two. His shikwah is genuine. It is legitimate. Amir reminds me of all other persons with disabilities who I have had a privilege to know, especially who have carved a niche for themselves.

Bashir Ahmad Mir doesn't hear. He doesn't talk either. He is deaf and dumb by birth. But Bashir Ahmad - a resident of Ratnipora village of Tangmarg - doesn't need any of them when he holds the painting brush. What he does on the canvas leaves onlookers awestruck. Deaf and Dumb by birth, Bashir's inclination towards painting became conspicuous very early in his life. With age, his brush strokes became more enticing. Today he has hordes of paintings to give an envious décor to his CV. Moreover, he works as a Casual Labour in Gulmarg Cable Corporation. He didn't enroll in any art school. Isn't he special?

Sayer Abdullah, a resident of Vessu, Anant-

# Write Them Off at Your Own Peril

Tanveer Magrey

nag, is a professional motor sport driver who lost his right arm in a road accident at the age of 11. Literally and metaphorically, he takes the challenges head on single-handedly. Having a Master in Corporate Law, Sayer, 27-years-old, works as a court Clerk in the R & B department. Isn't he spe-

Mohd Sultan is a Kashmiri research scholar who is bereft of both the arms. Hailing from Wusan Bangil, a small village in north Kashmir's Tangmarg area, his handicappedness didn't deter him to pursue PhD at Kashmir University. Apart from academic excellence, Sultan works as a counselor in the Student Welfare Department. With stoicism and perseverance, he marches ahead to turn his dream into reality. Isn't he special?

Kashmir Observer readers would remember Zahid Manzoor, the one-legged boy I had done a feature on. With his disarming smile, he feeds off the positivity and tranquility in his family.

As I am writing this piece, a wonderful story of two scholar siblings from South Kashmir's Hanjan village are busy adding envious feathers to their mortarboard caps despite being blind. Having cracked Junior Research Fellow (JRF), Aqib Rahman and Rohi Rahman are ascending the academic ladder with thumping authority. Moreover, Aqib has grabbed a scholarship recently that would land him in Scotland for Masters in Human Rights and Diplomacy.

The list is endless. Due to the paucity of space, I have only mentioned a few.

"Disability needs not to be an obstacle to success," Stephen hawking, a wheelchair-bound physicist, had written in this first -ever world disability report in 2011. He is being proved right by every person with disability who goes an extra mile to carve a niche for himself/herself. They have left their deep imprints in every sector. Their canvas is not limited. Their CV has all the coveted ingredients to roll too many heads. Their skillset stands them out. They don't need a disdainful look. They need a comforting arm over shoulder, a high-five on their achievements, a hurrah on their accomplishments.

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# Half Marathon: Painstaking Peer Ki Gali

Tani Khan

The 24Km run from Dobjan Bridge, Hirpora in Shopian to Peer ki Gali is a grueling test of endurance and resilience. With sub-zero temperatures and an altitude of 3500 meters above sea level, this run presents a unique set of challenges for participants. It is a true testament to the human spirit, pushing boundaries and proving that with determination, anything is possible.

As we gathered at the starting point near Dobjan Bridge, the frigid air served as a stark reminder of the challenging conditions that lay ahead. The sub-zero temperatures added an extra layer of difficulty to the run, testing our ability to adapt and persevere in extreme weather conditions.

As we began our ascent towards Peer ki Gali, the altitude became a significant factor. The decreasing oxygen levels made each breath more laborious, and the body had to work harder to perform at its peak. The participants had to dig deep and summon our inner strength to overcome the physical and mental challenges posed by high altitude.

The course presented a variety of terrains, each with its own set of obstacles. From rocky paths to uneven surfaces, we had to maintain focus and agility to avoid potential injuries. The sub-zero temperatures added an additional layer of complexity, as icy patches and slip-

pery surfaces demanded careful footwork and balance.

Despite the demanding conditions, we were rewarded with breathtaking views along the way. The snow-capped mountains and picturesque valleys served as a reminder of the awe-inspiring natural beauty that surrounded them. The serene landscape provided motivation and inspiration, fueling our determination to push through the challenges and reach their goal.

Throughout the race, we found solace in the support and encouragement of our fellow participants. Strangers became allies, offering words of motivation. The shared experience of overcoming the elements created a sense of camaraderie and unity among us, making the journey more bearable.

As we approached Peer ki Gali, fatigue threatened to take its toll. However, the anticipation of the finish line and the cheers from fellow participants propelled us forward. With every step, they drew closer to our goal, their determination unwavering despite the physical and mental exhaustion.

Crossing the finish line was a moment of triumph and accomplishment. The sense of achievement and the applause from fellow participants erased the pain and hardships endured throughout the race. Each runner had conquered not only the distance but also their own limitations, emerging stronger and more resilient.

The 24km run from Dobjan Bridge Hirpora Shopian to Peer ki Gali is a true test of physical and mental strength. Running in sub-zero temperatures and at high altitudes demands unwavering determination and resilience. The runners who take on this challenge prove that with the right mindset and support, they can overcome the harshest of elements and achieve their goals. It is a testament to the indomitable human spirit and serves as an inspiration to all who witness their incredible journey.

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# A Memorable Trip to Kashmir University

Aamina Qadir Bhat

The experience of visiting KU broadened our perspectives, ignited our curiosity and instilled in us a deep appreciation for the love and power of education

Department of Islamic Studies, Ĝovt. Degree College Sogam (Lolab), a far-flung but fertile area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district, organized a one-day subject tour of 1st and 3rd semester Islamic Studies students on 29th November 2023 to the University of Kashmir (KU). On this subject tour, which was part of our syllabus, we were accompanied by Dr. Tauseef Ahmad Parray (Assistant Professor, Islamic Studies ), Dr. Rafiya Wali (our Urdu teacher) and other staff members, including Mr. Basharat Bashir, Mr. Aamir Sohail and Mr. Aamir Sohail Khan. The purpose of this tour was to enhance our understanding about this subject and to get first hand information about academic resources available at KU.

