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#### **financial wisdom!** In a time where the specter of financial frauds looms large in Kashmir, this column is curated to be your beacon of light, guiding you through the intricacies of money management and investment decisions. Financial literacy is crucial for making informed and effective decisions about managing money, investments, and overall financial well-being. Our aim is to empower individuals to make sound choices and

build a secure financial future



**Irshad Mushtaq** 

n the world of financial investments, the role of a professional expert should not be understated. Just as we seek out doctors for medical advice and lawyers for legal representation, a financial professional is essential for navigating the often complex and volatile financial market.

When it comes to managing wealth and making sound investment decisions, the expertise and advice of a financial professional can make all the difference. Attempting to navigate the financial market alone, without the guidance of a knowledgeable expert, can lead to costly mistakes and significant financial losses. It's like trying to diagnose and treat an illness without consulting a doctor, or building a house without the expertise of an architect – it's simply not a wise

or sustainable approach. The reality is that the financial market is rife with potential pitfalls and risks, and without the insight and guidance of a dedicated professional, individuals face a significant disadvantage. The allure of becoming a self-taught expert or relying on online resources can be tempting, but the truth is that without a trusted financial professional, individuals are left vulnerable to the persuasive tactics of sellers who may have their own biased interests in mind.

By consulting a reputable and trusted financial expert, individuals can not only avoid making costly mistakes, but also benefit from sound advice and strategies that can lead to long-term financial growth and stability. While there may be fees associated with seeking professional guidance, the potential for avoiding significant losses and growing wealth far outweighs any initial investment.

In conclusion, the importance of a dedicated and trusted financial professional cannot be overstated. Just as we rely on professionals in other areas of our lives, it is critical to seek out expert consultation when it comes to financial investments. By doing so, individuals can safeguard their financial future and avoid the pitfalls of going it alone in the complex and often unpredictable financial market.

- Author is NISM qualified, Mutual Fund advisor and distributor having experience of 18 years in financial market.

**Powerful Incentives, Pervasive Potential** 

# **LG Sinha Woos Investors With Lucrative Opportunities**

Inks MoUs Worth Rs 3,000 Crore At Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit

Doing Business

Says Investing In J&K Means Investing In India's Unity



Gujarat: Terrorism is taking its last breath in Jammu and Kashmir and investors should pump in funds in the Union Territory (UT) as doing so would mean investing in the unity and integrity of India, J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said here on Friday.

Addressing prospective investors at a seminar organised as part of the 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit here, he urged them to turn their attention to the erstwhile state and contribute in connecting J&K with the rest of the country by setting up ventures there.

Without taking Pakistan's name, Sinha asserted nefarious designs of India's neighbour will not succeed and the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, whose special status was revoked by the Centre in 2019, will soon be similar to that in the rest of the country. | More on P6

Business

### **Amit Shah Appeals Gujarat Industrialists To Invest In Kashmir**

**Agencies** 

Gujarat: Union Home Minister Amit Shah has appealed to industrialists in Gujarat to expand their businesses in the northern part of the country, and Kashmir in particular.

"I would like to tell Gujarati industrialists, in case they want to expand towards the north, then please invest in Kashmir. By doing so, please support Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative in mainstreaming Kashmir,' Shah said, addressing the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, with Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha in the audience.

Using Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit as a platform, Manoj Sinha too



made a similar appeal to investors to visit and participate in the growth journey of the Union Territory.

Manoj Sinha said he has signed as many as seven MoUs for investment in Jammu and Kashmir. Emmar Group is developing 10 lakh square feet area in the Union Territory, with | More on P6

### Will it Snow? **WD Likely To** Hit J&K

**Press Trust Of India** 

Srinagar: A feeble western disturbance is likely to affect Jammu and Kashmir by weekend with a possibility of light snowfall over isolated places in the higher reaches, according to the meteorological department.

Minimum temperatures in Kashmir rose marginally due to cloud cover.

Feeble western disturbances are likely to affect Jammu and Kashmir on Friday and January 17 evening. Under the influence of these western disturbances, generally cloudy weather with light snowfall over isolated places in the higher reaches is expected, the meteorological department here said.

A dry winter in Kashmir has resulted in freezing nights and warmer-than-usual days. Day temperatures in Srinagar were more than 6 degrees Celsius above the normal for this time of the year.

The Valley continued to experience sub-zero night temperatures with the mercury settling below the normal for this time of the year.

Srinagar city recorded a minimum temperature of minus 4 degrees Celsius on Thursday night a notch up from the previous night.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 4.2 degrees and the ski resort of Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 3.2 degrees Celsius.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, which serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded a minimum temperature of minus 5.3 degrees Celsius.

The minimum temperature in Kokernag town settled at minus 2.4 degrees Celsius, while it was minus 4.4 degrees Celsius in Kupwara.

Kashmir is currently under the grip of "Chilla-i-Kalan", a 40-day harsh winter period during which a cold wave sweeps the region and temperatures drop considerably leading to the freezing of water bodies as well as water in pipes.

The chances of snowfall are the highest during this period and most areas, particularly the higher reaches, | More on P6

### **Terrorists Attack Army Vehicle In Poonch**

**Press Trust Of India** 

Jammu: An incident of firing took place late Friday evening in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, prompting security forces to launch an operation,

officials said here. A defence spokesperson said details of the incident were being ascertained.

Unofficial reports, however, claimed that the firing was aimed at a cavalcade of vehicles of the security forces in the Krishnagati sector.

### **Air Pollution To Intensify** Amid Prolonged Dry Spell stagnant air, combined with **Observer News Service**

Compliance

Srinagar: In recent weeks, a prolonged dry spell has

swept across our region, raising serious concerns about its impact on air quality. As the dry conditions persist, experts are drawing attention to the exacerbation of pollution levels and the potential consequences for public health.

Meteorological patterns indicate a significant reduction in precipitation, leading to stagnant air and limited

increased emissions from various sources, has created a perfect storm for heightened pollution levels.

Local environmental agencies are closely monitoring air quality indices, which have shown alarming spikes in pollutants such as particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10), nitrogen dioxide (NO2), and ozone. These pollutants, known for their adverse effects on respiratory health, pose a direct threat to vulnerable populations, indispersion of pollutants. This cluding children, | More on P6

**IIM Off-campus In Kashmir** 

### **Govt Transfers 55 Kanals** to Education Ministry

Agencies

**Srinagar:** In a significant move, the Jammu & Kashmir government has transferred 55 kanals of land to Union **Education Ministry for setting** up permanent IIM off-campus at Pantha Chowk, Srinagar.

The proposal for transfer of the state land for setting up IIM off-campus in Srinagar was approved by the administrative council during its meeting held

on December 26. In an order, a copy of which is in possession of news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the Revenue department said that sanction has been accorded for transfer of state land measuring 55 kanal eight marla under survey no. 1072/1009, situated in estate Pantha Chowk, tehsil Pantha Chowk, | More on P6



# **Prayers Held Across Kashmir To** Seek An End To Dry Spell

**Majid Nabi** 

**Srinagar:** Mosques across the valley, including the central Jamia Masjid in Srinagar, hosted 'Salat-ul-Istisqa', a special prayer seeking end to the protracted dry period. Thousands of people from across Kashmir participated in the prayers and sought forgiveness and divine intervention for much-needed

rain and snowfall People were seen raising their hands in supplication to seek an end to the arid weath-

er conditions in Kashmir. Imam-e-Hi, Maulana, Syed Ahmad Syed Naqshbandi, following in-structions of Mirwaiz Umer Farooq, led Salat-ul-Istisaa at historic Jamia Masjid in

Nowhatta area of the cold city. "Mirwaiz Umer Farooq

recently chaired a meeting and directed for Salatul-Istisqa at Jamia Masjid today. Later on, religious leaders from various sects of the religion pushed for the collective prayers in mosques across Kashmir," Imam-e-Hi, Maulana Syed Ahmad Syed Nagashbandi told reporters post Friday prayers at Jamia Masjid.

Imam-e-Hi | More on P6

Do You Consume Bottled Water? Brace Yourself For A Revelation

# A Single Litre Of Bottled Water May Harbor Around 2.4 Lakh Plastic Pieces, New Study Reveals

**Press Trust Of India** 

Srinagar: A litre of bottled water could contain about 2.4 lakh plastic pieces on average, which is about 10 to 100 times greater than previous estimates that mainly concerned plastics of larger sizes, according to a new study.

While microplastics range from a micrometre -- a millionth of a metre -- to 5 millimetres, nanoplastics are smaller than a micrometre and are measured in billionths of a metre.

