

J&K Year Ender

SC Verdict On Article 370, G20 Meets In Kashmir Highlights Of Year 2023

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Srinagar: It was a momentous year for Jammu and Kashmir as the Supreme Court gave its stamp of approval to the revocation of its special status and the bifurcation of the erstwhile state into two union territories, and the Narendra Modi-led government scored a diplomatic victory by holding a key G20 meeting in Kashmir Valley.

However, another year has passed by without elections being held for the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly

while urban local body and panchayat polls, which were due this winter, have been put off for the time being.

The BJP-ruled Centre got a massive shot in arm when a five-judge bench of the Supreme Court upheld the government's decision taken in August 2019 on Jammu and Kashmir's special status under Article 370 of the Constitution.

Regional parties like the National Conference, which was one of the petitioners against the Article 370 abrogation before the Supreme Court,



and the PDP have vowed to carry on the struggle for the restoration of special status. "We don't have to lose heart."

We will continue our struggle. The Supreme Court is not God. The same Supreme Court had earlier said that Article 370 cannot be amended without recommendation of (Jammu and Kashmir) constituent assembly. They were also learned judges. Today some other judges passed the ruling. We cannot treat it as God's verdict," PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said after the December 11 verdict of the apex court.

"An unconstitutional and illegal act that took place in Parliament was declared legal.

It is nothing less than a death sentence not only for Jammu and Kashmir but for the idea of India," Mufti said.

National Conference leader Omar Abdullah said his party is prepared for the long haul.

"I am disappointed but not disheartened. The struggle will continue. We are also prepared for the long haul," Abdullah said on the Supreme Court decision.

Ghulam Nabi Azad, a former chief minister and the chairperson of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), termed the | More on P6

J&K Police Transfers 15 DySPs

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday ordered a major reshuffle by transferring 15 Deputy Superintendents with immediate effect.

In an order Zaheer Abbas, has been transferred from DySP SCRB to SDPO Nehru Park Srinagar, Mohd Irfan Khan from DySP PCR Jammu to SDPO Arnas, Owais Rashid from DySP DAR Budgam to SDPO Bijbehara, Owais Ahmad Wani from DySP CIO Kulgam to SDPO Chrar-e-Shareef, Ajaz Ahmad from DySP PC Kupwara to SDPO Kokernag, Ashaq Hussain Dar from DySP Hqs Anantnag to SDPO Zakura, Abdul Ghafoor from ZPHQ Kashmir to DySP DAR Awantipora, Bhupinder Kumar from DySP CID CI Jammu/Samba to SDPO Mendhar, Ajaz Ahmad from DySP DAR Reasi to SDPO Mahore, Javaid Ahmad Lone from DySP IR-11th Bn | More on P6

SHORT TAKES

Last Date For Haj Forms Extended

The Hajj Committee of India has extended the last date for submission of online application forms for Haj - 2024 till January 15, 2024. All the intending pilgrims possessing machine readable valid Indian International Passports issued on or before 15th January, 2024 and valid at least up to 31st January, 2025 are eligible to apply for Haj - 2024, an official spokesperson said. It has further been | More on P6

LG Meets Slain SSF Constable's Family

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday visited the family members of Special Security Force (SSF) Personnel, who died in a road accident here early this month. Selection Grade Constable Ravi Kumar was critically injured when his bike hit a road barrier outside the Raj Bhawan, here on December 13. He was rushed to the Government Medical College Hospital, | More on P6

Pistols, Grenades Seized In Poonch

Security forces on Friday seized arms and ammunition, including three pistols and four hand grenades, during a search operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, police sources said. The search was conducted by a team comprising personnel of the police and the Army in the Kasblari area of the district, they said. | More on P6

India Records 797 New Covid Cases

India has logged 797 new cases of COVID-19, the highest in 225 days, while the number of active cases of the infection have been recorded at 4,091, the health ministry said on Friday. Five new fatalities due to Covid-- two from Kerala and one each from Maharashtra, Puducherry and Tamil Nadu -- have been reported in a span of 24 hours, according to the ministry's | More on P6

'ARTICLE 370 GONE'

People Of Kashmir Free For First Time: PM

Observer Monitoring Desk

Srinagar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that people of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are free for the first time with the abrogation of Article 370 and they can now shape their destinies with their own hands.

In an interview with India Today, PM also said that the Constitution of India, which protects the rights of socially vulnerable groups, is fully applicable to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He also spoke about the Supreme Court upholding Parliament's decision to abrogate Article 370, elections in the Valley and ensuring sustained peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The issue in front of the country is not the Supreme Court bringing legal closure. The people have an issue with the delay in terminating a temporary provision," Modi said.

He said despite India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru stating in Parliament on Article-370 that "Ghiste ghiste ghis jayega (it would erode and disappear one day)",



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for seven decades, the people of Jammu and Kashmir were deprived of their rights, especially women and those from underprivileged communities.

"With Article 370 gone forever, the people of J&K and Ladakh, for the first time, are free to shape their destinies with their own hands," he said.

The provisions of Article 370 were abrogated by the Centre on August 5, 2019, and the erstwhile state was bifurcated into the Union territories of Jammu

and Kashmir and Ladakh. On December 11 this year, the Supreme Court five-judge Constitution Bench said the President's 2019 order to scrap Article 370 was valid.

Speaking of the changes that have taken in the Union Territory post Article-370 abrogation, the PM said that the women of Jammu and Kashmir are today emerging in various fields, from sports to entrepreneurship, while new industries are opening up. | More on P6

Mobile Internet Restored In Rajouri-Poonch

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Jammu: Mobile Internet services were restored in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch and Rajouri districts a week after being suspended following a terror attack on two army vehicles, officials said.

The curbs were imposed last Friday as a precautionary measure to check rumour-mongering and prevent any law and order situation from arising.

"The services have been restored in the Rajouri-Poonch belt. The situation is normal," Jammu region Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar told PTI. Three persons, who were among those detained for questioning by the Army after the terrorist ambush that left four personnel | More on P6

Relief For FMGs As J&K Medical Council Reduces CRMI

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: In a move that has brought joy to 145 Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs), the J&K Medical Council has reduced the duration of the compulsory rotating medical internship (CRMI) from two years to one.

FMGs from Jammu & Kashmir, most of whom graduated from Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Iran, have expressed their satisfaction with the government's decision.

Notably, during the coronavirus pandemic, many countries shifted to online teaching. In response, the National Medical Commission (NMC) issued a circular stating that students who studied online during the pandemic are required



to undergo a two-year-long internship program to gain clinical experience.

However, students studying in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Iran emphasized that they had only learned in online mode for a few months. The medical students said that they were in constant communication with authorities over the issue, till it got revised.

"According to the National Medical Council of India, final year MBBS students in online courses had to undergo a two year internship. Similar rules applied to MBBS students in Iran. However, our case differed as we had in-person clinical rotations" said a student who completed his degree from Tehran University of Medical Sciences.

"After presenting our case to the JK Medical Council with legal documents, they cooperated and, on December 28, 2023, reduced our internship to one year, following NMC India guidelines. We are grateful to the council for addressing our concerns and saving a year for distressed students," he added.

Dr. Asif Wani, an MBBS graduate from | More on P6

Kashmir In Grip Of Intense Cold, Fog

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Srinagar: Dense fog shrouded many parts of Kashmir where the minimum temperature dropped several degrees below the freezing point, officials said on Friday.

Kashmir is currently in the grip of "Chilla-i-Kalan", a 40-day harsh winter period, when temperatures drop considerably leading to the freezing of water bodies, including the Dal Lake, as well as water in supply lines.

The chances of snowfall are the highest during this period and most areas, especially the higher reaches, receive heavy snowfall.

"Chilla-i-Kalan" will end on January 31 and will be followed by the 20-day "Chilla-i-Khurd" and the 10-day "Chilla-i-Bachha".

The minimum temperature in Srinagar settled at minus 3.3 degrees Celsius same as the previous night, officials said.

The visibility in Srinagar city and its adjoining areas was below 50 metres for the third day due to dense fog. The transport department has issued an advisory for motorists in the city and termed foggy conditions the worst in recent memory.

The city and many other places in the | More on P6



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HC Notice To Govt On PIL For Restoration Of Mughal-Era Shah Kol

M Ahmad

Srinagar, Dec 29: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has issued a notice to the government for its response to a Public Interest Litigation, seeking removal of all encroachments and restoration of original status of 'Shah Kaul', a historical canal of Mughal era.

A division bench of Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice M.A. Chowdhary issued notice to J&K government, Lake Conservation and Management Authority, Divisional commissioner Kashmir, Deputy commissioner Srinagar, Director,

Land Records Settle office, Srinagar, Commissioner Srinagar Municipality, DG Archaeological Survey of India, Director Gardens and Parks, SSP CBI Srinagar and SSP Srinagar besides private persons from Deewan Colony Ishber Nishat for their response to the PIL filed by one Mir Mohammad Shafi.

"It has been submitted by Mr. Khuroo, counsel for the petitioner that the respondent Nos.18 and 19 (private persons) are engaged in illegal construction by raising the concrete walls, the court said, adding, "We make it clear that, if any, illegal construction | More on P6

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Mohamad Muzamil Kumar
S/o Ab Ahad Kumar
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- Ref I. Directorate of Samagra Shiksha, UT Jammu and Kashmir Order No: 07 of CHIRAG-2023 Dated: 09.01.2023.
- II. Edu/PD/SMS/ECCE/Helper/1861-1905/2023-24 Dated: 06-06-2024 and CEO Ganderbal endorsement No. CEO/GBL/SS/285 Dated: 20-06-2023.
- III. Edu/PD/SmS/ESTT/6806-31/2023-24 Dated: 21/09/2023.
- IV. 105 CHIRAG of 2023 Dated: 21-09-2023 and CEO Ganderbal CEO/Gb/SS/471 Dated: 26-09-2023
- V. CEO/Gb/SS/563 Dated: 08-12-2023
- VI. This office notification number 03 of 2023 Dated: 09-12-2023 vide number ZEO/ESTT/HGN/AAVA-23/2241-43 Dated: 09-12-2023.

Whereas the provisional selection list is published in accordance with norms of the directorate of SAMAGRA SHIKSHA J&K and is notified as per Annexure A appended to this notification. This is provisional list only, and mere figuring in it shall not confer any right to the candidates for final selection.

In case of any objection by any applicant, who had applied for the post to this notification can file its appeal in the office of Chief Education officer GANDERBAL within five days from the date of publication of this notification.