We started our journey at 8:00 am from the college campus and after travelling for about four hours, we reached KU campus at noon, where we visited different places. Entering KU campus was an experience which can't be expressed in words. The first place we visited was Markazi-Noor/ Shaikh-ul-Alam Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies (SACMS). Here we were given a warm welcome by Prof. Adil Amin Kak (Chairman, SACMS) and Dr. Muhammad Ilham (faculty member, Islamic Studies at SACMS) gave us a brief introduction of the Centre. We got information about its library and the



aim of SACMS. This Centre is for (multidisciplinary) research programme and focuses on exploring, compiling and disseminating the teachings of all sufi saints of the valley especially Shaikhul-Alam. This Centre also strives to digitise rare manuscripts. As a token of love, SACMS gave us complimentary copies of their annual journal, ALAMDAR.

After SACMS, we visited the Allama Iqbal Library and its museum. Dr. Sameer Gul (Librarian, Allama Iqbal Library) and his team gave us a warm welcome and appreciated the steps of GDC Sogam, under the visionary leadership of our worthy Principal

(Prof. Shamim Ahmad Dar), for giving us such a learning opportunity which proved much helpful in thinking about our future planning.

The museum in this library displays manuscripts, calligraphy, pictures, traditional dresses and ceramics that were used in the past. The library is known for its rich collection of books and resources for all subjects. The library provides a conducive environment for students and researchers to expand their knowledge.

After these two places, we visited Shahi-Hamdan Institute of Islamic Studies (SHIIS). Here we

were given a warm and gracious welcome by Prof. Salahuddin Tak (Professor of Arabic; HoD, SHIIS) and other staff members and made us feel valued and appreciated. SHIIS offers a wide range of courses and research opportunities, by focusing on various aspects of Islamic studies. The library of SHIIS is wellstocked with a wide range of books, journals, research materials and rare manuscripts. We had a tour to this library and were briefed about its different sections by Dr. Bilal Ahmad Wani. We also had the opportunity to attend insightful and helpful interactive sessions by esteemed

teachers of SHIIS, including Dr. Nasir Nabi, Dr. Abid Mushtaq, Dr. Bilal Ahmad Wani, Dr. Shahzad Bashir and Dr. Bilal Ahmad Malik, who gave us a brief historical introduction of this institute, courses and academic programs they offer, the course structure (especially under NEP-2020) and the opportunities available to the students after completing their graduation in Islamic Studies. On this occasion, our teacher (Dr. Tauseef Ahmad, an alumni of SHIIS, KU) also shared his experiences and narrated his academic journey to us. SHIIS had also arranged a delightful refreshment for us. As a token of love, SHIIS

gave us complimentary copies of three issues of their annual journal, INSIGHT ISLAMICUS.

After SHIIS, we visited the Directorate of Distance Education (DDE), where Dr. Altaf Anjum (AP and coordinator of DDE), Dr. Mohammad Dawood Sofi (coordinator, Islamic Studies), Dr .Syed Ishfaq Ahmad Shah (AP, Education) and Dr. Towseef Ahmad Dar (coordinator urdu,DDE) interacted with us and gave us a brief introduction about the courses offered by DDE, admission procedure and other necessary guidelines. We were informed that DDE provides flexibility to the students to pursue their education goals in a way that suits their individual needs. The professors shared their experiences and our Urdu teacher (Dr Rafiya Mam) also spoke on this occasion.DDE also served us with refreshment.

As the tour came to an end, we left KU with a sense of fulfilment and a renewed passion for learning. The experience of visiting KU broadened our perspectives, ignited our curiosity and instilled in us a deep appreciation for the love and power of education. KU continues to be a beacon of knowledge and a hub of academic excellence; it is, indeed, a garden of knowledge filled with beauty and serenity. It stands as a testament to the dedication and passion of its faculty and administration, who are striving to shape the minds of the future generation.

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# 'Divorced From Reality': US Vetoes UN Resolution On Gaza Ceasefire

United Nations: An extraordinary UN bid to call for a ceasefire in Gaza was blocked by the United States on Friday while Israeli forces continued a relentless offensive to destroy Hamas after its deadly attack two months ago.

The fighting has left 17,487 people dead in the Palestinian territory, mostly women and children, according to the latest count from the Hamas-run health ministry.

Israel has vowed to eradicate Hamas over its unprecedented attack on October 7 when militants broke through Gaza's militarised border to kill around 1,200 people and seize hostages, 138 of whom remain cap-

tive, according to Israeli figures. Vast areas of Gaza have been reduced to a wasteland. The UN says about 80 percent of the population has been displaced, facing dire shortages of food, fuel, water and medicine, and the growing threat of disease.

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres invoked the rarely-used Article 99 of the UN Charter to convene an emergency Security Council meeting calling for an immediate ceasefire.

He urged the release of hostages, but said "the brutality perpetrated by Hamas can never justify the collective punishment of the Palestinian people".

But the US, which supplies billions of dollars in military assistance to Israel, vetoed the

Its deputy representative at the UN, Robert Wood, said it

was "divorced from reality" and 'would have not moved the needle forward on the ground".

That was in spite of warnings from the World Health Organization that civilisation was collapsing in Gaza.

"People are starting to cut down telephone poles to have a little bit of firewood to keep warm or maybe cook, if they have anything available," WHO spokesman Christian Lindmeier said.

Doctors Without Borders (MSF) said the Security Council was "complicit in the ongoing slaughter".

Battles on multiple fronts -Israel's military said it had struck 450 targets in Gaza over 24 hours, showing footage of strikes from naval vessels in the Mediterranean.

The Hamas health ministry reported 40 dead near Gaza City in the north, and dozens more in Jabalia and the main southern city of Khan Yunis.

"May God punish those who can see our suffering and remain calm," said one Gazan, Rimah Mansi, who told AFP they had lost "all those we

### Israel has lost 91 soldiers in

It said two others were wounded in a failed bid to rescue hostages overnight, and "numerous terrorists" were killed in the operation.

Hamas claimed a hostage was killed in the operation, and released a video purporting to show the body, which could not be independently verified.

Hamas rocket parts, launchers and other weapons as well as a one-kilometre tunnel were found at Al-Azhar University in Gaza City, the army said, as it warned residents to move

Many of the 1.9 million displaced Gazans have headed south, turning Rafah near the Egyptian border into a vast

"It's so cold, and the tent is so small. All I have are the clothes I wear, I still don't know what the next step will be," said Mahmud Abu Rayan, displaced from Beit Lahia in the north.