Researchers from Columbia University analysed three popular brands of bottled water sold in the US, measuring plastic particles down to 100 nanometres in size.

They detected about 1.1-3.7 lakh plastic fragments in each litre -- 90 per cent nanoplastics and the rest microplastics. Their findings are published in the journal Proceedings of the



National Academy of Sciences. "Previously this was just a dark area, uncharted. Toxicity studies were just guessing what's in there," said study

co-author Beizhan Yan, an environmental chemist at Columbia School's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory.

"This opens a window where

we can look into a world that was not exposed to us before," he said.

In recent years, microplastics have been documented to be present in soil, drinking water, food and even polar ice. Formed when larger plastics break down into progressively smaller bits, these plastics find their way into humans and other creatures, with potential effects on their health and ecosystem.

In this study, the team also determined the type of plastics they were, targeting seven common ones, along with charting their shapes for biomedical purposes.

They found a common one -polyethylene terephthalate or PET. Water bottles are made of this material.

Another type of plastic the researchers found was polyamide. A type of nylon, polyamide was found in greater quantity than PET. They said the | More on P6

'Delay' In Medical Claim For Mother's Cancer Treatment

### **J&K HC Treats Doctor's** Plea As 'Distress Call'

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**Srinagar:** Observing that the matter is too serious to be taken casually or leniently, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Friday ordered personal appearance of Director Accounts and Treasuries Kashmir, District Treasury Officer Anantnag and Treasury Officer Kokernag in connection with a

plea by a doctor alleging delay in reimbursement of medical claim regarding treatment of her mother who is battling a life threatening disease.

"This writ petition by the petitioner (a doctor) is literally a distress call to this Court invoking Article 226 of the Constitution of India with the grievance that for her ailing mother who is suffering from a cancer under treatment is

on the verge of suffering loss of life because of acts of omission or commission on the part of the respondents 3 to 5 (officers) in particular in the matter of reimbursing of the medical claims of the petitioner in connection with the treatment of her mother," said a bench of Justice Rahul Bharti.

Counsel for the petitioner also stated that Treasury Officer Kokernag made a phone call to her that unless and until the doctor withdraws the petition, he was not going to process the reimbursement file

to the tune of over Rs 6 lakh. "The matter is too serious to be taken casually or leniently", the Court said and directed issuance of notice to the J&K government through commissioner secretary Finance, Director General | More on P6



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### Office Of The Executive Engineer Sub Transmission Division-Ist (KPDCL), Bemina, Srinagar

**NoticeInviting Tender** e-NIT No. STD I / 28 of 2023-24 dated 11.01.2024

For and on behalf of the Managing Director KPDCL, e-Tenders, (In Two Cover System) is hereby invited from reputed A-class electrical contractors / registered firms/suppliers enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways/DGS&D/JKPDD, for the work mentioned as:-

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<ol><li>Document Download /Sale (End) Date.</li></ol>	05/02/2024; 03:00 PM
3 Bidding Queries/Clarifications	15/01/2024 to 16.01.2024.
4. Bid Submission Start Date	19/01/2024; 10:00 AM
5. Bid Submission End Date	05/02/2024; 03:00 PM
6. Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	07/02/2024; 02:00 PM
7. Financial Bid Opening	Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders
8. Venue of Commercial / Technical Bid Opening	Electronically in the office of Executive Engineer STD-Ist Bemina Srinagar, J&K.
9. Cost of e-Bid document	Rs.1000.00 (One Thousand only) Non refundable
10. Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 43,300/-(Forty-ThreeThousand Three Hundred only)
11. Position of AA	Accorded

The bidders need to submit the proof/cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through non-refundable Demand Draft pledged to Executive Engineer, STD-I, Bemina, Srinagar, The scanned copy of the Demand Draft must be uploaded on e-tendering portal in Commercial /Technical Bid Documents & hard copy of the same to be submitted in the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-I, Bemina, Srinagarbefore opening of techno-commercial bids.

All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR/FDR only, pledged to the Executive Engineer, STD-I, Bernina, Srinagar. No Interest would be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department. Hard Copy of original instrument of EMD shall be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-1, Bernina, Srinagar, before opening of techno-com-

mercial bids. In case any bidder shall submit/upload the bid declaration instead of EMD, his bid shall be summarily rejected and shall not be considered for techno-commer cial evaluation. The date and time of opening of financial bids shall be notified on web site http://jktenders.gov.in. This is conveyed to the qualified bidders automatically

through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The financial bids shall be opened accordingly online on the same web site at the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-I

The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the identified venue on indicated date and time mentioned in the above table or any subsequent day to the convenience of the Tender Opening Committee. An authority letter of bidder' representative will be required to be produced

5. The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e- Bids/ the e- Bid process without assigning any reason thereof .The decision of department will be final and binding. In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being a holiday/closed day for department's office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the follow-

ing working day at the same time and place.

All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidder electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be up loaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.

8. To participate in e-bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' As per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding. Hard copy of technical bid, technical specification and commercial bid documents (complete) of L1 Bidder must be delivered to the office of the Executive

Engineer, STD- I. Bemina, Srinagar, The sealed cover shall be scribed as "Techno-Commercial Bid against e-NIT No. STD-I/28of 2023-24 dated 11/01/2024.

No objection shall be entertained after the stipulated period.

The name of the bidder and e-NIT no. shall be clearly written on the cover. It may be noted that the hard copy should be an exact replica of the uploaded offer documents. For evaluation purposes the uploaded documents will be treated as authentic and final. The hard copy shall be used only for reference purpose Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Any other information regarding e-tendering process can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-I, Bemina, Srinagar.

**Executive Engineer** Sub Transmission Division-I

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Office Of The Zonal Education Officer Achabal

Whereas Zonal Education Officer Achabal advertised 58 posts of AAYA/HELPERS in the selected schools vide this office notification no.ZEO/SmS/Ach/362-432/23, dated: 25-11-2023, out of which 55

Whereas, the Zonal Education Officer framed selection committee vide No: ZEO/SmS/Ach/566-70/23, Dated: 11-12-2023 entrusted with thorough securitization of documents submitted by the applicants.

The tentative Selection list is issued subject to the production of all documents in original by the selected candidates at the time of joining the post. Mere figuring in list shall not confer any right

The objections/claims if any, along with the documentary proof in support of the objection/claim shall reach this office within the period of Seven (07) days from the publication of the tentative

Whereas the selection committee after thorough securitization of documents submitted by the applicants recommended selection of following candidates making Annexure "A" to this notification after

Subject: - Tentative Selection List of Candidates for the Post of HELPER/AAYA under ECCE for the Year 2023-24

Documents wherever/whenever found fake or forged shall lead to cancelation of selection/engagement of applicant/ AAYA/HELPER ab inition.

PARENTAGE/ SPOUSE NAME

D/O: ABDUL RASHID MANTOO

D/O: LT. ABDUL SALAM BHAT

D/O: LT. MOHD ASHRAF DAR

D/O: Lt. GH MOHIUDIN TEELI

D/O: RIYAZ AHMAD DAR

D/O: AB RASHID MAGRAY

D/O: HAMIDULLAH BHAT W/O: LT GH HASSAN SHAN

D/O: HABIB ULLAH SHEIKH

W/O: RAYEES AHMAD BHAT D/O: GH NABI DAR

W/O: MOHD AMIN SHAH

D/O: BASHIR AHMAD LONE

D/O: AIJAZ AHMAD KADA

D/O: Lt. BASHIR AHMAD BHAT D/O: MOHD ASHRAF KHAN

W/O: JAVAID AHMAD KHAN

D/O: LT. MOHD RAFIQ SHAH

D/O: Lt. MOHD RAFIO SHAP

D/O: BASHIR AHMAĎ SHAH

D/O: GHULAM HASSAN SHAH

D/O: GHULAM RASOOL SHEIKH

Wd/O: MANZOOR AHMAD SHAH

W/O: MOHD IQBAL TAK

D/O: Lt. GULL MOHD DAR

D/O: LT. GH HASSAN MIR

D/O: GH NABI MIR

D/O: Lt MOHD HUSSAIN MIR

Wd/O: JAVAID AHMAD MIR

D/O: MOHAMMAD ALI GANIE

D/O: LT AB RASHID GANIE

D/O: AB REHMAN DAR

D/O: MANZOOR AHMAD LONE

W/O: NISAR AHMAD SHEIKH

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W/O: LT. SHABIR AHMAD GANIE

D/O: GH HASSAN SHEIKH

D/O: GH MOHD WANI

W/O: LATE GHULAM JEELANI DAR

D/O: MUSHTAQ AHMAD WAGAY D/O: Lt. MOHAMMAD AFZAL KHANDAY

W/O: RAJINDER SINGH

D/O: AB KHALIK WANI

SUMAIRAH BASHIR

W/O: Lt. JAVAID AHMAD WANI

D/O: MUSHTAQ AHMAD BAGHAT

W/O:Lt. GULZAR AHMAD TANTRAY

W/O: FAROOO AHMAD SHEIKH D/O: LT. GH HASSAN KHARADI D/O: Lt. MOHAMMAD YOUSUF GANIE

D/O: NAZIR AHMAD BHAT

D/O: GH RASOOL DAS

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following guidelines issued by the Director Samagra Shiksha, J&K vide order no.07 of Chirag-2023, dated: 09-01-2023. It is further notified that:

NAME OF THE CANDI-

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NELLOFER JAN

IORA MANZOOR

MASARAT JAN

MUNEERA AKHTER

GULSHAN MAQBOOL

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No.:- STD-I/5833-36 DIPK-NB-5221/23 dated:-12/01/2024

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### The Jammu and Kashmir **State Board Of School Education**

New Campus Bemina Srinagar Notice for General Public

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

details: Roll No: 403247 Class 12 th Year & Session Annual 2008 Registration: 05NKM-310639 Name: Sajad Ahmad Dar Father's Name: Ghulam Ahmad Dar Mother's Name: Raja Begum Date of Birth:- 01-04-1991

Residenc:- Pazalpora Mantrigam Bandipora According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard. shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant

Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice. (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 08AKTR-821400 be treated as "CANCELLED")

No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)B/KD/24 Dated 12-01-2024

Assistant Secretary Certificates, KD.

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New Campus Bemina Srinagar

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I purchased MEHANDRA MAXI TRUCK bearing registration number JK13D4707 model 2017 from one SHOWKAT AHMAD RATHER s/o GHULAM QADIR RATHER resident of ARABAL PULWAMA contact no 7006473464. if anybody have any objection in this regard He /She may contact ARTO Sopore within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh S/O Ghulam Dadir Sheikh R/O Durhama Wagoora Contact No 9906930131

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

My Father's name in my Met Life Policy bearing No: 20760328 been wrongly written as Hazz vashir while his correct name is Basheer Ahmad which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned PNB MetLife office within a period fo seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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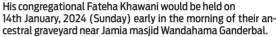
### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to Information of general public that my name has been wrongly entered in the Aadhaar Card as Gowhar Bashir S/O Bashir Ahmad Misri R/O Aramwari Zero Bridge Raihagh Srinagar instead of Tasadug Bashir S/O Bashir Ahmad Misri R/O Aramwari Zero Bridge, Rajbagh, Srinagar, Now I am approaching to the Concerned authority for rectification thereof, if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may contact the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, after no objection shall be

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#### **SAD DEMISE**

With profound grief and Sorrow, it is to inform with heavy heart the Sad Demise of Syed Javaid Ahmad Andrabi s/o Syed Sannaullah Andrabi R/o Near Jamia masjid Wandahama Ganderbal who left for heavenly abode on 11th January 2024 after brief illness, May Almighty Allah grant Jannat-ul-Firdous to the departed soul.



### **Bereaved Family**

Andrabi Family & Nazki Family Syed Bilal Andrabi (Son) Syed Shahid Andrabi (Son) Cell no. 7006883037 7889354998

### **SAD DEMISE**

With profound grief and Sorrow, it is to inform with heavy heart the sad demise of Mrs Sheikh Hafiza wife of late Shiekh Abdul Rashid R/o Batmaloo, Srinagar who left for heavenly abode on 11th January 2024, May Almighty Allah grant Jannat-ul-Firdous to the departed soul.

Her congregational Fateha Khawani would be held on 14th January, 2024 (Sunday) at 10:30 A.M of their ancestral graveyard Mominabad near District Court, Batmaloo, Srinagar.

**Bereaved Family** 

Shiekh Suhail (Son) Cell No. 7006568455

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

**BRANCH OFFICE MAGAM** 

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Name: Suhail Ayaz S/o: Ayaz Ahmad Parray

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R/o Chairhara Roll No(12th) 32407225 Session / Year: Annual-Reg. 2020

Higher Secondary School Examination (class12th) Roll No 252572 Session / Year Annual . 2008

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Sd/ Assistant Secretary Sub Office Magam

زنيابت كوم احمد يوره رخواست از جانب نثاراحمه وانی ولدغلام سین وانی ساکنه بودی بگر تخصیل شگهیو پره پیژن بار بهموله بمرادهصول D.O.B درخواست از جانب نثاراحمه وانی ولدغلام سین وانی ساکنه بودی بگرخصیل شگهیو پره پیژن بار بهموله بمرادهصول D.O.B اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی خاص وعام

عامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر كنسبت ريورك پنجايت سكرى ونمبردارد به وچوكيدارعلاقه وآشاميرم مصموصول وئی۔مطابق رپورےعملہ فیلڈ سے عیاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل کے پسر فیضان علی وانی کی پیدائش مورخہ2020-08-04 ک وئی ہے اور سائل ندکورنے تا حال کوئی بھی سند D.O.B حاصل نہیں کی ہے۔سائل ندکوراپے پسر کے حق میں D.O.B حاصل كرنے كا خواہاں ہے۔ ں بارے میں بذر بعیا خباراشتہا مشخور کیا جا تا ہےا گر سی شخص کوکوئی اعتراض نسبت اجراء سرٹفکیٹ ہوتو دفتر ھاڈ میں اندر مات یوم پی*ش کریں۔* بعد گزرنے میعاد کوئی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

زنیابت گوم احمه بوره رخواست از جانب مجراطیف مله ولدعبدالرشید مله ساكنهٔ کهای بوره شیر آ بادخصیل پیش بار بهموله، بمرادحصول D.O.B ر لفكيك تجق مومن لطيف ـ

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Zonal Education Officer Achabal

DIPK-15131/23 Date:-12-01-2024 No:- ZEO/SmS/Ach/

### 3 Medical Shops Sealed In Srinagar **For Not Maintaining Records**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: The Drugs and Food Control Department in Kashmir on Friday sealed three medical shops in Karan Nagar, Srinagar for allegedly failing to maintain proper records of psychotropic medicines.

The operation led by the team of officials from the department, targeted establishments allegedly involved in the improper handling and documentation of psychotropic drugs, raising concerns about public health and safety.

Authorities discovered that the medical shops in question lacked the necessarv records to track the distribution and sale of psychotropic medicines, substances known for their potential impact on mental health.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines, Deputy Director of Drugs and Food Control Department Kashmir, Nighat said maintaining accurate records is imperative to track the flow of psychotropic drugs and prevent their misuse.

"Our action against these medical shops underscores our commitment to upholding public health standards," she said.

She added the seized records and inventory will undergo thorough scrutiny to determine the extent of the violations, and legal actions will be taken in accordance with relevant regulations.

### DC Srinagar Visits SMHS Drug De-Addiction **Centre**; Inspects Facilities

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat here on Friday undertook a visit to Drug De-Addiction Centre at SMHS Hospital to oversee the treatment and counseling facilities being provided to the victims of Drug Abuse.

During the visit, the DC was accompanied by Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, Incharge Drug De-Addiction Centre, GMC Srinagar, Prof. Yasir Hassan Rather, Incharge Yoga and other concerned.

### **NAME CHANGE**

In Electic Bill Bearing Consumer number 0204020010723 | want to change the name from SHARIEF AHMAD GANIE to GULSHAN R/o BANDAY STATION HAZRATBAL SRINAGAR In this connection if any body have any kind of objection he/she may contact to the concered authority with in period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After the date of expiry no objection shall be entertained.

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While Salat-ul-Istisqa was held at the central Jamia Masjid in Srinagar on Friday, the faithful were seen crying before Almighty Allah, seeking respite from unprecedented dry weather conditions. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

# **Unfazed By Weather, Tulips Will Bloom At Asia's Largest Tulip Garden**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Be it sun or snow, the Tulips are all set to bloom at Asia's largest Tulip Garden in Srinagar in the months to come to mesmerize tourists and locals alike.

Ali Muhammad changed), a Gardner, looking after the garden said Tulips will bloom no matter whether the valley will have precipitation or the ongoing dry spell will persist.

Presently, Kashmir is witnessing prolonged dry spell since December last year while the ongoing 40-day harshest winter period. known as Chilla-Kalan has not brought any relief yet as 23 days

of the harshest winter period have already elapsed.