DIPK-14438/23
dated: 29-12-2023

(Signature)
Zonal Education Officer
Hariganiwan (Estt.)
Dated: 29/12/2023

No: ZEO/HGN/ESTT/AAVA/2372-77

Office Of The Zonal Education Officer Hariganiwan
Annexure-A of notification number 3 of 2023
No: ZEO/HGN/ESTT/2372-77

S. No	Name of the Applicant	Parentage	Date of Birth	Name of the Village	Belongs to which category/Divorcee/Orphan/BPL	Qualification
1	Arifa Nazir Tedwa	D/O Nazir Ahmad Tedwa	05 March 1998	Hayan	Divorced	8th
2	Hassina Bano	D/O Ab Gani yatoo	08 March 1990	Hayan	Orphan	8th
3	Syeda Banoo	W/O Bashir Ahmad Chopan	21 August 1982	Thune	BPL	8th
4	Afroza Bano	W/O Ajaz Ahmad Magray	10 March 1986	Thune	BPL	8th
5	Rohee Bano	W/O Shabir Ahmad Malik	15 January 1992	Thune	BPL	8th
6	Shahida Parveen	D/O Ab Rahaman Dar	27 February 1995	Yachima	BPL	8th
7	Shagufata Bano	W/O Altaf Ahmad Yatoo	10 March 1996	Yachima	BPL	8th
8	Khalida Bano	D/O Gh Rasool Kasana	10 February 1992	Hariganiwan	Orphan	8th
9	Rabiya Akhter	D/O Late Mohammad Yaseen Theekry	11 July 2004	Hariganiwan	Orphan	8th
10	Abida Parveen	W/O Gh Mohd Jara	10 July 1982	Hariganiwan	BPL	8th
11	Ruhsana Bano	W/O Shahid Ahmad Ganie	25 December 1984	Hariganiwan	BPL	8th
12	Fareeda Bano	W/o John Mohd	06 January 1986	Hariganiwan	BPL	8th
13	Raziya Bano	D/O Late AB Rahim Qureshi	02 April 1997	Sumbal Bala	orphan	8th
14	Zubida Bano	W/O Zubair Ahmad Kasana	15 May 1980	Sumbal Bala	BPL	8th
15	Amreena Bano	W/O Basharat Ahmad Bokda	01 March 1990	Sumbal Bala	BPL	8th
16	Rubeena Syeed	W/O Ishiyah Ahmad Bokda	10 December 1991	Sumbal Bala	BPL	8th
17	Abida Bano	D/O Bashir Ahmad Bhat	20 March 1992	Sumbal Bala	BPL	8th
18	Gulshana Bano	W/O Bilal Ahmad Raina	02 March 1982	Surfraw	BPL	8th
19	Sameena Bano	W/O Abdul Jaleel Khan	01 March 1988	Surfraw	BPL	8th
20	Afroza Bano	W/O Late Mushataq Ahmad Ganie	11 March 1988	Fraw Haknar	Widow	8th
21	Mymoon Bano	D/O Gh Mohd Kaloo	09 March 1981	Gund	Divorced	8th
22	Hanifa Bano	W/O Zahoore Ahmad Tanlary	07 February 1990	Gund	BPL	8th
23	Salma Bano	D/O Late Gh Rasool Bhat	28 February 1995	Gagingeer	Orphan	8th
24	Rukaya Bahir	D/O Bashir Ahmad Ganie	13 August 2003	Sonamarg	BPL	8th
25	Kulsuma Akhter	D/O Gulam Qadir Magray	10 July 1992	Cherwan	Divorced	8th
26	Shugufata Ara	W/o Mohd Rafiq Raina	10 October 1990	Rayil	BPL	8th
27	Faroza Bano	W/O Fayaz Ahmad Akhoon	03 March 1992	Rayil	BPL	8th
28	Muneza Bano	W/O sadam Hussain Kalas	17 December 1995	Rayil	Bpl	8th

'Electronic Soil' That Enhances Crop Growth Developed By Scientists

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Scientists have developed an electrically conductive "soil" which they say can lead to 50 per cent more growth of barley seedlings on average in 15 days. This soilless cultivation method, known as hydroponics, uses a root system that is stimulated electrically through a new cultivation substrate. "The world population is increasing, and we also have climate change. So it's clear that we won't be able to cover the food demands of the planet with only the already existing agricultural methods," said Eleni Stavrinidou, an associate professor at the Linkoping University in Sweden.

"But with hydroponics we can grow food also in urban environments in very controlled settings," Stavrinidou said. The team developed an electrically conductive cultivation substrate, tailored to hydroponic cultivation, that they call eSoil. Their research, published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, shows that barley seedlings grown in the conductive "soil" grew up to 50 per cent more in 15 days when their roots were stimulated electrically. Hydroponic cultivation means that plants grow without soil, needing only water, nutrients and something their roots can attach to - a substrate. It is a closed system that enables

water recirculation so that each seedling gets exactly the nutrients it needs. Therefore, very little water is required and all nutrients remain in the system, which is not possible in traditional cultivation. Hydroponics also enables vertical cultivation in large towers to maximise space efficiency. Crops already being cultivated in this manner include lettuce, herbs and some vegetables. Grains are not typically grown in hydroponics apart for their use as fodder. In the latest study, the researchers show that barley seedlings can be cultivated using hydroponics and that they have a better growth rate thanks to electrical stimulation. "In this way, we can get seed-

lings to grow faster with less resources. We don't yet know how it actually works, which biological mechanisms that are involved. What we have found is that seedlings process nitrogen more effectively, but it's not clear yet how the electrical stimulation impacts this process," said Stavrinidou. Mineral wool is often used as cultivation substrate in hydroponics. Not only is this non-biodegradable, it is also produced with a very energy-intensive process, the researchers said. The electronic cultivation substrate eSoil is made of cellulose, the most abundant biopolymer, mixed with a conductive polymer called PEDOT, they said.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Block Development Officer Behibagh
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Subject: Invitation of Expression of interest (EOI) /Dasti Quotations for Solid Waste Management including segregation/treatment of 18 Halqa Panchayats Comprising 41 villages of Block Behibagh.

No:BDOB/2023-24/ 1230

Dated: 27 /12/2023

Expression of interest (EOI) Dasti Quotations are invited from reputed firms or individuals for collection, transportation segregation and disposal of solid waste in 18 Halqa Panchayats comprising of 41 villages of Block Behibagh, District Kulgam.

The EOI/ Dasti quotation should reach the office of the undersigned within a period of 07 days from the publication of this notice strictly as per the following terms and conditions:

- The validity/term of contract will be up to 31/03/2024 in first instance and shall be extended after satisfactory performance of the firm/individual and also subject to the availability of funds.
- This office shall provide 02 Garbage Hooper Dumpers (Vehicle) for Door to Door Waste Collection, however, the agency shall engage Drivers and other Helpers themselves from local area of Block Behibagh having valid driving licence.
- The POL charges and timely service/ maintenance shall be solely borne by the agency.
- The contracting agency shall influence the general public through its best possible sanitation services and shall motivate and convince them to segregate the waste at the source besides reducing the use of Single Use Plastics.
- That this office shall provide all the requisite equipments viz hand carts, shovels, spades, safety gears etc. to the work force of the agency.
- The segregated Plastic waste shall be supplied to plastic Waste Management unit at Turigam for further processing and forward linkage.
- The source of funding is mainly beneficiary contribution and this office shall have a share 25% from the user charges collected from households for door to door collection.
- That this office shall have a share of 20% from the revenue generated out of the managed / treated waste.
- Back tracking from the contract once signed shall involve penal action.
- Previous experience in managing public utilities as a PPP/outourcing and knowledge of waste management, including running decentralized solid waste management processes, will be advantageous.
- Identification of Garbage Collection points to the extent of three to five per Ward will be the responsibility of the contractor in consultation with the PRI/VW & SC/RDD officials.
- The participants can apply for entire Block or Panchayat Wise at their own will and quotation shall be submitted along- with a CDR of rupees 5000/- pledged to BDO Behibagh.
- Additional experience in community mobilization and IEC activities will be preferred.
- All the disputes shall be settled as per the JK Panchayat Raj Act and SBM-II guidelines within the jurisdiction of District Kulgam with Assistant Commissioner, Panchayats Kulgam as the chief negotiator.
- Interested agencies must submit their EOI in sealed envelopes addressed to the Block Development Officer, Behibagh. By **02-01-2024 upto 2:30 PM**
- The Dasti envelope/quotations shall be opened on **03/01/2024 on 3: 00 PM** in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives.
- The EOI will be followed by Technical Evaluation and Financial Evaluation.
- The undersigned shall be competent to cancel the invitation at any point of time without prior notice.
- Modus operandi for collection of sanitation free will be decided in consultation with the PRI/VW & SC/RDD officials only after receiving the IOE.
- The mode of contract will be PPP only (public private partnership mode) and the Department of Rural Development will play the role of facilitator only.
- That the garbage collection van/vehicle is mounted with loud speaker playing Swachta song to let the people know that collection van is waiting for collection of garbage.
- The logistics as admissible under different schematic norms will be put in place in the halqa as per availability of funds and schematic norms, to make the project/program me a grand success.

DIPK-14436/23
dated: 29-12-2023

Sd=

Block Development Officer
Behibagh

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Insha Ayub D/o Mohammad Ayub Dar R/o Housing Colony Baghi Mehtab Srinagar, I have Purchased Plot No. 579 measuring 32x48 situated at Housing Colony Baghi Mehtab Srinagar from Mohammad Ayub Dar S/o Ghulam Mohammad Dar R/o Housing Colony Baghi Mehtab Srinagar. I have applied for transfer of leasehold rights of above said plot in my favour. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to the Managing Director, J&K Housing Board, Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice. However, no objection will be entertained after the expiry of the above said period.

Name: Insha Ayub
D/o Mohammad Ayub Dar
R/O, Housing Colony Baghi Mehtab nj

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In my school records my father's name has been wrongly written as Waseem Hussain Bhat while his correct name is Waseem Ahmad Bhat which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Eternal Success School Meemander Shopian within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Abdul Munzir Bhat S/o Waseem Ahmad Bhat
R/o Lawahind Shopian fko

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This is to inform the general public that I intend to change the name of my electricity connection bearing consumer Id no .0202050022658 from Bashir Ahmad Naik to Shahid Shafi Dar S/o Mohammad Shafi Dar R/o Rahmoo Pulwama. If anybody has any objection he/she may contact PDD sub division concerned within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

Bashir Ahmad Naik
S/o Ghulam Ahmad Naik
R/o Alamdar colony Rawalpura nj_r

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Missing Since Yesterday, Elderly Man Dies In Hit & Run Crash

Observer News Service

Srinagar: An elderly man, who was reportedly missing since Thursday morning, was found dead as he allegedly died as a result of a hit-and-run incident at Nowgam area on the Srinagar outskirts.

An official said that an elderly man identified as Ghulam Rasool Sofi of Ganderpora Iddgah Srinagar went missing from his residence on Thursday morning. He said the miss-

ing report was filed at Safa Kadal Police Station.

However, the authorities from Nowgam Police Station recovered his body near Tengan Crossing earlier this morning. Preliminary investigations indicated that the deceased had been fatally struck by an unidentified vehicle during the intervening night," the official said.

Moreover, police have filed a case while investigation into the matter has been started.

SMC Covers Two More Locations Under VBSY In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) continued its commitment to community engagement and development by extending the reach of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) camp to two more locations within the SMC jurisdiction.

The camps, which took place at Natipora and Budshah Nagar vicinities, marked an important expansion of the initiative's outreach.

The gatherings provided a vital platform for officers and officials from various departments to interact closely with the local community, fostering an environment of collaboration and knowledge-sharing.

Through these interactions, representatives from

diverse departments were able to elucidate the fundamental goals and procedural details of their respective schemes. This initiative aimed to bridge the information gap and ensure that citizens are fully aware of the myriad benefits and assistance available to them through various government programs and initiatives.

Furthermore, these efforts underscored the SMC's ongoing commitment to fostering inclusive development and ensuring that the benefits of government initiatives reach every segment of society.

The Srinagar Municipal Corporation remains steadfast in its resolve to continue expanding the reach of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, with the aim of creating a more informed, engaged, and empowered citizenry.

UT Level Seminar On Scientific Beekeeping Concludes At Kashmir Haat

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Two days UT level seminar on scientific beekeeping organized by Agriculture department Kashmir, sponsored by National Bee board (NBB) under National Beekeeping and honey mission (NBHM) concluded today at Kashmir Haat Srinagar.