The death count also rose in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, where Israeli forces shot dead six Palestinians on Friday, the territory's health ministry

The armed wing of Hamas, the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, said it had fired more rockets towards Israeli

### - 'Protect civilians' -

An attack on the US embassy in Iraq deepened fears of wider regional conflict.

Salvoes of rockets were launched against the mission in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, adding to dozens of recent rocket and drone strikes by pro-Iran groups against American or coalition forces in Iraq and Syria.

Thousands of Jordanians demonstrated near the US embassy in Amman to denounce Washington's support for Israel.

French President Emmanuel Macron was the latest world leader to push for more aid to Gaza, urging Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a phone call to reopen the

that handled more than half of goods into the besieged terri-

tory before October 7. The UN said 69 trucks carrying supplies and fuel had entered from Egypt on Thursday -- well below the average 500 daily truckloads before the war.

US President Joe Biden earlier urged Netanyahu to open "corridors" to allow civilians to move safely.

### - Hanukkah -

Israelis remained deeply traumatised by the Hamas attack and fearful for the fate of hostages as they marked the Jewish festival of lights, Hanukkah, which began Thursday.

A 138-branched menorah candelabrum was lit in Tel Aviv for the remaining captives.

The war has also led to deadly cross-border exchanges on the Lebanese frontier.

An AFP investigation into October 13 strikes in southern Lebanon that killed a Reuters journalist and injured six others, including two from AFP, found it involved a tank shell only used by the Israeli army in this region.

The nature of the strikes and lack of military activity in the immediate vicinity of the journalists indicate the attack was deliberate and targeted, the investigation found.

Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch said the strikes merit a "war crime" investigation.

Israel's army said the strikes occurred in an "active combat zone" and were under review.

## RBI seems less hawkish on liquidity management: Chief Economist, HDFC, Abheek Barua

Srinagar: Abheek Barua, Chief Economist, HDFC has said that the RBI policy was status quo as the central bank kept its policy rate and stance unchanged, as expected. However, the RBI seemed less hawkish on liquidity management compared to the previous policy which could be seen as a signal of a move towards neutrality. This implies that while the RBI is likely to act against a significant surplus, it might also not favour a large deficit going forward. We see some near-term downward pressures on liquidity due to tax outflows but a more comfortable position beginning 2024 led by higher government spending and foreign inflows.

structural 'Moreover, changes like the opening of the SDF and MSF windows on weekends and holidays by the RBI today could also help aid more symmetric liquidity



and 4% in Q1 & Q2 in FY25." T He said the other change in the policy was the significant upward revision in the GDP forecast for FY24 to 7% -- higher than our expectations of 6.8%

be in line with the RBI's infla-

tion forecast which shows a

gradual move towards 5.2%

for the full year. Interestingly for the next fiscal year, RBI GDP projections also remain on the higher side at 6.7% and 6.5% in Q1 & Q2 FY25. Whether these upbeat numbers signal that there is room for monetary policy to remain tight for longer or in fact assume support from some easing in monetary policy remains an open question. For now, we continue to expect the RBI to start its rate cut cycle not before the June/ August policy in 2024.

# Rasna Launches Multiple Products At **Global Investors Summit**

Srinagar: At Uttarakhand Global Investors Summit, Rasna announced the launch of their Rasna Himalayan Gulab Sharbat, Himalayan Gulkand and Himalayan Gulab Chywanprash. To increase Rasna's presence in the state, the products will be manufactured using raw materials such as pure rose oil and rose water all sourced from the valleys of Uttarakhand.

Rasna through its extensive manufacturing and marketing outreach with 12 factories in India and 1.6 million outlets coverage in India and

availability in more than 60 countries will launch the product in India and abroad simultaneously, especially in Middle East where Indian rose products are already in demand.

Commenting at the Uttarakhand Global Investor Summit, Group Chairman of Rasna, Mr. Piruz Khambatta said "Rasna is dedicated to work in line with the Hon. Prime Minister's vision of food from India for the world. We have launched the Rasna Himalayan Gulab Sharbat, Himalayan Gulkand, Gulab Chywanprash and aim to

roll out additional products PAN India and globally, all of which will be manufactured using raw materials sourced from the state. This will immensely help the farmers of Uttarakhand by improving their income and getting better value for their crop."

Rasna Himalayan Gulab Sharbat would be available in two pack sizes 750 ml at Rs. 160 and 600 ml at Rs. 130, across Rasna's mammoth market of 1.6 million outlets through its 26 depots, 200 super stockists, 5000 stockists and 900 sales force.

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### 9 Booked For

a police spokesperson, Waseem Mushtaq Malik of Safapora and Aadil Ahmed Rather of Nunner, Ganderbal were found involved in spreading hateful content on social media.

"Under the recently issued order of the District Magistrate, legal action has been initiated against both of them," the spokesperson said.

While urging people of Ganderbal to remain vigilant about the misuse of social media, he said, any attempt to vitiate the environment and create issues of public order will be seen seriously and legal action will be taken.

Similarly two youths were also booked in Budgam district on charges of misusing social media platforms to spread rumours.

To uphold peace and order, Budgam Police has taken strict measures against individuals misusing social media platforms to spread rumours, two troublemakers have been booked and presented before the Magistrate, with ongoing investigations into the matter", police spokesperson said.

Police, he said, encourages the public to stay vigilant and collaborate with law enforcement to apprehend any individuals engaging in disruptive activities and abusing social media, posing a threat to the community's peace and tranquility.

In Baramulla district, another social media user was booked for uploading hateful videos.

The police said that legal proceedings have been initiated against Bilal Ahmad Wani of Pattan in response to his uploading of hateful videos on social media platforms, containing inflammatory and seditious statements.

Pertinently, apart from police, several District Magistrates in Kashmir Valley have issued advisories, asking people to refrain from preparing, posting, spreading or propagating incendiary messages and propaganda of terrorist and separatist outfits on social-media platforms.