The prolonged dry spell, as per the experts, is a serious cause of concern as it would end up in serious repercussions in the coming months. However, Ali Muhammad said

there would be least impact on the Tulips with the persistent dry spell. "The Tulips don't specifically need snow or sun. It can grow in any case," he said. The groundwork, he said,

has already been completed in mid December and the Tulips will start blooming after a few months depending on the weather conditions. Javaid Masood, In-Charge

Tulip Garden said Tulips are allweather flowers and can grow in any case. "It doesn't need any specific weather conditions or mandatory snow to grow," he added.

He said water is being poured into the flower beds, which is enough to have Tulips in full bloom. Pertinently, with five more varieties in upcoming season, the Asia's largest, Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden Tulip garden, located in the between Dal Lake and the Zabarwan hills is set to witness a blooming of 1.7 million tulip bulbs for the first time.

Officials said that compared to 68 varieties in previous year, they have decided to increase the number of varieties to 73 in this season.

# Div Com Inaugurates Group Art Exhibition 'Naqsh o Nigar' In Srinagar

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Mr. Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, inaugurates the group art exhibition titled 'Naqsh o Nigar, A Kaleidoscope of Art, Craft, and Photography Exhibition' at Government Arts Emporium Srinagar.

True to its title, the exhibition presents ever-changing patterns in art, design, craft, and photog-Organized in collaboration with Edraak, a group focused on educational revival through arts and aesthetics in Kashmir.

The exhibition centers around the theme of "Naqsh o Nigar", showcasing a diverse array of artistic expressions.

Vijay Kumar, speaking on the sidelines of the event, described the exhibition as a testament to the diverse voices and visions shaping the contemporary art scene. He emphasized its role in inspiring creativity and promoting cultural exchange through the universal language of art. "We are confident that visitors will be moved, inspired, and intrigued by the stunning array of works on dis-

play," he remarked.

Featuring the artistic endeavors of more than 25 individuals, predominantly young students from various fields, the week-long exhibition showcases art, crafts, and photography.

The artists have poured their hearts into their curated selections, presenting a dynamic blend of creative's. Department has been proactive in organizing such exhibitions since Srinagar became part of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN), celebrating the rich heritage of artistic expression.

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

### Office Of The Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Awantipora

**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS** Single Cover System E-NIT No. 111/EEA/R&B of 2023-24/4869-79 SINGLE COVER SYSTEM

Dated: 12/01/2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

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Position of AAA: vide No: Minutes of meeting No.DCP/PA/24/3042 Dated:08.01.2024. Position of Funds: Demanded.

Project Authority: DDCP

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www. jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	12 /01/2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding docu-	12/01/2024 from 12:00 PM
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3	Bid submission Start Date	12/01/2024 from 12:00 PM
4	Bid Submission End Date	18/01/2024 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids	18/01/2024 at 4:15 PM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division
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Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan (deposited in MH: 0059) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money / Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/ BG pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora\_ (tender receiving authority).

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

The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/ FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora within 07 (Seven) days after the date of receipt of letter of acceptance and shall be released after successful completion of DLP. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for beyond bid validity.

At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e., Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the alloted cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

All Bidders shall to quote the rates in BOQ including GST. GST @ 18% or as admissible will be added separately at the time of issuance of Allotment by the allotting authority.

Sd/-Head Draftsman DIPK-15123/23 dated: 12-01-2024

**Technical Officer** 

**Executive Engineer** R&B Division Awantipora



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### **HIGHWAY STATUS**



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### This Day In History

- 532- Nika riots begin in Constantinople, a revolt against Byzantine Emperor Justinian I that leaves half the city burned and thousands dead. The riots were prompted by the failed execution of chariot racing supporters and only stopped after Empress Theodora refused to flee, forcing her husband to act decisively.
- 888-Odo (Eudes), Count of Paris, succeeds Charles III the Fat to become King of West Francia (888-
  - 1099- Crusaders set fire to Mara, Syria
- 1610- Galileo Galilei discovers Callisto, 4th satellite of Jupiter
- 1865- Second Battle of Fort Fisher: A force of 58 Union ships and over 8,000 troops converge on Fort Fisher, North Carolina 1874- Battle between jobless and police in NYC
- leaves 100s injured 1874- US troops land in Honolulu to protect the king
- 1888- The National Geographic Society is founded in Washington, D.C. for "the increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge" [1] 1893- British Independent Labour Party forms (Keir
- Hardie as its leader) 1894- Revolution in Sicily crushed by government
- 1911- South Africa cricket team's 1st win over
- Australia, at Adelaide 1915- Earthquake in Avezzano, Italy kills 29,800
- 1915- Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, presents plan for assault on Dardanelles
- 1917- Ammunitions ship explosion at Ekonomiia port near Archangel, Russia kills many and injures hundreds
- 1917- Train at Ciurea station in Romania catches fire and explodes, between 800-1,000 die, making it the third worst rail accident in history 1927- US & Mexico battle over oil interests
- 1935- Plebiscite in Saar indicates a desire (90.3%) to join Nazi Germany 1938- The Church of England accepts the theory of
- evolution 1939- The Black Friday bush fires burn 20,000 square kilometres of land in Australia, claiming the
- lives of 71 people. 1942 - World War II: First use of aircraft ejection seat by a German test pilot in a Heinkel He 280 jet fighter
- 1958 9,000 scientists of 43 nations petition UN for nuclear test ban
- 1964 Hindu-Muslim rioting breaks out in the Indian city of Calcutta - now Kolkata - resulting in the deaths of more than 100 people. 1975 - Henry Kissinger hints at military action
- against oil countries in case of "actual strangulation of the industrialized world" in the wake of oil shock 1976 - Future undisputed world middleweight
- boxing champion Marvin Hagler suffers his first career loss in a controversial 10-round majority decision to Bobby Watts at the Philadelphia Spectrum
- 1978 NASA select its first American women astronauts
- 1991 UN Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar meets with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein
- 1992 Japan apologizes for forcing Korean women into sexual slavery during World War II 1993 - STS-54 (Endeavour) launches into orbit
- 1993 French, British, and US fighter jets launch bombing raids in southern Iraq 2000 - Microsoft chairman Bill Gates steps aside as
- chief executive and promotes company president Steve Ballmer to the position 2001 - Earthquake measuring magnitude 7.6 strikes El Salvador, killing more than 840 people
- 2002- In a controversial move, Schottenheimer is fired as head coach of the Washington Redskins after just one season
- 2009- Global shipping experiences a drop in trade, as exports from South Korea dropping an annualised 30%, with Taiwan and Japan experiencing a 42% and 27% drop respectively

# **Should Housewives be Compensated for Housework?**

Haneen Farid

**Another solution** can be based on the notion that all the work performed by women within the household is aimed towards the betterment of her family members, who are public goods. Hence, these women should be compensated accordingly. This is the output evaluation method, whereby the market value of a task is calculated on the basis of the good that it produces

6.4 billion hours per day are spent in performing unpaid care labour, as per data from the International Labour Organisation which is based on two-thirds of the world's working age population.

This statistic can also be understood as 2 billion individuals working 8 hours every day without pay. In fact, if these services were to be monetised, it would contribute to 9% of the world's GDP or US \$11 trillion (purchasing power parity in 2011).

Whilst the economy of unpaid care work has remained largely invisible for hundreds of years, the demand for its recognition has roots in the 19th Century. During the first wave of the women's rights movements in the US, Britain, and Europe, the main issue was that the burden of housework completely restricted women to the household. Further, there was a "second-shift" problem, whereby working women had to manage not only labour outside the household but also within the household.

In the second wave movement, the focus was not so much on the restrictions or burdens that came with housework, but the fact that it was unpaid and thereby perceived as a tool of oppression. As Silvia Federici argues in Wages Against Housework, the unpaid element that is intrinsic to housework is a 'powerful weapon' in reinforcing the notion that such work is not "actual work". Additionally, this prevents women from protesting against it, except in household kitchens or as part of bedroom quarrels, which have even become a matter of ridicule in society over time.

We spoke with Dr Roshan Ara, Assistant Professor at the University of Kashmir's Center for Women's Studies & Research. She highlights a major argument that is made for the movement for wages for housework:

'This [care work] is the pillar of the economy...if housewives do not work for one day, the whole world will be stagnant...there will be confusion and chaos...Who is preparing this human



resource? It is the mother. Therefore, I think this whole economy, wholly and solely, it is being supported by women', says Dr Ara.

Similarly, a certain section of marxist feminists view women's housework as a part of the social reproduction process, whereby housewives essentially enable men to perform their labour.