Addressing the concluding session of seminar, Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal highlighted the importance of organizing such programs for the promotion of scientific beekeeping in the region.

He said that the department is working on a long term plan for the development of the beekeeping sector in the Kashmir division. He asked the progressive beekeepers to adopt the latest technologies in beekeeping.

Director Agriculture appreciated the efforts by all the stakeholders for organizing a two days seminar on scientific beekeeping and expressed satisfaction over the participation of a large number of young educated beekeepers in the program.

He said such programs are aimed to provide practical training to the participants and equip them with the necessary skills in concerned fields. He asked the participants to take maximum benefits from what they have learned during the program.

Director Agriculture underlined the importance of organizing more such programs in the coming days so that more and more educated young farmers could be attracted towards small-scale agri-cottage industries like apiculture, mushroom cultivation etc.



Boys play enthusiastically at the Khimber playground on the outskirts of the city, amid the crisp embrace of winter and a stunning sunset, bringing the spirit of cricket alive. KO Photo, Muhammad Syed Burhan

MD & CEO Unveils J&K Bank Wall Calendar -2024

People Consider It As A Prized Souvenir: Baldev Prakash



Observer News Service

Srinagar: MD & CEO Baldev Prakash today unveiled the J&K Bank's Wall Calendar for the year 2024 in presence of Executive Director Sudhir Gupta amid rounds of applause from General Managers and other senior officers here at the corporate headquarters. With a theme of 'Timeless Treasures', the Bank has showcased the fast-emerging scenic spots on the tourist-maps of J&K and Ladakh UTs in its Wall Calendar -2024. He also launched the Bank's e-Calendar - 2024 on the occasion.

Speaking at the unveiling ceremony, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash said, "J&K Bank Calendar continues to be the most sought-after thing in J&K and Ladakh during this time of the year, for, people consider it as a prized souvenir worth round the year presence in their homes and offices across the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh. Besides a great tool of brand promotion for the Bank during the last many decades, our calendars have showcased Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh along with their diver-

sity to exhibit nature's charming beauty weaving different cultures and varied geographies together into a uniquely beautiful tapestry."

While acknowledging the overwhelming public sentiment as validation of the love and trust for the Bank in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, he said, "With annual tourist arrival numbers burgeoning to over 2 crore, the theme of 'Timeless Treasure' for Calendar 2024 is also an attempt to further showcase and popularize some of the fast-emerging tourist destinations in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh."

"Being significant stakeholders in the development of tourism and its allied industry, the idea also is to leverage the brand appeal of the Bank to engage the larger public attention towards these fast emerging destinations so that these places also get important spots in the itinerary of major tour and travel companies across the country and abroad", he said, adding further that e-Calendar has also been continued to mark our presence on every digital platform and ensure that the people have access to our calendar on the go.

Wishing the people of J&K and Ladakh well for the upcoming year in general and Bank's customers across the country in particular, MD & CEO asserted, "On this occasion, I also extend my best New Year wishes to the people and pray that the year 2024 finds them happy and healthy with peace and prosperity."

Earlier, the Bank's General Manager Syed Shafat Hussain Rufai briefed the MD about the process that resulted in the making of Calendar -2024. He said, "Wall calendar has an iconic place in J&K and Ladakh and people crave for it at the onset of a new year. It has served as a great tool of brand promotion for the Bank as well as J&K and Ladakh. Its presence in peoples' homes also acts as an effective medium of brand recall."

Notably, the fast-emerging tourist spots on the scenic-map of J&K and Ladakh covered in the Calendar are Tulip Garden in Sanasar Jammu, Hanle Village in Ladakh, Bangus Valley in Kupwara Kashmir, Bota Pathri in Gulmarg Kashmir, Tso Moriri Lake in Ladakh and Jai Valley in Bharderwah Jammu

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This Day In History

- 1786 - Grand Duke of Tuscany Leopold II promulgates a penal reform, making his the 1st state to abolish the death penalty. November 30 commemorated as Cities for Life Day.
- 1803 - Spain cedes her claims to Louisiana Territory to France
- 1864 - Battle of Franklin, Tennessee: Confederate attack fails, 7,700 casualties
- 1864 - Battle of Honey Hill, South Carolina (Broad River) 96 dead, 665 wounded
- 1876 - Archaeologist Heinrich Schliemann finds the gold Mask of Agamemnon at Mycenae (modern Greece) "the Mona Lisa of prehistory"
- 1908 - The US Secretary of State and Japan's ambassador to the US exchange notes in what becomes known as the Root-Takahira Agreement: they affirm support for an independent China with an 'open door' policy and for the status quo in the Pacific
- 1909 - British House of Lords rejects David Lloyd George's 'People's Budget', which tried to shift tax burden to the wealthy. Leads to the Parliament Act; intent to stop unelected house overruling will of the elected house.
- 1916 - Costa Rica becomes a signatory to the Buenos Aires copyright treaty.
- 1922 - 1st speed test of 1st genuine Japanese aircraft carrier Hoshio.
- 1922 - Hitler speaks to 50,000 national-socialists in Munich.
- 1944 - Biggest & last British battleship HMS Vanguard launched.
- 1950 - US President Harry Truman threatens China with atom bomb.
- 1961 - USSR vetoes Kuwaits application for UN membership.
- 1962 - U Thant of Burma becomes the 3rd Secretary-General of the UN.

From KO Archives

Farooq Lashes Out At Delhi, Big Powers

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The State Chief Minister, Dr. Farooq Abdullah today lashed out at the big-powers for instigating and exploiting the under-developed countries, while urging India and Pakistan to make efforts in establishing peace in the region.

Abdullah, who reached Srinagar this morning and flew back after spending some hours here said, "Some super powers are instigating under-developed countries to live in a hostile atmosphere so that they are able to establish regional markets for their weapons and other deadly arms." Farooq, who was here to condole death of a National Conference block president, Mohammad Ranzan Wani, who was shot dead by unidentified gunmen on December 12, appealed the senior functionaries in India and Pakistan to realise the importance of peace and endeavour for accomplishment of the same.

"Everyone wants to live in peace and tranquility. Both India and Pakistan should create friendly atmosphere so that both are able to devote time and resources for overall development of their people," he said while addressing a large number of party cadres at Baghat-e-Kanipora here today.

Reports suggested that during his address the Chief Minister said that his block president was not killed by Pakistan-trained militants but by the local miscreants. The chief minister has ordered a through probe into the killing, "so that the culprits are booked."

The State Chief Minister said that his party would go all out in restoring eroded autonomy to the state and blamed the central governments for blocking the state's way to autonomy.

"I will not succumb to any pressure," Abdullah said, "and I am determined to restore the autonomy to the state, which was gradually eroded by the successive state governments at the behest of New Delhi after 1953."

The Chief Minister once again mentioned of LoC in his speech. He suggested that the line be taken as a dividing line between India and Pakistan and the people of Pak administered Kashmir and this side of Kashmir be allowed to visit the two sides freely.

Abdullah who was accompanied by the Rural Development Minister, Abdul Rahim Rather left for Jammu after the ceremony was over. Baghat-e-Kanipora Water Supply Scheme has been dedicated to the slain NC block president and named after him.

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 30 DECEMBER, 1998)

فاتحہ خوانی

اناللہ وانا الیہ راجعون

انتہائی دکھ اور افسوس کے ساتھ یہ خبر دی جاتی ہے کہ سجاد علی خان کی اہلیہ اور مطلوب مہدی خان کی والدہ محترمہ مورخہ 29 دسمبر 2023 بروز جمعہ اس دارالافتائی سے کوچ کر گئیں۔ اللہ تبارک و تعالیٰ بظہل ائمہ اطہار علیہم السلام مرحومہ کو جوارا قبر میں جگہ عنایت فرمائے۔ موسمی حالات کو دیکھتے ہوئے تمام دوست و احباب سے گزارش ہے کہ فاتحہ خوانی کی اجتماعی تقریب مورخہ یکم جنوری 2024 بروز سوموار صبح 9 بجے حیدرہ ہال ڈیولپٹ میں منعقد ہوگی، مقبرہ پر قرآن خوانی یا اجتماعی فاتحہ خوانی نہیں ہوگی مقبرہ کے بجائے قرآن و فاتحہ خوانی گھر واقع ڈیولپٹ سر سیتھوڑ ہوگی۔ فیصلہ ناسازگار موسمی حالات اور شدید سردی کی وجہ سے بزرگان کے مشورے پر لیا گیا سوگواران

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Due to **Poor response** to above mentioned sub-parts of this office above referred e-NIT for the subject works, the critical dates are extended as under: -

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Is Naming and Shaming a Way Out of Kashmir's Power Crisis?

The Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) is facing backlash for publicly identifying consumers engaged in illegal practices like hooking, meter bypass, and surpassing agreed load limits. We asked our columnists and readers to weigh-in

In recent weeks, a series of videos released by the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), showing their staff's handling of power pilferage, has ignited a firestorm of controversy on social media. These videos reveal a callous disregard for established due process, as individuals suspected of power pilferage are exposed to public scrutiny in scenes reminiscent of vigilantism. The confrontational approach adopted by KPDCL creates an excruciating atmosphere of public humiliation, leaving the accused individuals defenseless in the court of public opinion. The videos are shot and uploaded in such a manner and setting that they give an impression as if half of Kashmir engages in power pilferage.

KPDCL's strategy of publicly naming and shaming alleged offenders, including those engaged in illegal practices such as hooking, meter bypass, and surpassing agreed load limits, raises serious ethical concerns. While the corporation may argue that the intent is to deter illegal activities and ensure fair power distribution, the approach employed warrants careful consideration. It is crucial to consider whether the corporation's actions are justified or if they represent an overreach that jeopardizes the fundamental rights of citizens.

As always, as winter approaches, electricity becomes a central discourse in Kashmir, with unscheduled power cuts becoming the norm. These unscheduled power cuts always draw flak from the public. This time around KPDCL devised a new and effortless strategy to deal with the public criticism against unscheduled power cuts - identifying some meek Kashmiris, shooting their videos and then painting them as *raison d'être* behind the unscheduled power cuts on the corporation's social media platforms. If at all Kashmiris engage in power pilferage, power is not something they could store or they could eat - obviously they would be using it for the purpose electricity is meant to be used. Therefore, the logic of attributing the unscheduled power cuts to these people is untenable.

Providing reliable services and enforcing the rule of law is the corporation's duty. Blaming citizens for the corporation's own failings is unjust and deflects responsibility. It is exasperating to see how shamelessly KPDCL tries to malign common masses as power thieves. If power pilferage occurs, it is the corporation that must be held accountable for not being able to check it through appropriate methods, and naming and shaming people is no remedy.