"Such acts on part of these antinational persons or groups are prejudicial to the security of the state, maintenance of law and order and are likely to disturb the public tranquility", reads the orders issued by the

"Such acts on the part of these antinational persons or groups are aimed at terrorising common citizens and public functionaries from discharging their lawful duties," the order adds.

Meanwhile, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir Zone VK Birdi on Saturday urged parents to monitor activities of their children, especially use of social media.

"Police will take stringent measures and legal action against those found promoting anti-national or terror narratives on social media, so parents should counsel their children to stay away from these activities," Birdi told

reporters in Bandipora.

He also warned people against misusing social media for terror narratives and disturbing peace in the region,

### **LG Lauds Armed**

Forces are playing a crucial role in combating terrorism to create a safe and secure environment for people. It is our collective responsibility to look after the families of Martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for the country, Sinha added

Brig. Gurmeet Singh Shan, Director, Sainik Welfare Department, J&K pinned the Armed Forces Flag on the

He briefed Sinha on the initiatives of the Department including the enhancement of daughter marriage grant, introduction of widow remarriage grant and other welfare endeavours for the Veterans. Veer Naris. dependents and serving Armed Forces personnel.

### **LG Calls For**

world, to the young generation. "Sanskrit is our priceless cultural heritage, which is now being looked upon with admiration across the world. It is the greatest treasure of knowledge in Science, Medicine, Botany, Literature and many other

subjects," he said. "The interdisciplinary approach and voluminous work in Sanskrit on different subjects can contribute to the growth of the knowledge economy and develop values, ideals and utilise it for the well being of society," he added.

At the foundation day function, the LG shared the key initiatives of UT Administration for the promotion of Sanskrit and value-based education in Iammu Kashmir.

He said the vacant posts for Hindi, Sanskrit and Indian Philosophy in Universities in J&K have been filled.

"Today, Indian Philosophy is being taught in Universities of the UT. This is a testimony to our commitment to promote cultural and linguistic traditions in Jammu Kashmir," he said.

Sinha also felicitated international mountaineer Col. Ranbir Singh Jamwal and renowned Surgeon Dr. Sanjay Sharma for their significant contribution in their respective fields.

Earlier, the LG congratulated the Trustees, President and all the members of Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust on the occasion. He commended the organization for tirelessly working for the promotion of Sanskrit and its firm commitment to the ideas of selfless service of the

needy. The event was also attended by Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri Adhokshajanand Devtirth Ji Maharaj.

### Cop Injured

When contacted, Medical Superintendent JVC Srinagar, Dr. Shifa Deva said that the condition of the injured is stable and has been taken to the Army's 92 Base Hospital, Badami Bagh, Srinagar for advanced treatment.

Meanwhile, the whole area has been cordoned off and police have taken cognizance of the incident—(KNO)

### **PM Modi Hails**

moving forward with the intention of the development of the nation.

"Your enthusiasm is a source of strength for me", Modi said, noting the enthusiasm for VBSY in Jammu & the rest of the country.

According to the spokesperson, the PM said that it is a guarantee of the bright future of the new generations and expressed satisfaction that people from around the country are joining the bandwagon of development and lauded the contributions of the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is being undertaken across the country to attain saturation of flagship schemes of the government by ensuring that the benefits of these schemes reach all targeted beneficiaries in a timebound manner.

Upon the PM's enquiry about the apparent changes in her village compared to previous years, Nadia, the spokesperson said, replied that the Jal Jeevan Mission proved to be a game changer with clean and safe tapped water supply reaching their homes where water issues once prevailed.

"She also thanked the Prime Minister for the benefits of gas connections under the Ujjwala Yojna, education in government schools and extending PMGKAY for another 5 years," he said.

Modi, he said, also enquired about the experience and impact of the VBSY van in her village to which Nadiareplied that the people welcomed it by rituals performed on auspicious occasions according to the Kashmiri culture.

### **CB Charge Sheets**

disburse & credit the salaries in individual accounts which were later on projected as Government Employees and thus they managed to obtain loans from different other branches of the bank thereby causing wrongful loss to the tune of Rs 5 crore," the spokesman said.

All these loans are now non-performing assets of the J&K Bank, the spokesman said, adding, efforts are on to identify other people involved in

### **CBI Court Frames**

Kulgam fraudulently and illegally issued gun licences.

In the charge sheet filed by the CBI, the accused persons include Farooq

Ahmad Khan, the than DM Kulgam (now retired), Syed Farooq Ahmad (ex-Stenographer/Judicial Clerk (now retired), Mohammed Imran Lohri, Owner of M/S Imran Gun House Arms and Ammunition Dealer Wannoh Anantnag and Mohammad Siddiq Proprietor M/S Kotwal Gun House Arms & Ammunition, dealer, Kotwal

Mohalla Anantnag.

The former DM of Kulgam, Farooq Ahmad Khan, has been accused to have fraudulently and ilelgaly issued gun licences in connivance with other accused. As per the CBI, the licences authority brazenly flouted the norms, procedures and rules governing the subject in lieu of "monetary considerations by abuse of their official posi-

tion as public servant." "This court is of the considered view, that ...material evidence (produced by CBI before the court) is sufficient to raise the grave suspicion as regards to the alleged involvement of accused persons in commission of alleged crime ie abuse of official position by accused No. 1 & 2 (DM and Judicial Clerk) in pursuance to criminal conspiracy hatched with co-accused no 3 to 4, whereby the accused have fraudulently and illegally issued the Arms licence in favour of many persons who were neither residing nor posted in District Kulgam at relevant time," Suresh Chander Special Judge

Anti-Corruption (CBI Cases) said. "Moreover, the Arms licences have been issued without verification of character and antecedents for monetary considerations," the court said, adding, "Hence, prima facie case is made out for framing the charge against the accused persons." The accused persons, the court said, are charge-sheeted for commission of offences U/Sec. 120-B, 420 RPC r/w Section 5(1) (d)/5(2) J&K PC Act. Svt.2006.

"The accused persons are chargesheeted accordingly. Charge is read over & explained to the accused persons. The accused persons have denied the charge & have claimed for trial," the court said, adding, "Therefore, Prosecution/CBI through Ld. PP CBI directed to produce witnesses."