If we suppose it is universally decided that housewives must be compensated for household work, a crucial hurdle we would have to address is how their wages are to be computed. The United Nations System of National Accounts in 2008 listed 'difficulty of making economically meaningful estimates of their values' as one of the reasons for not including unpaid care work in labour sta-

To begin with, it is challenging in some cases to distinguish between work and leisure activities. For instance, if we say that a woman is playing with her child, would she be considered to be enjoying or working?

If such child-rearing is considered to be a leisure activity, exploitation is out of question. However, if this is work,

then we can take the number of hours that child-rearing is performed and compare it with the working hours that the husband performs to ensure that the productive and non-productive working hours of both partners are equal and neither is exploited.

Now, if we suppose that childrearing is both a productive and non-productive activity, it would be categorised as work only to the extent that it contributes to the psychological growth of the child. And since there is no clear standard by which we can separate work from nonwork, norms of fairness are tricky to apply when it comes to the separation of work between men and women.

But in such cases, women can be asked to decide for themselves what type of work constitutes leisure and labour. Although, as the "second-shift" concerns in the second wave movement suggest, there may be a possibility that women see household work as largely cumbersome. Still, such perceptions can shift overtime and the say of women is essential.

Regardless, one formula of calculating wages would be to take into consideration all the household work that can be outsourced to nannies, gardeners, cooks, domestic help, etc. and use it as a maxim to calculate the cost of the work that housewives would do in their place. This is the input evaluation method.

Another solution can be based on the notion that all the work performed by women within the household is aimed towards the betterment of her family members, who are public goods. Hence, these women should be compensated accordingly. This is the output evaluation method, whereby the market value of a task is calculated on the basis of the good that it produces.

Whilst care work has its intricacies in terms of monetisation, there is one aspect of this debate which is imperative to address, and that is the impact it has on the status of women.

Dr Ara explains, 'when it comes to monetary power, when it comes to bargaining power- within the household, who has the bargaining power? The bargaining power is in the hands of the person who has the cash in hand, who has resources in hand. And this "resource-lesness" has degraded women, it has derated their status as they have no bargaining power and no decision-making power. For example, in any family, whatever bold decision has to be made, usually some men assume that a woman's decision does not matter because they are not earning."

'I am of the firm opinion that if we cannot [remunerate women], it is not necessary men have to pay for this. But at least men should get this realisation that whatever they are doing outside the home, it is all because women are giving them their time. She can also earn, but she is playing such a great role, she is preparing a human resource for the economy, she is feeding the members of the family...we need to value this work.

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# Sheikh Hasina's Win In Bangladesh And What It Means For India

Bharti Mishra Nath

angladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's party Awami League has won a fourth consecutive term in general elections. This is Sheikh Hasina's fifth term as

The main Opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) led by former PM Khaleda Zia boycotted the elections. Zia was arrested for "anti-national" activities just before the elections after she demanded that Hasina step down to make way for a neutral caretaker government.

The low voter turnout is also controversial. The official figure is 40 per cent but reports suggest it could be less than 28 per cent. The turnout on the dashboard at the election body headquarters, hours after the press briefing, was 28 per cent according to a widely shared screenshot on social media. The BNP has rejected the elections as 'dummy polls'.

Though voting day passed off peacefully, the run-up to the elections saw violent protests and deadly arson. The government accused the BNP of inciting violence to sabotage the election.

Many countries, including the US, have alleged that the January 7 elections were not free and fair and riddled with irregularities. Critics have also cautioned against the virtual one-party rule of Sheikh Hasina's party in the absence of any Opposition.

"The decision of the BNP to abstain from elections is their party's strategic choice. The BNP has been involved in political violence and arson since October 28. A democratic government can't just sit and watch. It is the responsibility of the government to protect the lives and property of the people. The government had no other option but to take action against such terrorism," says Syed Borhan Kabir, chief editor, Bangla Insider.

He added: "It is true that if the BNP had participated in elections, democracy would be complete, and the election would have been competitive. In such a scenario, voter turnout is always low. Nevertheless, 41 per cent of voters have cast their votes, which is not bad. A weak constitutional government is much better than an unconstitutional government."

Burgeoning India-Bangladesh Partnership

Bangladesh has always accepted India's role



in its independence in 1971. The two countries share a common history and heritage, linguistic and cultural ties. They share a unique geographical feature - not only is Bangladesh surrounded by India on all sides, but they share 54 rivers between them, which flow from the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal. With so many similarities, people-topeople ties and development cooperation have taken precedence.

Yet, there have been periods of mutual distrust. Mr Kabir explains that after 1975, due to emerging anti-India sentiments and a shift towards Pakistan-centric politics in Bangladesh, there was a period of strained relations, and Bangladesh's territory was sometimes used to target India. "In 2009, Sheikh Hasina adopted a zero-tolerance policy against terrorism. The rise of separatist elements is not something India desires. Concurrently, the mutual trust and confidence between the two countries have strengthened over the last 15 years," he says.

There is resentment in Bangladesh against the failed agreement to share Teesta River water, which was to be signed in September 2011. The anxiety over transboundary effects of the proposed National Register of Citizens and the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, as well as sporadic incidents of Bangladeshi infiltrators being shot at on the border, are issues that rankle with Bangladesh.

On the economic front, a balance of trade skewed in favour of India, the large volume of informal trade, again dominated by India, has resulted in a trade deficit and Bangladesh expects Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government to resolve these matters. According to data from the Ministry of Commerce, Indian exports to Bangladesh between April and October 2023 declined by 13.32 per cent, while imports saw a smaller 2.3 per cent dip. This has been attributed to Bangladesh's forex shortages and liquidity crunch and maybe election-related slowdown there.

For India, which is looking at stronger momentum in bilateral partnership, there can't be better news than PM Hasina's win. To iron out concerns, India and Bangladesh have had foreign secretarylevel talks on key areas such as security, trade and regional connectivity. The two sides also discussed the river Teesta dispute and other water-sharing treaties last November.

India values Bangladesh, and this was demonstrated when PM Hasina was the only South Asian leader invited to the G20 Leaders' Summit under India's presidency. To promote ties, PM Modi and Sheikh Hasina

recently inaugurated three projects, the Akhaura-Agartala Cross-Border Rail Link, Khulna-Mongla Port Rail Line, and Unit-II of the Maitree Super Critical Thermal Power Plant in Rampal, Bangladesh. These projects are aimed at strengthening connectivity and energy security in the region. The Bangladesh government has also allowed the transit and trans-shipment of cargo from West Bengal to the northeastern states via Chattogram and Mongla ports.

There are ongoing talks between India and Bangladesh for a free trade agreement between the two countries to promote economic ties. Under CEPA (Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement), the two trading partners will be able to reduce or eliminate customs duties on the maximum number of goods traded between them. Last year, India and Bangladesh initiated trade transactions in rupees to reduce dependence on the US dollar and strengthen the regional currency trade.

"Bilateral relations between the two countries are at their peak. In the short term, there will be business as usual but in the long run, if no concrete agreements are signed, people will see through it. Water sharing has always been an emotive issue for the common people," says Sreeradha Datta, professor of International Affairs, Jindal Global University.

"The people of Bangladesh feel that they have supported India in opening their trade corridor and facilitating cross-border bilateral engagement. It's high time for India to reciprocate," says

India and Bangladesh need each other to survive and thrive. Radicalisation is a common enemy and only a joint fight will help. Lessons in geopolitics point towards countries forging mutually beneficial relationships. There is no guideline for that.

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# Steering J&K Private Schools Through Choppy Waters

In Conversation with G. N. Var on JKBOSE Directives



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Farzana Nisar

n a recent turn of events, the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JK-BOSE) issued a series of directives sparking chaos and uproar within the private school community. Some of the challenging directives include the mandate for a universal curriculum for both private and government schools, tagging of students of schools on state land with nearby government educational institutions, and the prohibition of admission fees.

G. N. Var, the President Private Schools Association Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK) emphasizes that the shared goal is to implement National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, however, discrepancies arise due to the government amending certain acts without consulting stakeholders or forming expert panels.

"This bureaucratic approach has led to chaos and misunderstandings," Var said.

"Schools are currently in a phase of transition with the shift to the March session and other reforms, and these sudden orders without consultation have created practical hurdles," he added.

In April 2022, the School Education Department of J&K issued a Statutory Order (SO) 177 in which it laid down conditions for private schools' registration, recognition, and affiliation. It has been made mandatory for the private schools to obtain a no objection certificate (NoC) from Revenue Department regarding land use or 10-year lease deed upon which the school is situated. The SO also provides for de-recognizing those schools and taking over their management in case they fail to produce the requisite land title certificate.