The strategy of publicly naming individuals accused of power theft before a proper legal investigation violates basic norms and ethics of a civilized world. It poses a threat to privacy and due process. It undermines the rights enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution, which includes within its ambit the right to live with dignity. And one can't conceive of the cherished right of living with dignity in a society, where publicly naming individuals accused of power theft before a proper legal investigation is considered normal. The confrontational nature of the corporation's staff doesn't not only compromises the dignity and privacy of those implicated but also undermines the presumption of

Naming And Shaming In The Face Of Power Pilferage

Ummar Jamal

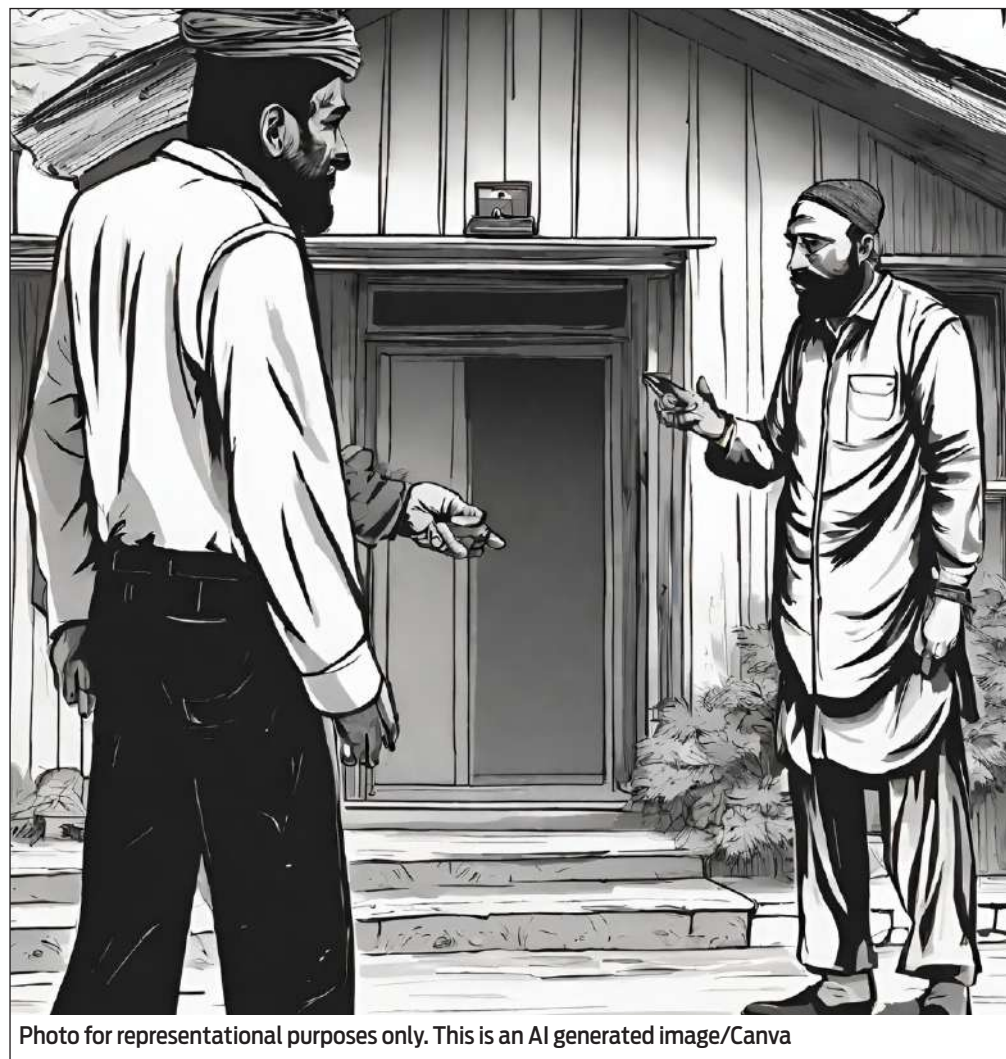


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innocence until proven guilty, a fundamental tenet of any fair legal system.

Shaming individuals without due process not only compromises their reputation but also erodes the trust citizens place in the legal system, creating a disconcerting precedent. The act of naming and shaming can have severe social repercussions for the accused, affecting relationships, and overall well-being. These consequences, imposed without a fair legal process, highlight the ethical shortcomings of KPDCL's approach.

In addition to ethical considerations, the effectiveness of publicly naming and shaming individuals as a deterrent is questionable. While it may instill fear in some, it can also create resentment and resistance, hindering efforts to address the root causes of power theft.

Furthermore, the potential for false accusations and the resulting harm to innocent individuals is a troubling aspect that cannot be ignored. Numerous instances highlight individuals claiming that accusations of power theft are groundless, often fueled by

the caprices and impulses of KPDCL employees. In many cases the people alleged that the pictures uploaded on social media are old and misleading.

Ethical governance demands a balance between achieving objectives and respecting the rights of individuals. KPDCL's strategy, driven by a desire to curb power theft, should be reconsidered. Strengthening monitoring and enforcement mechanisms, conducting impartial investigations, imposing fines and making the corporation's ground staff more accountable are alternative approaches that can achieve the same goals without compromising ethical standards. A more sustainable approach involves community engagement, education, and addressing socio-economic factors contributing to illegal practices.

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In the Shadows of Power: A Symphony of Rights and Responsibilities

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In the scenic valleys of Jammu and Kashmir, where the mighty Himalayas witness the resilience of history, a disturbing story has emerged in recent times. The KPDCL Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited, the corporation in charge of ensuring lawful electricity consumption, has embarked on a reckless crusade against power theft. In the process, it has violated the privacy and rights of the alleged culprits, and usurped the powers of law enforcement and judiciary. This is a textbook case of vigilantism, a dangerous phenomenon that poses a serious threat to the social order and individual liberties.

Power theft is a grave problem that affects the electricity sector in Jammu and Kashmir. It causes huge losses to the state revenue, and compromises the quality and reliability of power supply to the consumers. The KPDCL, the entity responsible for the distribution and management of electricity in the region, has launched an aggressive campaign to curb this menace. However, in its zeal to achieve its goal, the KPDCL has resorted to questionable methods that defy the norms of justice and due process.

The KPDCL has been conducting raids and inspections across the valley, targeting households and businesses that are suspected of indulging in

illegal practices such as hooking, meter tampering, and exceeding load limits. While these actions are justified and necessary, the KPDCL has gone a step further and started posting videos and photos of the accused on social media platforms, exposing them to public shame and ridicule. This is a clear breach of the fundamental right to privacy, as well as the presumption of innocence until proven guilty.

The KPDCL's actions are not only unethical, but also counterproductive. They create a climate of fear and mistrust among the consumers, who may feel harassed and victimised by the corporation. They also invite legal challenges and backlash from the affected parties, who may seek redressal and compensation for the damage caused to their reputation and livelihood. Moreover, they undermine the credibility and authority of the KPDCL, which should act as a responsible and impartial entity, not as a vigilante group.

The KPDCL should realise that its mission is not to punish, but to prevent and deter power theft. It should adopt a more balanced and humane approach, that respects the rights and interests of the consumers, while also enforcing the rules and regulations. It should use its social media platforms to educate and inform the public about the benefits of legal and efficient electricity consumption, rather than to humiliate and intimidate them. It should also collaborate with other stakeholders, such as

the police, the judiciary, the civil society, and the media, to create a culture of honesty and accountability in the power sector.

The KPDCL's actions are indicative of a larger problem of vigilantism, a troubling trend where an entity oversteps its boundaries, and takes upon itself the roles of law enforcement and judiciary. This phenomenon raises serious questions about the nature and scope of justice, the balance between public interest and private rights, and the ethical and legal implications of such actions.

Is it right for an entity, regardless of its mission, to wield powers traditionally reserved for the judiciary and law enforcement? While the theft of electricity is absolutely wrong, is the vigilante justice system the way to go for us as a society? What if someone was to sue the department for defamation? What if the department's actions were motivated by personal or political vendetta, rather than public welfare? What if the department's actions led to a violent or fatal situation, rather than a peaceful resolution?

These are some of the questions that the KPDCL's actions provoke, and that we, as a society, need to ponder and answer. Vigilantism is not a solution, but a symptom of a deeper malaise. It reflects the breakdown of trust and confidence in the institutions and systems that are meant to uphold the rule of law and protect the rights of the people. It also re-

flects the erosion of the values and principles that are essential for a democratic and civilised society.

We need to restore and strengthen these institutions, systems, values, and principles, rather than undermine and destroy them. We need to ensure that justice is done, but also that justice is seen to be done. We need to ensure that the rights and dignity of the people are respected, but also that the people respect the laws and norms of the society. We need to ensure that the power sector is efficient and transparent, but also that the power consumers are responsible and honest.

The KPDCL has a vital role to play in ensuring the development and welfare of Jammu and Kashmir. It should not tarnish its image and reputation by indulging in unwarranted and unlawful actions that erode the trust and confidence of the people. It should instead focus on improving its service delivery and customer satisfaction, by providing reliable, affordable, and quality power to all. That would be the best way to combat power theft, and to fulfill its mandate and vision.

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WINTERS IN KASHMIR A Tryst with Nature

Mohammad Hanief

Nature knows its course best. Every season has its own importance and utility. No season is less important than others. One season opens the smooth passage for the other to flourish. Winter is the fourth season of the four well-known seasons of Kashmir. It follows autumn and lasts from December to February.

Kashmir in winter is a breathtakingly beautiful destination with a picturesque wonderland covered with pristine winter snow. The snow capped mountains and frozen lakes create a stunning backdrop against the clear blue skies, which makes it a perfect destination for winter lovers.

Kashmir in winter not only evolves as a bustling hub for winter sports and activities in the season but is also known for its region's rich cultural heritage and warm hospitality, making it a must-visit winter destination. Although there are multiple places and activities to visit in Kashmir during the winter season.

There are a plethora of places to visit in Kashmir during the winter, and each of them offers something unique. Snow-draped mountains create the perfect backdrop for ancient shrines, frozen lakes beckon adventurers for a chilly walk, and the bare Chinar trees stand as silent sentinels of the changing seasons. Every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir in winter holds a story waiting to be discovered.

While the views alone can leave one spellbound, there's no shortage of things to do in Kashmir during the colder months. From thrilling snow sports to savouring traditional Kashmiri winter dishes, there's something for every traveler's taste.

Traditionally the period of winters is primarily divided into three stages in Kashmir. The first phase starts with a period of 40 days starting from December 21, it is a harsh period and is known as 'Chillai Kalan'. This is followed by another phase of 20 days which usually is considered to be less intense in terms of the cold and is known as Chillai Khurd. Finally the last phase is of 10 days, which is even less harsh and is locally known as Chille Bache.



Though the harsh winter period in Kashmir commences from 21st of December but the preparations are made in autumn months of September and October because people are aware about the miseries it brings with its onset. Making of charcoal, drying of vegetables to make Alla heache (Dried bottle guard), Wangan heache (Dried brinjal), Reantwangan heache (Dried tomatoes), Hoch palak (dried spinach), Hohk hakh (Dried collard green), Heand (Dried Dandelion leaves) etc etc have been the centuries old traditional practice of Kashmiris. Though the drying of vegetables has now been declining among masses, still a large proportion of Kashmiri population is making these delicious dishes in this period.

Winter is the coldest season of the year. During this season the sun loses its heat and brightness and often

remains hidden behind clouds, fog or mist. The temperature is usually around freezing point. It's usually a cruel and an unpleasant season though it has a charm of its own.

In winter, the valley seems to be dressed in white overalls. The streets, bazaars, fields, gardens and roofs are all covered with snow. Water freezes and it is icy everywhere. Birds, beasts, cattle and other creatures are unwilling to roam about due to the cold weather.

As soon as winter sets in, the business hustle and bustle declines. The schools and colleges remain closed in winter almost for two and a half or sometimes for three months. Sometimes due to heavy snowfall and avalanches, the valley gets cut off from the rest of the country for a long time.

Though not as charming as in spring, Kashmir is still attractive

during winter. The snow-covered slopes of Gulmarg and other places attract tourists from all over the country and abroad for skating and skiing.