### **Court Holds**

by a woman with Police Station Soura that on 6 June 2018 her husband Ghulam Ahmed Mir was beaten to death by accused including Mukhktar Ahmed Shah, his father Ghulam Mohammed Shah and sisters of Mukhtar during irrigation of land. The victim, as per the prosecution, was attacked with a hard lathi and sharp weapon on the back of head.

...on the basis of the legal propositions settled by the law, it can be safely concluded that prosecution has failed to establish that there was prearranged plan between the accused persons as such accused are not vicariously liable under section 34

RPC," the court said, adding, "Another important point for consideration is the disappearance of spade used by accused No. 2 as weapon of offence. None of the witnesses cataloged by prosecution have stated regarding disappearance of the shovel neither through direct evidence nor through circumstantial evidence. As such does not attract punishment to accused persons under section 201 RPC. I am of the view that prosecution has miserably failed to prove that the accused has caused the disappearance of the

Furthermore, the court said, one of the accused-Ghulam Mohammad Shah— as per the prosecution story has used the spade in the quarrel has died during the trial and the proceedings against him stand abated.

Viewed thus, I have no hesitation in observing, at the cost of repetition that the prosecution has succeeded in proving its case beyond any reasonable shadow of doubt against the accused No. 1 (Mukhtar) for committing culpable homicide not amounting to murder of the deceased," the court said, accordingly convicted Mukhtar for offence under section 304 part II. Mukhtar's sisters were acquitted of the charges levelled against them. Public Prosecutor Mumtaz Saleem Mir represented the prosecution.

### **Srinagar Shivers**

a dip in the night temperature by a

From December 12 to 15, there is a possibility of light rain or snowfall at isolated places in the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir, the office said.

### Rape Accused

Dharminder Singh from Sarore and recovered some quantity of heroin worth over Rs 20,000 from his posses-

sion, the spokesperson said. In another case, police arrested Dhuni Chand who is accused of causing the death of a woman some time back due to negligent driving from

Vijaypur area of the district. Samba Senior Superintendent of Police Benam Tosh said police are making all efforts to arrest those involved in heinous crimes and taking all such cases to their logical conclu-

### sion without any delay. 2 Burglars Arrested

his gold items worth Rs. 12.5 lacs

and fled away from the spot. Accordingly, he said, a case vide FIR No. 253/2023 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Chadoora and investigation was taken

"Acting swiftly, a Police party led by Incharge PP Mouchua, after strenuous efforts and with the help of technical inputs apprehended the two accused persons at Pahalgam Anantnag and recovered all the stolen gold items worth lacs from their possession," the

spokesperson said. He identified the duo as Aijaz

Khan, both residents of Bagi-Mehtabh "Further investigation into the case is going on," he added.

Ahmad Khan and Showkat Ahmad

### **372 Gentlemen**

Gen Silva said the immaculate parade reflected their high level of training and he was confident that the passing out gentlemen cadets will serve their motherlands with commitment, loyalty and valour.

The coveted Sword of Honour and the Gold medal went to Battalion Under Officer Gauray Rawat, the silver medal to Battalion Under Officer Saurabh Badhani and the bronze to battalion under officer Alok Singh.

With Saturday's POP, the Indian Army has got 343 new officers.

The 29 passing out gentlemen cadets from 12 friendly nations include nine from Bhutan, four each from Sri Lanka and Maldives, three from Mauritius, two from Nepal and one each from Bangladesh, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Sudan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Uttar Pradesh had the highest representation in the course with 68 gentlemen cadets followed by Uttarakhand (42), Rajasthan (34), Maharashtra (28). Bihar (27), Haryana (22), Punjab (20), Himachal Pradesh (14), Jammu-Kashmir (10), Kerala (9), West Bengal 9), Madhya Pradesh (7), Jharkhand (5), Odisha (5), Andhra Pradesh (4), Tamil Nadu (4), Delhi (2), Guiarat (2), Chandigarh (2), Arunachal Pradesh (1), Assam (1), Manipur (1), Meghalaya (1)

### and Telangana (1). **AOI 'Very Poor'**

department has predicted mist for Monday. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to settle around 24 and 9 degrees Celsius respectively, it said.

The national capital has recorded 10 severe air quality days this November

An AQI between zero and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', 401 and 450 'severe' and above 450

### 'severe-plus'. Rs 26L Looted

ATM with Rs 26.58 lakh in the four wheeler. Oneperson was wearing a tiger mask, while another had a cap.

muffler and gloves," he said. On the complaint of the manager of EPS, the payment technology services firm that owned the ATM, a case has been registered, he said.

"The entire episode has been captured on CCTV. Four teams of the Crime Branch and personnel from the police station have been deployed to solve the case and nab the culprits,"

# Kashmir's Growing Affection For Underfloor Heating Signals A Cozy Revolution

**Syed Mohammad Burhan** 

**SRINAGAR:** As winter unfolds its chilly vibe in the Kashmir Valley, a distinct shift in trends is taking place with the use of modern heating gadgets becoming increasingly

Despite, power crisis looming large, a notable transformation is being witnessed in the realm of winter essentials.

"The age-old tradition of embracing warmth through traditional Kashmiri Hammams is gradually making way for the contemporary allure of Electric Hammams or underfloor heating" said Meekail Ahmad, a leading importer of electric Hammam and Turkish fireplaces in India.

Meekail believes that traditional ways of warming ourselves are fading and amidst the technological advancements and the market dynamics have also changed.

"It was not the case a decade back. In 2023, we are witnessing a rising demand for electric alternatives, sidelining the traditional Kangri, a once quintessential firepot, to the background of winter rituals."

Amid the prevailing power crisis in the Valley, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha met Union Power Minister R K Singh in New Delhi on Thursday and requested him to allocate additional electricity to Jammu and Kashmir to meet the rising power supply demand in winter.

The LG also informed the Minister that the current demand of electricity has touched around 2800 MW with a deficit of approximately 1400 MW in the current winter season.

Assuring full support to the LG, the Power Minister said that 1500 MWs have already been allocated to J&K while additional 472 MWs of electricity under Shakti policy will be given to J&K after signing of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) by the end of this month.