Var explained that private schools need a 'breathing period,' as, according to him, a moratorium of a few years is essential to address non-academic compliances around transportation, obtaining NOCs from pollution control boards, land clearance, chemical safety certificates and more.

In an interview with Kashmir Observer's Farzana Nisar, G. N. Var spoke in detail about the JK-BOSE directives and why private schools are opposing them.

The board has issued directives for tagging of onroll students of some private schools of Kashmir in view of 'land and affiliation expiry issues'. What influence will this have on the operations of these schools?

Schools that have failed to secure the land title clearance or lease documents or have insufficient land are being tagged under government schools. Approximately 400 to 500 private schools, constituting around 25 to 30% of total institutions, are gradually facing closure due to the lack of renewed registrations. The question is if they are tagging the students, what about the hundreds of teaching and non-teaching staff. They

While the government asserts its commitment to creating livelihood and employment opportunities, the parallel reality is the potential deprivation of livelihoods for those associated with these now struggling schools. Notably, these schools primarily serve students from the economic and lower economic classes. Grants that were once provided by the government have ceased, further exacerbating the challenges faced by these schools.

Rather than offering support, the government's actions seem to be intensifying the difficulties for these educational establishments. The eventual outcome may be a disarrayed education system, with an increase in school dropout rates and a decline in overall literacy rates.

Means determine the act, but the current administrative orders risk undermining the very foundation of the educational system, defeating its primary purpose. The crucial need of the hour is for the government to adopt a child-centric approach, prioritizing quality education over compromised solutions.

Given that the HC ordered the board to maintain the pre S.O-177 status quo and keep school registrations intact, does this suggest a lack of adherence to the court's orders by the government?

For the first time, I have seen this blatant and open violation of court orders. Despite rulings from four different benches in nearly 30 cases, all clearly instructing the Education Department to issue Registration Returns (RR) to private schools and maintain their affiliation, recognition, and extension, the government appears indifferent





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to these directives.

This is a conspiracy where the only recourse seems to be returning to the court. However, pursuing legal action involves hiring lawyers and incurring additional expenses, a challenging prospect given the current weak economic situations of the schools.

What is the percentage of schools in Kashmir that are being impacted by these directives?

There are three major criteria that the government wants private schools to fulfill – schools on state land, those operating from rental buildings without a 10-year lease agreement, and schools with insufficient land. If all this is taken into consideration, nearly 80% of private schools will be compelled to cease their operations in the near future.

How difficult is it for private schools in Kashmir to acquire the lease agreement and the NoC from the government under the new regulations?

The prevailing norm in the region for lease agreements is typically limited to 11 months. Attempting to shift this customary practice to a 10-year regis-

tered lease agreement could face resistance from landlords who prefer simpler and more flexible notarized deeds. Convincing them to navigate the complexities of court procedures for the sake of the school's requirements is challenging. Moreover, schools have been functioning on the same land parcels for decades; obtaining additional land to adhere to the directive is not possible.

There are reports of the Board of School Education refusing registration forms from students in schools on state land. When Kashmir Observer spoke to the Principal Secretary School Education Department, he denied these claims. Can you provide clarification on this matter?

They will keep denying it, but this is the truth. If RR forms of students were not halted, then questions arise as to why the education department released a list of 200 schools facing denial of registrations.

Talk us through the directions to prescribe only JKBOSE books for students in private schools

The Board of School Education is a regulatory and examining authority. Now when the board will start selling books, it will get into the business, changing its role and mandate to a publishing authority.

to a publishing authority.
This move threatens the autonomy of schools, contradicting the Supreme Court's recognition of their autonomous nature. Parents choose private schools often for better-quality books from renowned publishers like Cambridge, Oxford, Macmillan, and Pearson, which the Board may struggle to compete with.CBSE-affiliated schools are granted the freedom to choose high-quality books, creating a potential disadvantage for other private schools. The shift also raises questions about the logic behind not utilizing established national boards like NCERT.

Despite a dismissal by the High Court, the matter is sub judice as it is challenged in the division bench. What if the division bench reverses the orders? It will again lead to chaos at that time.

Moreover, booksellers and schools in the valley have already placed orders for publishing books, and there is a clear expectation of financial losses due to the changes in the publishing landscape.

But many people have welcomed this move citing that schools receive commissions for recommending specific books.

Violation is a violation, and we don't mind the government bringing in laws and guidelines in this regard. The government could consider ensuring transparency by asking schools to sell books in the open market. But curtailing the basic right of deciding on the quality of books is not acceptable. It is a move aimed at controlling classrooms through textbooks.

has warned schools against charging any admission fee. However there are some prominent schools reportedly charging capitation fees as high as 1 lakh per student. Who is to blame?

Firstly, the government is implementing laws in J&K that diverge from those in other states. Despite the Right to Education (RTE) Act mandating 25% of students receive free education, with funds allocated from the central government; it's not enforced in the region. This is a dichotomy.

We need to understand that the only source of revenue for schools is fees. Schools need to be transparent about admission fees and other expenditures, however, the government's restriction has led some schools, especially prominent missionary ones, to covertly collect huge amounts of fees. Interestingly, smaller economy schools are under more scrutiny than the bigger ones.

The reason is simple - 'influence of bureaucrats'. Some of their children are enrolled in these schools, and due to connections with officials, they enjoy leniency. These schools also operate on state land, yet no one questions them.

#### Will these directives impact the finances of private schools?

Finances are being constrained from all sides, and soon these schools will become economically unviable. Most of the economy schools in our region are trust-run or community-based initiatives, and these are the ones majorly suffering. Government needs to intervene through logical and reasonable measures and address the 'big names' seriously if they violate norms.

# KIIT Placement 2023: Student Bags Rs. 63 Lakh Job Offer, Significant Increase in Average Salary

Bhubaneswar, achieved a cent percent placement yet again with 6200 job offers from 750 plus companies for about 5000 eligible students from the School of Technology, School of Management (KSOM), School of Rural Management (KSRM). School of Biotechnology (KSBT), and School of Law (KLS). It also witnessed a significant jump in the average pay package in the campus placement drive for the 2023 graduating batch. This year, the average CTC crossed Rs. 8.2 lakh, while the highest touched Rs. 63 lakh, placing KIIT in the league of top National Institutes in terms of pay offered to the students in the campus placement.

KIIT, founded by eminent educationist and social activist Prof. Achyuta Samanta, took shape as an institution of higher learning in 1997. Since then, it has been recording near-total placement in all academic programs, irrespective of macroeconomic

it was declared a Deemed to be University by the Govt. of India in 2004, KIIT has redefined professional education in the country and set benchmarks in teaching pedagogies and research outputs.

The Education Ministry's NIRF India Rankings 2022 have placed it as the 16th best university in the country. It ranks in the cohort of 601-800 globally in the prestigious Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024. The University is also accredited with the highest A++ Grade by NAAC. The academic programs of the School of Technology are accredited by the IET, UK, and ABET, USA.

In the KIIT School Technology, over 5200 job offers were made by 450 plus companies, with more than 1800 students receiving multiple offers. About 2000 were Dream Offers with an average CTC of Rs. 8.20 LPA. The maximum number of offers were made by Capgemini



followed by Bosch Global Software Technologies with 302 and 242 offers respectively.

There was a significant increase in the pay package offered to the students in the School of Technology this year. The highest CTC of Rs. 63 LPA was offered by Yugabyte, whereas companies like Amazon, Atlassian, LightBeam, etc., offered CTC of more than Rs. 30 LPA. More CTC of Rs. 5 LPA plus, wherein 47 companies like Cisco, Philips, ION Group, Razorpay Software (P) Ltd, Kickdrum, Silicon Labs, Schlumberger, ZS Associates, Dell Technologies, BCN, ITRON, Commvault, VmWare, etc., offered CTC ranging from Rs. 15 LPA to Rs. 25 LPA.

For core branches of the School of Technology, more

Motors Company, ISW Energy, Volvo Group India, Samsung Heavy Industries India, Royal Enfield, ArcelorMittal, Nippon Steel India, Tata Chemicals, Dalmia Cement, Ashiana Housing, Afcons Infrastructure, Tata Power, Schneider Electric, Fiat India Automobiles, etc., visited with CTC ranging from Rs. 5 LPA to Rs. 10 LPA. More than 1500 paid internship offers were made by about 60 companies, with the highest 1269 internship offers being made by Highradius.