Srinagar, Kashmir's jewel crown changes into a winter wonderland throughout the colder months. Its stunning gardens, tranquil lakes, and bustling bazaars steal everyone's heart making winter in Kashmir even more remarkable.

Gulmarg which literally translates to "flower meadow" is a skier's dream come true. Gulmarg is a must-see during winter in Kashmir thanks to its ski resorts and the world's second-highest working cable car.

Gulmarg offers an exciting, thrilling, and adventurous journey covered with pristine slopes and breathtaking views, leading to an eye-pleasing, picturesque scenario with a touch of adventure. Addi-

tionally, planning a trip to Kashmir in the winter might help to experience nature's fresh snowfall, making it the best time to visit Kashmir for snowfall.

Most travelers, especially during the winter, prefer the Gulmarg Kashmir trip to take part in various winter activities like skiing and snowboarding. The town gets attention from across the world because of its top-notch ski resorts and pristine slopes.

A charming town nestled in the Himalayas, Pahalgam. With its clear rivers and towering meadows, it is a picture of unspoiled beauty. The peace of Pahalgam personifies winter in Kashmir.

A mere 22 km from Srinagar, Dachigam is a haven for wildlife enthusiasts. The name of this wildlife sanctuary in Kashmir translates to 'Ten Villages' symbolizing the ten

villages that were relocated for its formation. Winter in Kashmir here means spotting the endangered Hangul deer against the backdrop of snow.

Sonamarg or 'Golden Meadow' stands out for its enchanting beauty. The Sindh River meandering through the valley abounds with trout and mahseer, making it a picture of idyllic beauty during winter in Kashmir.

Fifteen or fifty, no matter the age, nobody can resist the charm of a good old snowball fight! Winter in Kashmir takes this fun to another level, especially in Gulmarg. The thick, fluffy blankets of snow offer the perfect battleground for an epic snow war.

Trekking in the winter might sound a bit scary, but the lure of walking on a frozen lake is something else! Winter in Kashmir is the time when the daredevils trek to see frozen lakes each more magnificent than the next.

The cold weather outdoors calls for some warm and hearty meals indoors. Wazwan is not just a meal; it's a celebration of flavors and culinary art. A multi-course meal, it's something that every traveler must relish.

Winter in Kashmir is not just about cold and snow; it's also the season of festivities. Festivals in Kashmir light up with their traditional festivals. Whether it's a local fair, a religious ceremony, or a cultural festival, the spirit is contagious.

Winter in Kashmir transforms the valley into a magical realm adorned with pristine snow. The landscape, veiled in white, captivates with its ethereal beauty. This season, from November to February, is marked by bone-chilling temperatures, often reaching sub-zero levels. Yet, the Kashmiris embrace the cold with warmth in their hearts. Kashmir captivates visitors with its natural allure and cultural richness as it remains an enchanting destination that lingers in the hearts of those fortunate enough to experience its ethereal charm.

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January Reads: Say Goodbye to 2023 With These Books

KO Web Desk

Anger Management: The Troubled Diplomatic Relationship between India and Pakistan by Ajay Bisaria

On 7 August 2019, High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria was expelled from Islamabad, the first time an Indian head of mission had been asked to leave by Pakistan. His expulsion marked yet another low in the troubled relationship between the two neighbours who had been born within a day of each other in 1947. The latest diplomatic row followed the dismantling of Article 370 in the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir, but the hostility had been ratcheting up for a while, with the Pakistani terror attack in Pulwama, followed by the Indian airstrikes on terrorists in Balakot, and the grandstanding Pakistan engaged in over the return of a captured Indian Air Force pilot, Abhinandan Varthaman. This book looks in eye-opening detail at all these incidents that took place while the author was India's top diplomat in Pakistan, including blunders by Imran Khan, the then Pakistani prime minister, and parleys engaged in by the powerful head of the Pakistani army, General Qamar Bajwa. He also describes his interactions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, and key members of the Indian establishment as they dealt with the multiple crises that took place during that time.

After providing readers with a gripping account of the events he was witness to, the author goes deep into the conflict and tension that have characterized the connection between the countries. He looks at this fractious history from a unique perspective, that of Indian diplomats who have served in Pakistan from Independence onwards. These were the people responsible for managing the situation on the ground, even as the actions of prime ministers, presidents, and generals made the news headlines. India's envoys were expected to deal with all manner of occurrences from routine matters to rather more taxing things such as dealing with dictators, engaging in backchannel talks with their counterparts and other Pakistani officials (accounts of which have only recently been



declassified) when ties were strained, dodging spies, and even on occasion having to endure verbal and physical abuse from thugs and the Pakistani intelligence services. Equally, for all the stresses they had to endure, the warmth and friendship they received from ordinary Pakistanis made many of them hope that one day the cantankerousness and bloodshed that blighted Indo-Pak ties would be replaced by normalcy, if not enduring bonds of warmth and amity.

The stories about what these diplomats were able to do during their time in Pakistan provide the reader with fresh insights into most of the pivotal moments in the relationship—especially Partition, the 1948 Pakistani offensive that was stopped in its tracks by the prompt action of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, and the even bigger wars of

1965 (ably handled by Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri), 1971 (in which Prime Minister Indira Gandhi won a resounding victory), and 1999 (where the Pakistani intruders were repulsed by Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's decisive leadership). The book throws fresh light on terrorism in Kashmir, the skirmishes across the Line of Control, the attacks by Pakistani terrorists in Mumbai, and the assault on the Indian parliament. Further, the book covers the few initiatives that sought to resolve the perennial state of strife and suspicion between the neighbours—the Simla Accord of July 1972, Vajpayee's historic bus journey to Lahore in 1999, the Agra Summit of 2001, and other short-lived attempts to make new beginnings. Besides his in-depth analysis of history and current events, the author offers a reasoned plan

of how India and Pakistan might be able to arrive at a lasting peace.

Masterfully blending scholarship, telling revelations, memoir, and history, Anger Management is a remarkable study of the diplomatic engagement between India and Pakistan.

Love Jihad and Other Fictions: Simple Facts to Counter Viral Falsehoods by Sreenivasan Jain, Mariyam Alavi, and Supriya Sharma

Love jihad, Muslim appeasement, forced conversions—these conspiracy theories are now driving everyday conversations in India. Amplified by politicians, cacophonous media coverage, and relentless social media forwards and updates, they have come to be accepted as reality by a large number of people.

But are these claims—that India's minorities are plotting to weaken the majority Hindu community—based on the truth? Or are they fictions created and disseminated to serve the interest of power?

In this book, the authors interrogate some theories that are part of the landscape of WhatsApp chats and social media feeds of millions of Indians every day. Chapter 1 examines 'love jihad', perhaps the most ascendant of all these claims. Starting with the first known case of 'love jihad', the authors investigate arguably the only definitive list of 'love jihad' cases. They travel to the state where the largest number of arrests have been made under new anti-love jihad laws to explore if the crackdown is justified. Chapter 2 places 'population jihad'—the claim that Muslims are waging a holy war by producing more children—under the scanner.

The authors crunch the numbers and trawl through parliamentary records to decode whether Muslims will indeed outnumber over a billion Hindus in the near future. Chapter 3 scrutinizes the Hindutva claim of a sinister Christian scheme to take over India through mass forced conversions. Chapter 4 examines the theory of Muslim appeasement, probing assertions like unequal availability of electricity on Diwali and Eid, the hajj subsidy, funds to madrasas, and the favourite bugbear of the Hindu Right: Muslim men being able to take up to four wives. With

its clear-eyed and scrupulously argued and researched approach, Love Jihad and Other Fictions is an indispensable antidote to the viral falsehoods threatening to tear India apart.

Swallowing the Sun: A Novel by Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri

Swallowing the Sun is an epic feat of remembering and storytelling. Through the eyes of its feisty young heroine, Malati, the novel recreates one of the most tumultuous periods in modern Indian history—the struggle for independence. Malati's steeliness and fearlessness enable her to defy the constricting patriarchal traditions of her time and take on all those who try to cow her down. As a young girl, Malati fights and defeats the school bully of her village school in Maharashtra. From then onwards, backed by her progressive father, she and her sister Kamala push the boundaries constantly. After an eventful girlhood, the sisters become the first women in their family to go to college. They end up in Bombay, a hotbed of political ferment, where, even as she is whirled along by the irresistible current and excitement of the battle for Independence, she negotiates the small and big aspects of everyday life—love, loss, failure, and compromise. Imaginative, compelling, and exquisitely told, Swallowing the Sun is one of the most memorable debut novels in recent years.

Silk and Steel: A Novel by Stephen Alter

Amid the opulence and brutality of nineteenth-century India, colourful bandits fight for survival.

James Webley—a brave but erratic English commander—has joined forces with the romantic Colonel Augustine, son of an Englishwoman and a noble Indian. Together they have rejected the rigours of mercenary service to pursue a lawless career of pillage.

It is Augustine's hope to find a way of maintaining their cornered brigand army against the British forces that seek to destroy it. He devises a subtle and devious plan to regenerate Webley's flagging spirits, employing the fascinating Khasturba. As his scheme goes into operation, the drama heightens towards its gripping and disastrous climax.

Security cover of 95 witnesses, lawyer, retired judge connected to Gujarat riot cases withdrawn

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat government has withdrawn security cover of 95 witnesses on the recommendations of the Witness Protection Cell of the Supreme Court appointed Special Investigation Team probing the 2002 Godhra train carnage and subsequent riot cases, a senior official said on Friday. The SIT has also withdrawn security cover given by Central Industrial Security Force to a retired judge and a lawyer fighting cases of riot victims.

"Based on the recommendation of the Witness Protection Cell of the SC-appointed SIT, Ahmedabad police has withdrawn police protection given to 95 witnesses of various riot cases such as Naroda Gam, Naroda Patiya and Gulberg society," said Assistant Commissioner of Police (Headquarters) FA Shaikh.

Among those who has lost security cover is 54-year-old Farida Shaikh, who had testified before the court in the Naroda Patiya riot case.

"As directed by the SC, people like us were given police protection. An armed policeman used to stand guard outside my house from morning to evening. On December 26, I was informed by city police that my security cover has been withdrawn. No reason was given to me," Shaikh said.

"It has happened with many other witnesses. We are living in fear because many accused are still out and they can still harm us," Shaikh claimed.

Advocate SM Vora, who had appeared in court on behalf of Gulberg Society victims, has also lost his security cover recently.

"A CJSF jawan provided to me stopped coming and no reason has been given by the SIT for withdrawal of security cover," Vora said.

Former principal city sessions judge Jyotsna Yagnik, who had convicted 32 persons in the Naroda Patiya riot case and also presided over the Naroda Gam case before her retirement in 2014, has also lost security cover, sources said. Notably, she was given CJSF security cover after she purportedly received nearly 15 threats during her service. Sources revealed CJSF guards deployed outside her residence stopped coming after Diwali last month. On December 13, police officer BC Solanki, who is chief of Witness Protection Cell of the SIT, had written a letter to Ahmedabad police informing about SIT's decision to withdraw protection given to some of the witnesses after assessment.

Solanki, in the letter, further requested the city police commissioner to instruct the respective police station in-charge to take care of the well being of the witnesses after withdrawal of security cover.

Displaced Palestinians flood a southern Gaza town as Israel expands its offensive in the centre

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Rafah (Gaza Strip): Tens of thousands of displaced Palestinians have streamed into the overwhelmed town of Rafah in the southernmost end of Gaza in recent days, according to the United Nations, as Israeli forces on Friday continued to blast through dense areas in the centre of the strip, killing dozens of people.