Meekail says since J&K procured additional electricity, his company Magnate Group is witnessing a surge in calls with more and more customers enquiring about the underfloor heating systems.

"Since the news of more power purchase by the government became public, more and more people are calling us to enquire about the product. Our work would usually be less by this time of the year. However, we are seeing an increase in the inquiries and sales." Meekail said, adding that this innovative adaptation reflects a growing awareness of wellness and a desire for modern amenities.

"The electric hammam industry in Kashmir is witnessing a boom, with manufacturers and suppliers working tirelessly to meet the rising demand. The surge in installations not only underscores a cultural shift but also positions Kashmir as a trendsetter in redefining contemporary home spaces," he said.

"In the fast-paced world of today, working individuals are choosing convenience with a remote thermostat for their electric hammams. With just a tap from your workplace, the hammam activates, ensuring a warm welcome upon your arrival at your home," he added.

Talking about the cost of un-



derfloor heating, Meekail said the price ranges from brand to brand with the world's top notch brand priced at Rs 300 per sq ft to Rs 350

"The cost of Warmup underfloor heating for a 100 sq ft room ranges from Rs 30,000 to 32,000, which elevates the luxury of radiant warmth, where coziness meets cost-effectiveness." Meekail said.

However, he said the price of local brands including that of South Korea was around Rs 270 per sq ft, and the one from Turkey around Rs 220, per sq ft.

Meekail quickly added that he doesn't recommend brands from India and China, since their reliability has not been proven.

"The local brand has a high electromagnetic field, however, in high quality brands the electromagnetic field is very less," he said, adding that the shift in consumer

behavior is evident as Kashmiris increasingly opt to incorporate these electric hammams into their washrooms.

"The trend of using the underfloor heating in washrooms has picked up in the last few years, following the footsteps of European countries where it is mostly used .It is used in the walking area except the space beneath the toilet and the wash basin," he said.

"With people prioritizing comfort over everything, why would some-one shiver in a washroom, when he or she can go for installation of underfloor heating," he added.

Giving details of the installation process, Meekail said the heating system rises 2 to 2.5 inches above the floor.

"Where elevation isn't an option, we seamlessly dig and fill with concrete. In just around five hours, we transform your space into a haven of comfort" Meekail said, adding "In Kashmir, our underfloor heating installation takes a unique approach compared to Europe. Responding to electricity challenges, we revamped our method.

'We sandwich the heating mat between layers of concrete - first insulation, then concrete, heating mat, and another layer of concrete. This distinctive approach ensures that our underfloor heating system in Kashmir excels in retaining heat, overcoming the limitations of standard electronic heating systems."

Pertinently, the traditional Hammam of 10'x10' comes at a cost ranging from Rs 50,000 to 70,000. However, breaking barriers in affordability, the underfloor heating system offers a revolutionary alternative, being 60 to 70 percent more budget-friendly than the conventional hammam.

Meekail says at first people were reluctant and were very apprehensive about it but with time and with word of mouth their sales have increased manifold.

We ventured into the business of underfloor heating in 2008. Back then, we had very few takers, but with time people are embracing new technology," he said.

He also maintained that the ongoing electricity crisis was hitting his business.

"The underfloor heating system retains heat for a few hours even with the erratic power supply,' Meekail said.

However, Meekail had a word of precaution for people going for installation of underfloor heating and fireplaces.

"A lot is being sold in the name of Turkish Bukharis in the market. People need to stay vigilant. They need to buy only DEFRA approved fireplaces and also need to ensure that the underfloor heating is also certified," he said

Pertinently, the surge in the sales of electric appliances is being witnessed despite the widespread installation of smart meters by au-

Noted Pulmonologist, Dr Naveed Nazir said that the underfloor heating system has no generation of gases, is completely insulated which makes it safe.

"I have been using the electric hammam for quite some time now. In terms of providing comfort, it is as good as a traditional one. There is no production of smoke and it is properly insulated. It is a good alternative and a safe one" Dr Naveed said.

A significant number of individuals continue to choose underfloor heating emphasizing the indispensable nature of heating rather than a mere luxury.

Mushtaq Ahmad, a resident of Rainwari said that he installed the underfloor heating some ten years back, a decision he does not regret.

"I have had a very good experience with it and it retains the heat for a few hours," Ahmad said, adding "I don't bother to pay an extra Rs 2000 as electricity fee, as the comfort it provides is a lot more than that.

The winter of 2023 unveils a nuanced interplay between tradition and modernity, as Kashmiri denizens navigate the evolving landscape of seasonal preferences.

## **Govt Needs An Excuse To Put Us Under House Arrest: Omar**

**Press Trust Of India** 

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah Saturday expressed apprehension that mainstream politicians in Kashmir may be put under house arrest ahead of the Supreme Court's verdict on Article 370 petitions, claiming the government needs just an "excuse" for it.

He said he can only hope and pray the decision is in favour of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"They need an excuse to put us under house arrest and they have an excuse. As we are unaware of what the decision would be, so are they. If they know, then there should be an investigation." Abdullah told reporters in Kulgam district when asked about his views ahead of Monday's verdict.

"Who will say with authority what is to happen? I do not have any such machinery or way by which I can come to know today what those five honourable judges have in their hearts, or what they have written in the judgement.

"I can only hope and pray that the decision is in our favour, but, I cannot neither claim that success will be ours, nor, anyone else can. We are waiting for the judgement, let it come, we will talk then," he said.

To a question about what the NC's future course of action, the former chief minister said he does not react to ifs and buts.

"Let the decision come, we

are not running away from here. We will react then," he added. Responding to another ques-

tion about the expulsion of TMC MP Mahua Moitra, Abdullah said it was very unfortunate. "After her expulsion, when

Moitra spoke to media, Faroog (Abdullah) was present. Our full support and sympathy is with her. We regret that she was not allowed to speak in the Parliament to clear her stand. This proves that might is right,"

Omar said the BJP should remember that they will not be in power forever.

"Unfortunately, the tactics they are using today could probably be used against them in future," he said.