In the School of Management, around 140 companies visited for placements of MBA and BBA students. The highest CTC of Rs. 22.75 LPA was offered by Rehlat, whereas companies like Khimji Ramdas, Alien Group, Tata Communications, Hevo Data, Trinamix offered more than Rs. 15 LPA. The average CTC was Rs. 9.50 LPA. In total, around 360 plus offers were generated, recording 98.05% placement for

Biotechnology (KSBT) recorded an 89% placement with 40-plus companies visiting the campus. The highest CTC of Rs. 7.00 LPA was offered by Nestle, while the average was Rs. 5 LPA. Companies like Elucidata, GSK Pharma, Enzene Biosciences, Intas Pharmaceuticals, and Himalaya Wellness Company offered CTC of more than Rs. 5 LPA.

In total, 65 law firms and companies visited KIIT Law School, which posted an 81% placement with an average pay package of Rs. 5 LPA. The highest CTC of Rs. 21.00 LPA was offered by DFDL (international), while Rs. 13 LPA was offered by Bharucha & Partners (Domestic). Companies like Wadia Ghandy & Co, Ernst & Young LLP, LORM Immigration Services LLP, HDFC Ergo GIC, Royal Sundaram General Insurance offered CTC ranging from Rs. 6.00 LPA to Rs. 10.00 LPA.

In KIIT School of Management (KSRM), 60 companies have

visited for the batch size of 133. The highest package offered was Rs. 9.50 LPA by Avanti Finance, wherein companies like Nestle-India, Bigbasket, Bharat Financial Inclusion Limited (BFIL), BISK Farm, TechnoServe Ìndia, Mahindra Finance offered CTC ranging from Rs. 6.00 LPA to Rs. 10.00 LPA. The School recorded 96% placement and an average CTC of Rs. 5.50 LPA.

The best-ever placement performance this year has added to the joy among parents and students of the institute. KIIT has academic tie-ups with 350+ international universities, providing an excellent opportunity for students to pursue higher education abroad. KIIT facilitates the academic placement of about 500 students every year in reputed national and international institutions for higher studies. Students have received confirmed offers from top European and American universities for higher education courses, including Ph.D.

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### **LG Sinha Woos**

"An effort is being made to create a conducive environment (to attract investment in J&K). Investing in Jammu & Kashmir means investing in India, investing in the unity and integrity of India and strengthening its integration," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He promised investors that they will profit from their investment in the Union Territory.

'(By investing) You will get maximum profit in J&K and also contribute to connecting J&K with the rest of the country. Terrorism is taking its last breath. Our neighbour tries its best every time, but we are working in the direction of finishing off terrorists and uprooting the entire ecosystem of terrorism from the UT," he said at the seminar.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called Gujarat the "gateway to the future", but the state should also contribute towards development of J&K, the 'Sharda peeth' of the country,

People were full of doubts regarding law and order in J&K, but the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data shows crime rate in the Union Territory is even lower than Gujarat, Sinha maintained.

"Under the leadership of PM Modi, the government does not believe in buying peace but to establish peace permanently, and I am certain in the coming times, the situation in J&K will be similar to that in the rest of the coun-

try," he said. Sinha said since the abrogation of Article 370, which provided special status to J&K, several big changes have taken place there and tourist arrivals have risen significantly, including from overseas with coincided with India's presidency of G20, during which several meetings were held across the country, including in the Union Territory.

"Only J&K can become a hub of medical tourism for Gulf countries. In a very short time of 3 to 4 years, we have improved rail, road and air connectivity. Development works worth Rs 1.5 lakh crore are underway for highways and tunnels. In 2020, 32 flights were operating in the region, which has now increased to 126," he further said.

All needs of industries are being made available and with PM Modi's desire and contribution, J&K is moving ahead on the path of industrialisation, the Lieutenant Governor stated.

"There was a report a few days back that J&K has left behind Switzerland to emerge as the most searched global (tourist) destination. It is indicative of the fact that tourists' interest in J&K has increased as has investors' confidence regarding investment opportunities," he said.

Sinha said Srinagar and Jammu have witnessed significant urban transformation. Jammu has become the only city in the country to house all premier educational institutes, including IIT, IIM, AIIMS and central university, a distinction that even Ahmedabad, Delhi, Mumbai or Kolkata do not have.

Economic stability, skilled labour, easy availability of raw materials, host of incentives, enabling and safe business environment, infrastructure and transparency are the factors that should attract investment in the UT. he said.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of the event, he claimed the J&K administration was providing the maximum number of incentives in the country for investors, and power was also cheaper there.

On the sidelines of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit at Gandhinagar, the Lieutenant Governor met business leaders and discussed the potential and incentives for doing business

"J&K Government has inked Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) worth Rs 3,000 crore in different sectors during the Vibrant Gujarat Summit and we hope to see more investment in the future," Sinha said.

### **Amit Shah Appeals**

UAE-based Lulu Group set to take two floors

"The condition of Jammu and Kashmir has changed a lot in the past four years. The New Industrial Scheme which the government of India has made for investment in I&K, so I would like to say that today the highest incentive is being generated from here (because of this scheme). Poverty is also less in J&K," Sinha

Ever since the abrogation of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir, the central government has been looking at bringing in big-ticket investments in the region which has seen decades-long militancy.

Coming back to Amit Shah, he contended that the Vibrant Gujarat model has been replicated and accepted by various States across

"Many states have followed Gujarat's industrial model," Shah said.

"India has become the best place to invest at a global level. And in India, the best destination to invest is our Gujarat," he said. "Gujarat is the gateway to Viksit Bharat (a developed India by 2047). It is our duty to keep the trust intact."

Speaking of Gujarat, he made particular mention of Gift City and Dholera Smart City, which have emerged as the two prominent growth engines of the state's industrialisation over the two decades.

"The way Modi ji has made Gujarat a policydriven state, and Bhupendra bhai has taken it forward, I believe investors from across the globe will like to invest in India.

Further, Shah also asserted that India's space sector has the potential to expand. Citing a survey, he said the country's space sector industry is poised to rise from USD 9 billion now to USD 40 billion before 2040.

The 10th edition of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024 was inaugurated on Wednesday by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The theme of this year's three-day summit is 'Gateway to the Future' and includes the participation of 34 partner countries and 16 partner

The Summit is also being used as a platform by the Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region to showcase investment opportunities in the North-Eastern regions. (AGENCIES)

### Will it Snow?

receive heavy snowfall.

Kashmir has been going through a prolonged dry spell and a 79 per cent rain deficit was recorded for December. There was no precipitation in the first week of January.

There has been no snowfall in most plains of Kashmir while the upper reaches have received lesser-than-usual amounts of snow.

### **Air Pollution**

the elderly, and individuals with pre-existing health conditions.

A 2018 study titled Winter Burst of Pristine Kashmir Valley Air jointly conducted by a team of scientists from the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology and the University of Kashmir shows that pollution in Srinagar hits dangerous levels during winter months as the air carries five times more tiny particulate matter (PM2.5) than the permissible limit.

The study revealed that the emissions due to domestic coal usage account for 84% (1246.5 tons/year) of the total annual emission, followed by the emissions from vehicular combustion that is 220.5 tons/year. The least are the emissions from fuel wood burning that is around 8.06 tons/year.

Dr Sameera Qayoom, a meteoroid scientist at SKUAST-Kashmir said, "It's the protracted dry weather which has made the situation worse. Once the region experiences its first snowfall of the season, the foggy conditions will cease."

Normally, Kashmir has had its first snowll of the season around the mid or end of November every year. However, this year's weather has changed the usual winter

According to NASA earth observatory, Kashmir valley is enclosed by high mountain ranges on all sides that can trap air. It is possible for the high ridges to create airflow patterns that concentrate smoke and other airborne pollutants close to the valley bottom, resulting in haze outbreaks.

This situation is more likely to develop in winter when a layer of cool air at the surface is overlain by a layer of warmer air - a phenomenon known as temperature inversion in meteorology. The elevated levels of emissions like biomass and coal burning, fossil fuel combustion, and suspension of road dust aggravate the winter period and particulate pollution.

Renowned glaciologist and earth scientist, Professor Shakil A Romshoo highlighted the impact of meteorological conditions on air pollution concentration. He explained that during winters, temperature inversions caused by radiative cooling weaken convection, allowing pollutants to remain suspended under the thermal inversion layer.

"With a temperature inversion in place, air in the valley becomes stagnant. The thick layer above it acts as a cap and prevents pollutants from dispersing," Romshoo said.

"The prevailing dry spell, without intermittent rains or snowfall, is anticipated to increase the concentration of pollutants in the Kashmir Valley, with adverse effects on health," Romshoo added.

'The absence of rain or snow prevents the cleansing effect and results in the accumulation of pollutants, especially in urban areas," Dr Suhaib A Bandh, Assistant Professor Environmental Science, said.