Israel's unprecedented air and ground offensive against Hamas has displaced some 85 per cent of the Gaza Strip's 2.3 million residents, sending swells of people seeking shelter in Israeli-designated safe areas that the military has nevertheless also bombed. That has left Palestinians with a harrowing sense that nowhere is safe in the tiny enclave.

Israel's widening campaign, which has already flattened much of northern Gaza, is now focused on built-up areas in central Gaza, where Israeli warplanes and artillery pounded the urban refugee camps of Bureij, Nuseirat and Maghazi, levelling buildings, residents said.

But fighting is raging across many areas of Gaza. It has not abated in the north, where Hamas is still battling Israeli troops with tough resistance. And the second-largest city of Khan Younis in the south, where Israel believes Hamas' leaders are hiding, is also a smoldering battleground.

The war has already killed over 21,300 Palestinians and sparked a humanitarian crisis that has left a quarter of Gaza's population starving.

Israel has vowed to dismantle Hamas and bring back more than 100 hostages still held by the militants after their October 7 attack on southern Israel. The assault killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians.



Israeli officials have brushed off international calls for a cease-fire, saying it would amount to a victory for Hamas.

A STREAM OF DISPLACEMENT

The UN said late Thursday that around 100,000 people have arrived in Rafah, along the border with Egypt, in recent days. The influx crams even more people into one of Gaza's most densely populated areas.

Israel has told residents of central Gaza to evacuate and head toward Rafah and the central city of Deir al-Balah. But even as the displaced have poured in, Rafah has not been spared from Israeli attacks.

A strike Thursday evening destroyed a residential building, killing at least 23 people, according to the media office of the nearby Al-Kuwaiti Hospital.

At the hospital, residents rushed in a baby whose face was flecked with dust and who wailed as doctors tore open its Mickey Mouse onesie to check for injuries. Shorouq Abu Oun fled the fighting in northern Gaza a month ago and sheltered at her sister's house, which is located near Thursday's strike.

"We were displaced from the north and came here as they

sheltering in Bureij.

Israel said this week it was expanding its ground offensive into central Gaza, targeting a belt of crowded neighbourhoods across the region that were built to house some of the hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees from the 1948 war surrounding Israel's creation.

Israel says Hamas embeds inside the civilian population and that its forces have uncovered weapons troves and underground tunnel shafts in residential buildings, schools and mosques.

But even Israel's closest ally, the United States, has urged it to take more precautions to spare civilians and allow in more aid. Israel says it warns civilians to leave areas that it is targeting in multiple ways and that it has worked to be more precise in its evacuation orders.

Civilians are bearing a staggering toll in the fighting. On Sunday, an Israeli strike on the Maghazi camp killed at least 106 people, according to hospital records.

In a preliminary review of the incident, the Israeli military said that buildings near the target were also hit during the strikes, which it said "likely caused unintended harm to additional uninvolved civilians." In a statement Thursday, the military said it regretted the harm to civilians and said it would learn from the incident.

Israel seldom comments on specific strikes and has rarely acknowledged any fault even when civilians are killed. Israel's offensive in Gaza has already been one of the most devastating military campaigns in recent history. More than 21,300 Palestinians, most of them women and children, have been killed, according to the Health Ministry in Hamas-ruled Gaza. Another 55,600 have been wounded, it says.

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SC Verdict On

Supreme Court verdict "sad and unfortunate" but said everyone has to accept it "with a heavy heart".

"We did not expect this decision. We were thinking that the Supreme Court will consider the sentiments of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and also the historical background under which Article 370 was incorporated into the Constitution. That was our hope but unfortunately that has not happened," Azad said.

Surprisingly, there was no response to the Supreme Court decision from the general public who went on with their lives as usual after the verdict was declared.

While the BJP understandably celebrated the verdict, the party had earned some brownie points by holding a key G20 meeting on tourism in Srinagar as most member states had some form of representation at the event.

The hosting of the G20 event also proved to be a major tailwind for development works in Kashmir as Srinagar was transformed with several new landmarks added to the city.

The historic Ghanta Ghar (Clock Tower) at Lal Chowk got a major facelift as the town square has become a popular tourist attraction.

The Jhelum Bund walkway has added options for the city dwellers for an evening outing while electric buses and e-rickshaws have been introduced with the aim of combating pollution and providing ease of transportation.

While there were a lot of positives including vast improvement in the general security situation in Kashmir, delay in holding elections to various bodies has drawn criticism from opposition parties.

Assembly elections were last held in Jammu and Kashmir in 2014 and are long overdue as four years have passed since the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act was passed by Parliament. The panchayat and local body polls were last held in 2018 and were due in November-December this year. However, these elections have also been deferred without any explanation being offered by the administration.

Although the security situation in the valley improved during the year, terrorists carried out targeted attacks on minority community members and security forces, both off-duty and on-duty.

The year began with terrorists killing four civilians in Dhangri area of Rajouri on January 1 while two more civilians died in the same area in an IED explosion on the same day.

The border districts of Poonch and Rajouri saw some major terrorist

attacks this year, in which more than 15 soldiers and six civilians were killed. The attacks took place at Bhatta Durain (April 20), Kesari Hills (May 5) and Dera Ki Gali (December 21).

There were terrorist attacks in Kashmir valley as well. A Colonel, a Major and a Deputy Superintendent of Police were killed in an encounter with terrorists in Kokernag area of Anantnag district. Police Inspector Masroor Ahmad Wani died after being attacked by a terrorist when he was playing cricket at Eidgah ground in Srinagar.

A retired senior superintendent of police was shot dead by terrorists when he was reciting 'azaan' inside a mosque in Baramulla district this month.

J&K Police Transfers

to DySP DAR Shopian, Ummer Rashied from DySP SSG (Under Transfer to Gurez) to DySP PC Handwara, Priyanka Kumari from DySP Ist Women Bn to DySP PC Jammu, Arif Hussain Malik from DySP JKP Hattipora to DySP Hqrs Kulgam, Faizan Ali from DySP PC Dooru to SDPO Tangmarg and Rukhsana Chaudhary from DySP Crime Branch Jammu to DySP CID CIK Hqrs Srinagar.

Consequent to the orders, the officers, Hilal Khaliq Bhat (SP), Imtiyaz Ahmad Rather (SP), Shah Umar (SP), Ghulam Mohd Bhat (SP), Salim Jahangir Lone (SP), Showkat Ahmad Dar (SP), Mansha Beg (DySP) and Ishfaq Alam (DySP) shall report to ZPHQ Kashmir till their formal adjustment/posting.

By virtue of the orders, three DySSP Prithpal Singh, Chabbil Singh and Sheezan Bhat have been asked to report to ZPHQ Jammu till their formal adjustment/posting.

India Seeks

request along with relevant supporting documents to the government of Pakistan to extradite him to India to face trial in a particular case," he said.

Bagchi's remarks came in response to a question at his weekly media briefing.

The Indian high commission in Pakistan handed over the request to Islamabad a few weeks ago, he said.

The spokesperson said India has been flagging to Pakistan the activities of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) founder Saeed and that he is wanted in India.

Asked about reports of Saeed's son Talha Saeed standing for elections in Pakistan, Bagchi said the "mainstreaming of radical terrorist outfits" in that country is nothing new.

"We have seen some reports in this regard. It is an internal affair," Bagchi said, adding that he generally does not comment on internal issues of any

country.

At the same time, he said, "The mainstreaming of radical terrorist outfits in Pakistan is nothing new and has been part of its state policy for a long time."

"Such developments have serious implications for the security of the region. On our part, we will of course continue to monitor all developments that have an implication on our national security," he added.

Talha Saeed is considered number two in the LeT hierarchy with his father being at the helm of the terror outfit.

People Of Kashmir

"Terrorism has hit record lows while tourism is hitting record highs. International events, such as G20 meetings, have taken place, and the world has witnessed the hospitality and pristine beauty of the region," he said.

On what his government is doing to ensure this peace is sustained in Jammu and Kashmir, the PM said the Centre has adopted a multi-pronged approach with focus on security, development, investment in infrastructure and human capital and a complete re-engineering of government processes through reforms.

"We are absolutely on the path of ensuring sustainable peace, stability and prosperity for the people of the region by improving their living standards, promoting economic growth and generating employment opportunities," the PM added.

On holding elections in J&K, PM Modi said, "Jammu and Kashmir is already represented in our Parliament at the national level. At the local level, for the first time, we have been able to take democracy to the grassroots. A three-tier panchayati raj system has been established in the state and 35,000 leaders elected at the grassroots. Why do we underestimate the importance of these elections?"

"Be it democracy, development or dynamism, today the people of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are seeing all-round progress in every aspect," he added.

Kashmir In Grip

valley have been witnessing foggy conditions over the past week.

Though fog did not affect operations at the Srinagar International Airport, flights arriving from other cities in north India, including Delhi, were delayed due to bad weather conditions there, according to the Airports Authority of India.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district recorded a

minimum temperature of minus 5.4 degrees Celsius on Thursday night, the officials said.

Gulmarg, a famous ski resort in Baramulla, recorded a low of minus 2.5 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 4.2 degrees Celsius, Kokernag town minus 2.6 degrees Celsius and Kupwara minus 4 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

Ganderbal, Bandipora, and Budgam recorded the lowest temperature of the season at minus 6.7 degrees Celsius, an independent weather forecaster said. These areas also witnessed very dense fog.

The dip in the minimum temperatures along with dense fog in several areas has caused many problems to the people. Apart from visibility issues, the cold and dry temperatures have increased common ailments like cough, cold, and other respiratory problems, especially among children and the elderly.

The doctors have advised people, especially children, the elderly, and patients, to take precautions like wearing masks and not to venture out unnecessarily in the mornings and evenings.

Mobile Internet

dead, were found dead mysteriously the next day.

Their bodies have been handed over to their families for last rites as investigation continues in their deaths.

Meanwhile, security forces launched a search operation in a forest area in Rajouri district following information about the movement of suspicious elements, officials said.

Acting on the information from the Muradpur area of Kalakote, security forces launched the operation in the Afla, Muradpur, Bothni and Swani areas, they said.

Nothing came up so far, the officials said, adding the operation is still underway.

Last year, a similar suspicious sighting was reported in the same area, they said.

Relief For FMGs

Kyrgyzstan, also expressed relief at the revision of their internship period. "As per the guidelines issued by the NMC, we were not falling into the criteria of students who had studied in online mode for an extended period. After submitting presentations and making repeated visits, our request was finally approved by the JK Medical Council," Dr. Asif said.

In a circular vide No. 420/9/2023/7939 issued on December 28, 2023, by the Registrar of the JK Medical Council, clarification has

Blast near Israel embassy: Delhi Police finds 'crucial proof' of conspiracy, to register FIR

New Delhi: After three days of investigation into the blast near the Israeli Embassy here, the Delhi Police is planning to register an FIR as they have found "crucial evidence" pointing to a conspiracy to threaten the envoy, sources said on Friday.

Delhi Police sources said security agency officials are contemplating the charges under which the FIR would be registered. They are also analysing if the investigation can be handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Officials of the Delhi Police, who are investigating the case, have scanned multiple CCTV footage around the site of the low-intensity blast and spotted a suspect who had come from Jamia Nagar in an auto-rickshaw.

They have questioned multiple auto-rickshaw drivers, including the one who brought that suspect to the spot before the blast occurred on December 26.