# **LG Sinha Echoes PM's** Call For 'Vocal For Local'

**Encourages Entrepreneurship For Regional Growth** 

**Observer News Service** 

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha resonated with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Vocal for Local' initiative during his address at the 'Mahotsav 2023', held here on Saturday. The event, organized by La-

dakh, Jammu, and Kashmir

Economic Growth and Development Dialogue (LEAD) at Gulshan Ground, witnessed LG Sinha's endorsement of the drive for regional economic resurgence. "In today's age dominated can upgrade their business and

by algorithms entrepreneurs marketing skills in promotion of unique local products. Under the guidance of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, Vocal for Local initiative is full of dynamism and potential to put the J&K on a higher growth path," LG said.

Applauding the LEAD initia-



tive's strides in sustainable development of J&K and Ladakh, LG Sinha urged entrepreneurs to refine business and marketing skills to promote distinctive local products. He highlighted the growth potential of various sectors in Jammu Kashmir, and called upon young entrepreneurs to take advantage of new opportunities and strengthen the local to go global.

LG reiterated the commitment of the J&K Administration to promote entrepreneurial and

startup culture in the UT.

Flagship programmes, like One District One Product and District Export Hub, are providing opportunity to artisans, agro-based industries to exploit the potential increase the share of our exclusive products in growing global demand and strengthen the brand positioning of unique crafts, he said.

He said the active participation of entrepreneurs during the two-day Mahotsay will become a source of inspiration for the aspiring youth of the UT.

Jammu and Kashmir is followed by Maharash-

tra, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, which

as per the document has a potential to produce

64320, 61660, and 38440 MWs of solar energy.

## **There Should Be No Politics** On SC Or Art-370 Verdict: BJP

**Press Trust Of India** 

SRINAGAR: There should be no politics over the Supreme Court or its judgment on petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution and its verdict should be respected by the entire country, BJP's Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Ravinder Raina said on Saturday.

The remarks of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader came in response to a reporter's question on PDP president Mehbooba Mufti's comments that it seems there is a "fixed match" as the Jammu and Kashmir police is planning to detain her party workers ahead of Monday's verdict.

"There should be no over the Supreme Court or its judgments as it is regarded as contempt of court. The courts of the country are supreme and there is nothing higher than that. I am sure that Jammu and Kashmir as well as the 140 crore people of the country will respect the decision by heart and accept it," Raina told reporters here.

He said the entire country respects every decision of the Supreme Court.

Whatever decision the Supreme Court takes on the issue of Article 370 will be respected by the entire country. The Supreme Court heard the matter online, a bench headed by the chief justice of India heard the matter and gave an opportuni- miriyat," he said.



ty to both sides. We will accept and respect whatever decision the court takes," Raina said.

Earlier in the day, the BJP leader visited the residence of slain Jammu and Kashmir Police Inspector Masroor Ahmad Wani, who was killed in a ter-

Wani was shot at by a Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist when he was playing cricket here in October. He died at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi on Thursday.

Raina visited the slain police officer's residence at Narwara in the Eidgah locality of the city.

Talking to reporters there, the BJP leader described Wani's killing as a heart-wrenching incident.

"He (Wani) was a very able person who always helped the oor and needy. It pains our heart. The enemies of peace, Kashmir and humanity have committed a huge sin. For how long will the blood of innocent people be spilled? This is intolerable. This is the murder of humanity and Kash-

## **CS Reviews Progress Of Ongoing VBSY With DCs, District Prabharis**

**Observer News Service** 

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Saturday took first hand appraisal from the DCs and GoI appointed District Prabharis regarding the progress and participation of people in the ongoing nationwide Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) in the UT here.

The meeting was also attended by Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles (UT Prabhari); Divisional Commissioner Kashmir/Jammu; Secretary, Mining; Secretary, Planning; DG, Planning; DG, E&S; SIO besides others During this meeting the

Chief Secretary lauded the efforts of the Divisional and District administration for making this yatra successful till now. He impressed upon them to keep the momentum going and not let the enthusiasm of people down. He told them to make it vibrant by holding multiple activities at

the venues. Dulloo further impressed upon the concerned to reach out to all the vulnerable sections of the society and target for saturation of all the beneficiary oriented schemes.

He asked them to cover all the Panchayats and display live drone

presentations including the dissemination of publicity material among public to create ample awareness about government schemes and programmes. He called upon the con-

cerned district administrations to be prompt with updation of details in the portal. He even directed them to ensure that each activity envisaged under this yatra are practiced in each village and data fed into the portal. He asked for making the yatra interesting for all age groups including school children, women and old aged.

## **Govt Identifies Land For Development Of Solar Power Projects** has a potential to produce 111050 MW of solar

SRINAGAR: Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir have said that it has identified land for development of solar projects which will effectively generate power to the extent of '750 MW'.

"I&K has already identified land for development of solar projects which will effectively generate power to the extent of 750 MW, requiring an investment of around Rs 4,000 Cr," official documents reveal. "In addition, the potential for setting up floating solar projects is yet to be assessed." it reads.

The official documents further reveal that "In view of the huge unexploited potential to develop generation projects through renewable resources, J&K, in the coming years, shall become a hub of investment opportunities for the developers and private players in the generation sector."

As per the document, Jammu and Kashmir

### Government of Jammu and Kashmir, OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL & **HOSPITALS DIVISION SKIMS/JVC.**

**HEAD QUARTER: SKIMS SOURA SRINAGAR** 

email: mechanicalskims@gmail.com Sub:i-Extension notice. Name of the work:-

Repairing and maintenance of Medical air compressor manifold providing and replacing allied items medical gas system in main hospital at SKIMS Soura This office e-NIT NO.MHD, SKIMS/JVC 89 OF 2023-24 dated. 01.12.2023 Due to no response the critical dates for above referred e-NIT are hereby extended as follows;-

1 Bid submission (uploading) closing date:- 15.12.2023 upto 1.00pm. Date of opening Cover-Ist:Date of opening Cover-2<sup>nd</sup>: 16.12.2023 (3.00Pm. or next convenient date) Shall be intimated separately.

All other terms and conditions shall remain same.