"We found some crucial evidence suggesting a blast at Prithviraj Road. The way the letter was put at the spot also suggests that there was a conspiracy to threaten the Israeli envoys because of the Israel-Hamas conflict," a police officer privy to the investigations said.

Although no one was injured in the low-intensity blast, an "abusive" letter addressed to the Israeli ambassador was found near the site, officials had said.

According to them, Tuesday's blast and the recovery of the letter is a grim reminder of the 2021 blast near the embassy in which some cars were damaged. The NIA had probed the case.

Investigating officials are awaiting reports from the National Security Group's laboratory where samples have been sent to ascertain the components used in the explosion that occurred in the area between the boundary walls of the house on plot number 4 -- Nanda's House -- and the Central Hindi Training Institute on plot number 2A on Prithviraj Road.

The NSG has a dedicated forensic lab that is trying to find out the components and chemicals used in the blast. "It may take a few more days to submit the final report," a source said.

Police sources said they have recorded statements from a dozen people who claimed to have heard the loud noise of the blast. The statements reveal that the witnesses spotted a vehicle which broke down near the blast location.

upon, resulting into loss of lacs of rupees "because the water required for Nishat Garden is being now lifted through mechanical pumps." The Divisional Kashmir had sought removal of all types of encroachments on Shah Kaul and also for ensuring appropriate action against the culprits. However, the petitioner said no action has been taken.

"The official respondents (authorities), are legally bound at first instance to carry out and act on their own reports and orders in its letter and spirit, so to restore the original status of the 'Shah Kaul'," he said, adding, "Remove all encroachments made in and around the 'Shah Kaul' and also remove the blockage of two public roads for having general public interest and historical importance."

Last Date For Haj

informed that the application can be submitted online only at the website of HCoI i.e., www.hajcommittee.gov.in or Android Mobile App "HAJ SUVIDHA" available on Google Playstore.

LG Meets Slain

where he succumbed to his injuries. According to an official spokesperson, the LG paid homage to Kumar for his selfless service to the nation. Sinha, he said, extended his condolences to the family and assured all assistance and support from the government.

Pistols, Grenades

Three pistols, six magazines, four hand grenades and 64 rounds were seized from a house, the sources said.

Following the recovery, an investigation has been launched to track down people involved in the cross-border smuggling of weapons, they added.

India Records 797

data updated at 8 am. The country had recorded 865 new cases on May 19.

The number of daily cases had dropped to double-digits till December 5, but the cases have again gone up after emergence of a new variant and cold weather conditions.

The daily numbers were in lakhs at the peak of the pandemic, which began in early 2020 and has seen more than 4.5 crore people getting infected and over 5.3 lakh deaths in about four years since then across the country.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease stands at over 4.4 crore with a national recovery rate of 98.81 per cent, according to the ministry's website.

According to the website, 220.67 crore doses of Covid vaccines have so far been administered in the country.

Dr Farooq Concerned Over Civilian Deaths, Calls For Justice

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Friday held the Army responsible for the death of three civilians and expressed hope that justice will be delivered to their families, as assured by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Abdullah highlighted the potential impact of such incidents on public trust in the system and laid emphasis on the crucial role of public support in overcoming various challenges. "It is unfortunate that in our country, our army is killing innocents. Our Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had come here. He has said that they will ensure proper probe into it and action will be taken against those responsible for it. We hope action will be taken against them and such incidents would not be repeated," Abdullah told reporters here.

Three civilians were found dead and five were injured after they were allegedly picked up by the Army for questioning in connection with a terrorist ambush earlier this month that left four soldiers killed in Poonch district.

Having met with the injured civilians in Poonch, Abdullah called them victims of terrorism and questioned the circumstances of cross-border infiltration by terrorists. "They are innocent people. How terrorists have come here? Where have they come from? Why they came here? What can we do, if they come to our houses with

guns? They (people) do not have weapons. They don't have anyone to protect them," he said.

Abdullah raised concerns about the consequences of mistreatment by troops, stating that no country can prosper without civilian involvement.

"You hit them and bleed them. Three people have been killed. Will such acts make our country strong. People change their faith in system if they are faced with such incidents. This is a dangerous trend for the country," he warned.

Quoting a lieutenant general, Abdullah emphasized the significance of public support in winning wars. He reiterated his stance against terrorism, acknowledging the challenges posed by well-trained terrorists targeting officers in the police and army.

"This should be kept in mind that if the people are with you then you can win the war. Be sympathetic to the people and love them. Terrorists are coming in. They are not being stopped. They are highly trained. They are killing our officers of police and army," he said.

Advocating talks with Pakistan as the only way to resolve issues, Abdullah expressed hope for renewed discussions after elections in both countries.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration has announced compensation and job for the families of the deceased civilians.

The Army has ordered a comprehensive internal investigation, pledging full support and cooperation in the inquiry.



A MAN WITH HIS FACE AND HEAD COVERED, walks through Batamalo market of Srinagar city on a cold and foggy Friday morning. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

Kashmir's Hill Stations All Set To Host Gala New Year Celebrations

Local Artists Aabha Hanjura, Ishfaq Adil Gurezi, IBM Band To Entrall Tourists, Locals

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department is all set to host a mega New Year celebration in Gulmarg, Pahalgam and Sonmarg to ring in 2024 with grandeur.

This year, the department has roped in the local celebrities of Kashmir to enthrall tourists and locals in all these three picturesque designations.

In Gulmarg, which is the spotlight for New Year celebrations, Kashmiri celebrated singer Aabha Hanjura, Adil Gurezi and Afaq Shafi are going to perform at the Golf Course.

"The department of tourism has invited me to the beautiful valley of Kashmir. I will be performing with my band on 31st of December to celebrate new year with all of you," said Hukus Bukus fame Aabha Hanjura in a promotional video.

Adil Gurezi who shot to fame after singing Dupt'e Nyunem Dal ki Wawan, said he too is excited to perform on New Year in Gulmarg. "I am super excited to perform on 31st December at Gulmarg," he said, the promotional video.

Afaq Shafi, who recently made it in the audition of Indian Idol too will perform at Gulmarg to enthrall visitors.

Pertinently, Gulmarg is completely sold out on New Year with hotels reported 100 percent occupancy.

On New Year eve, the department would hold laser sound and light shows apart from the musical night at Gulmarg.

Apart from the department, the hoteliers too have made special arrangements of gala dinners and musical nights for the tourists in Gulmarg and Pahalgam.

At Pahalgam, Kashmiri singers, Ishfaq Kawa, IBM Band, Rasik and Kohinoor band will perform at

Pahalgam club on December 31 to mark the beginning of new year. The spotlight of the show will be the IBM- Irfan, Bilal and Mehm-eet, who have been touring the world to promote Kashmir music.

At Sonmarg, which will remain through for tourists this winter, the celebration of New Year has also been planned by the tourism department.

In addition to live music, ice skating is scheduled to captivate both tourists and locals visiting the destination.

An official of the tourism department said these events have been scheduled given the rush of tourists on New Year eve.

"Scores of tourists have visited the valley to celebrate New Year. These events are expected to be a testament to the resilience and spirit of the region, inviting travellers to experience the unparalleled beauty of Jammu and Kashmir," he said—(KNO)

Range Officer Arrested On Bribery Charges Suspended

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In consonance with policy of the Government of zero tolerance for corrupt practices, the Forest Department has taken action and placed Mushtaq Ahmad Sofi, I/c Range Officer, Khuihama Range in Bandipora Forest Division under suspension after he was found involved in illegal financial transactions with the contractor who had been executing the departmental works.

On receiving a report from the Anti-Corruption Bureau, J&K on this incidence, the said Range Officer was placed under suspension and enquiry as per CSR has been initiated, he added.

The spokesperson further said that the department has taken steps for improving accountability, transparency and efficiency by introducing e-tendering system for executing various works in the department including plantation works.

He also said that the department has also switched over to online mode of working to promote e-governance and minimize the physical/manual disposal of public grievances especially in those services which have a public interface like distribution of timber from timber sale depots, booking of forest rest houses by the eco-tourists, allowing online transit permit for transportation of timber and other forest produce by the common people/traders, certificate of forest land/non-forest land to be issued to the common people, registration of Wood Based Industries, etc.

Admin Frames 'Draft Policy' For Upgradation Of School Curriculum

Policy Entails Higher, Technical Education In Line With Emerging Technologies, Current Requirements

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir have framed a 'Draft Policy' wherein it has suggested upgradation of curriculum for school, higher and technical education in line with emerging technologies and current requirements.

"School, Higher and Technical Education Institutions will be advised to update the course curriculum to be in line with the emerging technologies and current requirements of the industry," the draft policy reads.

It also said that new courses will be introduced for entrepreneurship development. "Efforts will be made to engage industry experts to teach specialized elective courses at Higher and Technical Education Institutions as part of the degree courses being offered by the respective institutions."

The policy further says that the School, Higher and Technical Education Institutions will be asked to adopt new pedagogic interventions and technology-based course delivery tools to bring the educational ecosystem of Jammu and Kashmir at par

with the global standards. About the infrastructure upgradation, the policy states that the authorities have suggested that a special scheme of facility up-gradation shall be introduced.

"The Government would support enhancing infrastructure at existing schools, colleges, Technical Education Institutions and universities to deliver the curriculum and conduct the activities as per global best practices in pedagogy," it reads.

Similarly, about the faculty support, the documents said that in order to encourage commercialization of research taking place in academic labs and support the faculty in their entrepreneurial journey, a two-year startup sabbatical for faculty of colleges, technical education institutions and universities shall be introduced.

"The faculty will also be encouraged to get involved with and encourage startups in form of mentoring, guidance or consultancy in lieu of minority stake of not more than 2 percent or executive membership in the advisory board of the startup," it reads—(KNO)

Baramulla's Solid Waste Management Plan

J&K RTI Foundation Spotlights 'Irregularities' In EOI Process

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: The Jammu and Kashmir Right to Information (RTI) Foundation has raised concerns regarding alleged irregularities in the Expression of Interest (EOI) process for Solid Waste Management in District Baramulla.

In response to the EOI invitation (EOI No.: ACP/Bla/2023/SBM/9756-90 DPK-13894-23), the Foundation, renowned for spearheading impactful initiatives like the Nallae Ferozpora Bachao Movement, Tosamidan Conservation and Saaf Shaafaaf Muhim, expressed a keen interest in contributing to Baramulla's environmental conservation efforts.

However, "ambiguities in the guidelines", particularly regarding essential documentation required for participation, hindered their proactive involvement.

Expressing dismay over unaddressed emails dated December 18, 2023, and December 23, 2023, seeking clarifications, the Foundation highlighted the lack of responsiveness from concerned authorities. This lack of communication severely limited conscientious organizations, such as the J&K RTI Foundation, from participating effectively in addressing Baramulla's pressing solid waste management challenges.

The Foundation has raised this concern with prominent authorities, including the



Director of the Rural Development Department Kashmir, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, and ACP Baramulla. Their collective appeal aims to shed light on potential deliberate hindrances, obstructing genuine environmental entities from actively engaging in the district's waste management initiatives.

Advocating for fairness, transparency, and equitable opportunities for all agencies dedicated to addressing Baramulla's waste management issues, the Foundation urges a comprehensive investigation into the "irregularities" within the EOI process.

IGP Kashmir Chairs Security Cum Crime Review Meeting

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Inspector General of Police Kashmir, V. K Birdi on Friday reviewed the security of the valley during a meeting held at Police Control Room Kashmir which was attended by senior officers of police & CAPF and Intelligence officers.