No:- MHD/ SKIMS/ JVC//23-24-Dated. 09 /12/2023

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**Executive Engineer, Mechanical** & Hospitals Division SKIMS/JVC

### Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION URI

**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER** 

e-NIT No.98 of 2023-24/5923-32/R&B Uri e-tendering DATED: 09-12-2023

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are being invited on an percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works

S.No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ DOC (In Rupees)	E/Money	Time for completion of work	Time &Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	M.H of Account
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
01	Construction of 1x15mtr. Span Foot Bridge over Nallah Gohallan at JablaSukhdar	43.62	1100/-	87250/-	100 days	16.12. 2023	AAY BEE	UT Sector

Project Authority: Chief Engineer Kashmir

Position of funds: Available Position of AAA/TS/Accorded

rejected outrightly.

Dated: 09-12-2023

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The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other detail's can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in

		as per schedule of dates given below:	
[	1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	09.12.2023
[	2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	09.12.2023 from (10:00 AM) to 15.12.2023 (4:00PM)
[	3	Bid submission Start Date	09.12.2023 (10:00 AM)
[	4	Bid Submission End Date	15.12.2023 (4:00PM)
ſ	5	Date & time of opening of Rids (Online)	16.12.2023(11:00 AM) in the office of Executive Engineer R&R Division Uri

Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan/ CDR (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Uri (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document. All other terms, conditions shall remain same as per NIT No: 1 of 2023-24 issued under No; -350-70 dated: 20.04.2023 PWD form 25

If the contractor/HMPO quotes rate for any item of work in his tender as free of cost at the time of tendering process, his tender shall be

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, No.:-2023-24/5923-32 DIPK-13508-23

Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Uri.



# Winter Cricket C'ship **Begins In Kupwara**

**Observer News Service** 

**KUPWARA:** The cricket enthusiasts of Kupwara gathered in full fervor Saturday to witness the inaugural ceremony of the Winter Cricket Championship.

The event unfolded at Sport Stadium Panditpora, Langate; Sport Stadium Galizo; Sports Stadium Chamkote; and Sports stadium Hakaniabad Punzwa, setting the stage for a thrilling season of cricket.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by the presence of DDC

Chairman, Irfan Sultan Panditpori at Langate, ADC Kupwara Ghulam Nabi Bhat at Sports Stadium Hakaniabad Punzwa, DDC Hayama Adv Amina Majeed and DDC Hayama Haji Sona-ullah Khan at Galizo, DDC Karnah Adv Najma Hamid alongwith Tehsildar and SHO Karnah at Army Cricket Ground Chamkote.

Local dignitaries, sports personalities and cricket enthusiasts were also present, in large numbers, contributing to the vibrant energy that filled the air.

# **Qazigund Girls Lift District Level Tennis Ball Title**



**Observer News Service** 

**ANANTNAG:** The Department Of Youth Services & Sports organised Under-17 Girls Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament on Saturday at HSS Dailgam, in which four zones of district Anantnag participated.

At the inaugural ceremony, Principal Govt. Higher Secondary School Dailgam was Chief Guest and she congratulated the department for organising the tournament despite odd weather.

The final match was played between Zone Qazigund and Zone Achabal, in which Qazigund Girls lifted the title and became the champions of the tournament.

# **BCCI Gives Update On** Hardik, Dravid's Tenure



**Press Trust of India** 

MUMBAI: Injured India allrounder Hardik Pandya is undergoing intense rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy and could be fit for next month's T20 series against Afghanistan, BCCI secretary Jay Shah said on

Saturday. Hardik had torn ligament of his left ankle while trying to stop a powerful hit off his own bowling during a World Cup match against Bangla-desh in Pune, ruling him out of the remainder of the tour-

"We are monitoring it on a day-to-day basis. He is at NCA only, he is working very hard

and we will let you know in the due course the moment he is fit. He could be fit before the Afghanistan series also," Shah told reporters on the sidelines of the WPL auction here.

While Pandya has been a regular T20 skipper since 2022 T20 World Cup semifinal exit, Shah didn't want to make any comments on much discussed comeback of Rohit Sharma in the shortest format ahead of T20 World Cup in June-July in the Americas.

"What is the need to have clarity right now? It (T20 World Cup) is starting in June. We have the IPL before that and also the series against Afghanistan," said Shah.

### We will finalise tenure of support staff after SA tour

The turnaround time between World Cup and South Africa tour was so short that despite giving Rahul Dravid and his team extension, the tenure couldn't be formalised, something that will happen once they are back from the Rainbow Nation, said Shah.

"We have given the extension but we are yet to finalise the contract. We did not get time at all, they finished (with the World Cup). I had a meeting with them (Dravid & Co.) and we agreed mutually that they will continue. We will sit down and decide once they return from South Africa," the secretary said.



# NZ Edge Bangladesh In Low **Scoring 2nd Test, Level Series**

Agencies

MIRPUR: New Zealand beat Bangladesh by four wickets on the fourth day of the second test on Saturday to level the twomatch series at 1-1 as Ajaz Patel ripped through the Asian side with six wickets before his bat-

ting colleagues secured victory. Chasing 137 to win on a treacherous track at Mirpur's Shere Bangla Stadium after Bangladesh's Zakir Hasan hit a battling 59, the tourists rode

on Glenn Phillips' unbeaten 40 and Mitchell Santner's 35 not out to prevail.

Phillips was dropped on nought by skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto but maintained his composure after the Black Caps were reduced to 69-6 before tea to build a seventh-wicket stand of 70 and earn his team a first test win in Bangladesh in 15 years.

They travel to New Zealand for three one-day internationals and as many Twenty20 matches this month.

# Salah Scores His 150th PL Goal; 200th For Liverpool



Agencies

LONDON: Mohamed Salah League goal in Liverpool's game against Crystal Palace on Saturday.

The Egypt forward moved up to 10th on the all-time list of scorers in the division, tied with former Liverpool forward Michael Owen.

The goal was also Salah's 200th for Liverpool in all competitions – becoming the fifth player to reach that landmark figure for the Merseyside club.

Salah's deflected effort in the 76th minute levelled the score 1-1 at Selhurst Park after Jean-Philippe Mateta put Palace ahead from the penalty spot in the 57th. Harvey Elliot made it 2-1 in added time.

# **MAZBOOTI SE BANI HAR** — DEEWAR SE JHALAKTE HAI — DIL KE EHSAAS