Besides, crime scenario & over-all functioning of all districts of Kashmir Zone was also reviewed in the sidelines of the meeting, which was joined by the DIsG & district SsP of Kashmir zone.

On the onset of meeting the participating officers briefed IGP Kashmir about the overall security scenario with the primary focus to garner insights into the existing security challenges and to devise effective strategies to mitigate risks, a police spokesperson said.

He said that the discussions encompassed various facets, including intelligence gathering, threat assessments, and emergency response protocols. The collaborative effort underscored the commitment of all stakeholders towards ensuring the safety and well-being of the citizens.

On the occasion, the spokesperson said, IGP Kashmir lauded the dedication and commitment exhibited by all the senior officers in their roles. Birdi, he said, actively engaged with the officers, delving into discussions about initiatives aimed at maintaining law and order, as well as anti-terrorist operations within the valley.

"Highlighting the importance of continued efforts and coordination among different forces on the ground, IGP Kash-

mir stressed that such collaboration is vital in maintaining peaceful atmosphere across the Valley," he added.

Moreover, while taking crime review meeting of Kashmir Zone, the spokesperson said, IGP Kashmir stressed upon the participant officers to improve the quality of investigation of cases falling under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), Property attachment in UAPA cases, cases of terror financing, terror-related incidents, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) cases, narco-terror cases, detentions under the Public Safety Act (PSA), general crime cases etc.

"Besides, inquest proceedings, arrest of absconders and action taken under preventive measures were also reviewed. With regard to the UAPA cases, the IGP stressed for improving the quality and techniques of investigation to ensure the conviction rate in UAPA cases," the spokesperson said.

"He directed for designating nodal officers for following the required process of UAPA cases to ensure that cases are submitted for judicial determination within prescribed period," he added.

The spokesperson further said that discussions encompassed various aspects of crime prevention, investigation techniques, and the implementation of proactive measures to curb emerging challenges.

"IGP Kashmir reiterated the Police commitment to transparency, accountability, and the swift resolution of cases to ensure justice and maintain the safety and well-being of the public," he added

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بااطلاس نائب تحصیلدار ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درج اول
مضمون کاغذات درخواست منجانب دانش مرحومونی و ظہور احمد صوفی و اقراء اختر ساکنہ بابائے پورہ محمود پورہ تحصیل کترز برآمد عطاگی RBA سرٹیفکیٹ تحت SRO 294
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معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں درخواست سائل دفتر ہڈائیں زیر کاروئی ہے اس سلسلے میں پنڈاری حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمول ریکارڈ طلب کیا گیا ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکنان اور ان کا والد گزشتہ پندرہ سال سے وہ ہڈائیں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کبھی بھی ٹرک سکنٹ نہیں کی ہے ساکنان کی ہموار آمدنی 40547 روپے جتنا ہی ہے کہ یہ بڈیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے
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مسما تہلیبہ بیگم 48 سال گھریلو کام
ظہور احمد صوفی 24 سال زیر تعلیم
توحیدہ اختر 22 سال ملازمت
دانش محمد 20 سال زیر تعلیم
اقراء اختر 17 سال زیر تعلیم
اس کے علاوہ کوئی افراد کہہ نہیں ہے سرٹیفکیٹ اجرا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ ایم اندر دفتر ہڈائیں پیش کرے معیار کرنے بعد کوئی بھی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا
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NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to the advertisement notice No. 19 GMCA of 2022 dated 29.10.2022 regarding contractual hiring of Staff Nurses under NHM for Associated Hospitals of Govt. Medical College Anantnag for which the written test was held on 13-11-2022, the selection list of candidates for the engagement as Staff Nurses under National Health Mission, J&K on contractual basis is hereby notified in Annexure 'A' to this notification.

The selected candidates are directed to report the office of Principal, Government Medical College Anantnag at Janglatmandi within three (03) days from the issuance of this notification for processing the verification of their Character and Antecedents through online mode.

No. GMCA/Estt/Rec/NHM/2023/6813-17
Dated: 29-12-2023

Principal
Govt. Medical College
Anantnag

ANNEXURE 'A'

Selection list of candidates for the posts of Staff Nurses under NHM advertised vide this office Notice No. 19 GMCA of 2022 Dated 29/10/2022

S. No	Form ID	Roll No	Name of candidate	Qualification	10th Out of (10) on prorata basis	Degree/Diploma Out of (15) on prorata basis	Experience (out of 10)	Covid-19 Experience out of (10)	Total Marks (45)	Marks Obtained in written (out of 55)	Grand Total (out of 100)
1	7114	559	Urooj Mushtaq	GNM	7.02	13.73	-	0.41	21.16	48.4	69.56
2	7080	546	Aurfi Yousuf	B.Sc Nursing	8.16	11.84	-	-	20	48.4	68.4
3	7047	532	Benishee Bashir	B.Sc Nursing	7.86	12.05	-	-	19.91	47.3	67.21
4	7255	621	Shabnam Bashir	B.Sc Nursing	7.5	11.76	-	-	19.26	46.2	65.46
5	7362	658	Ansia Mubashir	B.Sc Nursing	6.72	12.03	-	-	18.75	46.2	64.95
6	7142	573	Saiqa Hassan	B.Sc Nursing	5.22	11.99	-	-	17.21	47.3	64.51
7	6974	504	Toiba Ayoub	B.Sc Nursing	8.36	11.7	-	-	20.06	44	64.06
8	7050	534	Sabeena Rehman	B.Sc Nursing	8.12	11.79	-	0.41	20.32	42.9	63.22
9	7229	608	Simra Farooq	B.Sc Nursing	7.36	11.84	-	-	19.2	44	63.2
10	7585	709	Arjumand Zahoora	GNM	7.1	13.09	-	-	20.19	42.9	63.09
11	7736	763	Raffia Jan	B.Sc Nursing	6.66	10.43	2.5	-	19.59	42.9	62.49
12	7723	757	Umar Bilal Bhat	B.Sc Nursing	4.44	10.36	1.45	-	16.17	46.2	62.41
13	6999	514	Aliya Hassan	B.Sc Nursing	6.52	10.7	-	-	17.69	45.1	62.32

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Director Information Felicitates Gagan Singh Jamwal



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Director Information J&K Minga Sherpa felicitated Gagan Singh Jamwal, departments' employee, on Friday for clinching gold medal in the 61st National Roller Skating Championship held at Chandigarh.

Minga Sherpa termed the victory of Gagan and his team phenomenal and applauded

them for winning gold medal consecutively for the fifth time. He appreciated the unique talent of Gagan while being optimistic about his success in all the upcoming national and international tournaments. He encouraged the promising player to continue his stint and make DIPR proud in days to come. He complimented and wished him a great future ahead with many more medals.

WFI Office Moved Out Of BJP MP's Residence

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) on Friday moved its office out of the residence of its former president and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, after the sports ministry had recently raised serious objections to it.

"The WFI will operate from a new address in New Delhi after vacating Brij Bhushan's premises," a source told PTI on condition of anonymity.

The new WFI office is located in the Hari Nagar area of New Delhi. The ministry, while suspending the newly-formed WFI panel under president Sanjay Singh on December 24, three days after he was elected its head, had cited the office running from Brij Bhushan's residence as one of the reasons for taking the

stringent action.

The ministry also said the new body was working under the "complete control of former (WFI) office-bearers", which was not in conformity with the National Sports Code.

Several top wrestlers, including Olympic medallists Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik and World Championship medallist Vinesh Phogat have levelled allegations of sexual harassment against Brij Bhushan and the case is being heard in the Delhi High Court.

After Sanjay Singh, a close aide of Brij Bhushan, was elected WFI chief on December 21, Sakshi decided to retire from wrestling, while Bajrang returned his Padma Shri and Vinesh decided to give her Khel Ratna and Arjuna Award back, alleging they did not want any close associate of the BJP MP to run the federation.

ICC Fines India, 2 WTC Points Deducted



Press Trust of India

DUBAI: India's heaviest defeat in South Africa in the first Test at Centurion came along with a fine of 10 per cent of their match fees and Rohit Sharma's team being docked two crucial points in the World Test Championship (WTC).

India lost inside three days in an abject surrender to the South African side, suffering the heaviest defeat in the African nation by an innings and 32 runs in the first of the two Tests.

"Chris Broad of the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees imposed the sanction after India were ruled to be two overs short of the target after time allowances were taken into consideration," the ICC said in a release on Friday.

As per Article 2.22 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Play-

ers and Player Support Personnel, which is in context to minimum over-rate offences, players are fined five per cent of their match fee for every over their side fails to bowl in the stipulated time.

Additionally, one point per each over short is docked by the ICC for its WTC, which means India lost two points.

Before the penalty India were placed fifth in the points table with 16 points and a PCT of 44.44.

After the penalty, they've dropped below Australia to sixth spot with a PCT of 38.39. India play one more Test in South Africa before returning home.

AVESH KHAN ADDED TO INDIA'S SQUAD FOR 2ND SA TEST

India called up right-arm fast bowler Avesh Khan on

Friday in a bid to bolster their pace attack for the second and final Test at Cape Town.

The right-arm fast bowler was named as a replacement for Mohammed Shami, who was ruled out of the two Tests as he did not get the necessary clearance from the BCCI medical team.

"The Men's Selection Committee has named Mr Avesh Khan as a replacement for Mr Mohd. Shami for the second Test against South Africa to be played from 3rd-7th January 2024 in Cape Town," the board said in a release.

The 27-year-old Avesh, who has so far claimed 149 wickets in 38 first-class games at 22.65, was a part of India's victorious campaign in the three-match ODI series against South Africa before the Tests in which he took six wickets.

Cummins' 10 Leads Australia To Pakistan Series Triumph



Agencies

MELBOURNE: Australia captain Pat Cummins took 10 wickets in a masterclass of clutch bowling to end stout Pakistan resistance and lead his side to a 79-run victory on the fourth day of the second test on Friday, locking up the three-match series 2-0.

Just when it looked like the match would go down to the wire on the final day, the pace-man stepped in to remove Mohammad Rizwan, Pakistan's last recognised batsman, and claim his 250th test wicket. Cummins (5-49) followed that up with the wicket of Aamer Jamal for a

duck to trigger an extra half an hour of play, during which he claimed his fifth wicket of the innings and 10th of the match to help mop up the tail.

It was his second 10-wicket match haul in 57 tests and concluded a glorious year in which he led Australia to the World Test Championship, a 50-overs World Cup triumph and the retention of the Ashes in England. Set an imposing victory target of 317 runs after bowling Australia out for 262 before lunch at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, the tourists had put together a series of partnerships that frustrated the potent Australian attack.

Ancelotti Extends Real Madrid Contract Until 2026

Agencies

MADRID: Manager Carlo Ancelotti has extended his contract with Real Madrid until 2026, the LaLiga club said on Friday.

Ancelotti has been at Real since 2021, having previously managed the club from 2013 to 2015. The Italian has won one league title with Real, along with two Champions League trophies and two Club World Cups. "Real Madrid C. F. and

Carlo Ancelotti have agreed to extend our coach's contract until June 30, 2026," Real said in a statement.

His contract was due to expire in 2024, and this extension ends speculation that Ancelotti would take over as manager of Brazil. In March of this year, then Brazilian FA (CBF) president Ednaldo Rodrigues told Reuters that Ancelotti was his main target for the position of national team coach.

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