"Understanding the intricate relationship between weather patterns and pollution dynamics is essential for developing targeted mitigation strategies in Jammu & Kashmir," Dr Suhaib added.

(with inputs from agencies KNO and KS)

### **Govt Transfers**

to Ministry of Education, Government of India through IIM Jammu, for establishment of IIM campus at Srinagar in terms of Rule 310 of General Financial Rules 2017 on free cost basis.

The government has also ordered the resumption of 40 kanals of land transferred to IIM for establishing off-campus on January 01, 2021 to Revenue department.

"Divisional Commissioner Kashmir shall work out modalities for proper utilization of the resumed land," the order states.

The establishment of IIM in Jammu and Kashmir was part of the Prime Minister's Development Package for J&K

### **Prayers Held**

called for unity among the different sects of the society, arguing that sectarian divisions only serve to damage the faith and that all Muslims must choose unity above mudslinging, at this juncture.

He said the special prayer; called Salat-ul-Istisqa, is aimed at seeking Allah's forgiveness when drought-like situations emerge in any part of the world.

Natural disasters like droughts, forest fires, floods, and earthquakes are obvious when according to Imam-e-Hi, people ignore the teachings of the holy Quran and parents fail to monitor their children's routine activities.

Reports of special prayers intended to seek Allah's mercy to end prolonged dry spell in Kashmir were received from other districts of the valley including Baramulla, Anantnag, Kulgam, Budgam, Shopian, Kupwara, Pulwama and Bandipora as well

He said drug addiction and other immoral acts are rampant in Kashmir, with parents taking no serious note of the day to day activities of their children.

Tanveer Ahmad, a resident of Seer Hamdan village of south Kashmir's Anantnag district said the ongoing dry period has worried Kashmiri farmers, asserting that if there is no precipitation this winter, the agriculture industry would ruin.

"I travelled to Srinagar from south Kashmir only to attend Salat-ul-Istisqa, and prayed to Allah to have rain or snow in Kashmir so the drought-like situation ends. I hope Allah will listen to our prayers and there will be adequate snowfall in Kashmir this winter," he added.

Shams-ud-Din, a native of Chadoora Budgam, said the custom of holding special prayers during crises in Kashmir dates back to centuries and that Allah never fails his creation.

### A Single Litre

nylon could have come from the plastic fibres that are supposed to purify the water before it gets bottled.

Other common plastics they found were polystyrene, polyvinyl chloride and polymethyl methacrylate -- all used in various industrial processes.

However, the seven plastic types the researchers searched for accounted for only about 10 per cent of all the nanoparticles they found in the bottled water

The researchers said they had no idea what the rest were.

The results indicated "the complicated particle composition inside the seemingly simple water sample", they wrote.

For the study, the researchers developed a technique called stimulated Raman scattering microscopy which involved probing samples with two simultaneous lasers tuned to make specific molecules resonate. They then used algorithms to analyse and interpret the data. The team is now going beyond bottled water.

"There is a huge world of nanoplastics to be studied," said study co-author Wei Min, a Columbia biophysicist and a co-inventor of the microscopy technique.

He said though nanoplastics have less mass than microplastics, it's not the size that matters but the numbers because the smaller things are, the more easily they can get inside huma

"It is not totally unexpected to find so much of this stuff," said lead author, Naixin Qian, a graduate student in chemistry from Columbia University. "The idea is that the smaller things get, the more of them there are."

### **J&K HC Treats**

Accounts and Treasuries Jammu/Srinagar besides Director Accounts and Treasuries Kashmir, District Treasury Officer Anantnag and Treasury Officer Kokernag.

"Registrar Judicial, Srinagar, is directed to issue notice for personal appearance of respondents 3 to 5 (Director Accounts and Treasuries Kashmir, District Treasury Officer Anantnag and Treasury Officer Kokernag) to be served through SSP, Anantnag," the court said, adding, "This Court directs personal appearance of respondent no. 3-Director Accounts and Treasuries, Kashmir, at Srinagar, respondent no. 4- District Treasury Officer, Anantnag and respondent no. 5-Treasury Officer, Kokernag (Anantnag) on the next date of hearing."

The court directed the SSP Anantnag to apprise Director Accounts and Treasuries Kashmir at Srinagar, District Treasury Officer, Anantnag and Treasury Officer, Kokernag (Anantnag) with respect to their personal appearance on Tuesday on January 16.



### **War Against Drug Menace Will Continue Till End: IGP**

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: Asserting that the action against the drug menace will continue with more pace, the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir, V. K. Birdi on Friday appreciated the swift action of his force, especially Baramulla police in tackling the narco-terrorism as well as the drug menace in the north Kashmir district.

Birdi made these remarks during his visit to Baramulla on Friday, where he inspected the on-ground scenario of the Police Drug De-addiction Centre & assessed the overall functioning of the centre. Besides, he inspected the construction work of under-construction police post in Old town Baramulla & also visited police station, Baramulla, a police spokesperson said.

Accompanied by Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of north Kashmir, Vivek Gupta, and other officers including Senior Superintendent of police (SSP) Baramulla Amod Ashok Nagpure & SP Headquarters Baramulla, the IGP Kashmir engaged in a comprehensive assessment during his visit.

During his visit to the police drug de-addiction centre, the spokesperson said, the IGP Kashmir while interacting with the public, assured them that the war against drugs will continue till the end of this menace. Birdi, he said, appreciated the swift action of J&K Police especially Baramulla Police in tackling the narco-terrorism as well as the drug menace.

"The action against the drug menace will be continued with more pace," he said, while urging people to cooperate & inform police whenever they notice any drug peddling in the area so as to save the future of youth of the valley.

The IGP, the spokesperson said, also highlighted the importance of rehabilitating victims of drug abuse.

Recognizing the severe impacts of drug abuse on individuals and communities, Birdi, he said, emphasized the importance of combining law enforcement efforts with initiatives that address the root



causes of addiction and support the recovery and reintegration of affected individuals into society.

"The rehabilitation efforts at the Police Drug De-Addiction Centre aim not only at breaking the cycle of addiction but also at reintegrating individuals into society as productive and healthy members," he said. Emphasizing the importance

of fostering open communication within families, the IGP advised parents of the recovering patients to dedicate quality time to their children, highlighting that a communication gap often contributes to behavioural issues in youngsters. Further, IGP Kashmir engaged with the dedicated staff members of the Centre and took stock of overall functioning of the centre.

Expressing his contentment with the overall functioning of the facility, he took note of any concerns raised by the staff and assured swift resolution of the issues.

Later, IGP Kashmir inspected the on-going work of underconstruction Police Post Old Town Baramulla, emphasizing the importance of establishing a robust and modern facility that aligns with the evolving needs of law enforcement in

While interacting with the officials and jawans posted at the Police Station, Birdi emphasized upon them to adopt peoplefriendly practices while discharging their duties. He urged upon the officers to prioritize the redressal of grievances reported at the Police Station in a professional manner and to ensure frequent interaction with the locals which will help in creating a strong bond between police and public.

### **SED To Monitor Its Issues Highlighted In Different Media Platforms**

Administrative Secretary Orders Creation Of Media Cell

**Agencies** 

**SRINAGAR:** In order to address the various issues of the School Education Department, the government Friday asked the concerned officials to monitor the issues of the department being highlighted in different media platforms.

In this regard, newly appointed Administrative Secretary, School Education Department Piyush Singla ordered creation of a departmental social media handle- cell.

Singla accordingly accorded formulation of a social media cell of School Education Department comprising of deputy secretary to the government for School Education Department, Personnel Officer, Directorate of School Education Jammu, Personnel Officer, Directorate of School Education Kashmir and representative of Samagra Shiksha, JKBOSE and SCERT.

He said that the media cell

shall attend referral of daily departmental activities for social media handle. "It also shall monitor strengthening the mechanism for an active interaction of the department on social networking groups and through other means.'

Singla said that the cell shall also focus on creation of publicity materials in the forms of advertisement, publications, video, audio clips in collaboration with the field officer. "It shall also monitor the issues of the department highlighted in different media platforms."

The administrative secretary said that the cell shall work under the overall supervision of a special secretary to the government for the School Education

Department. "The supervisory officer shall create a technical team for regular updation of information for various social media handles for which separate orders shall be issued," he added—(KNO)



A LABOURER SITS ON HIS SLEDGE over a thin sheet of ice formed due to the freezing cold in ski resort of Gulmarg on Friday. .

# **SEC Notifies Dates For Updation Of Panchayat Electoral Roll**

**Observer News Service** 

JAMMU: State Election Commission (SEC) has notified the dates for updation of Panchayat Electoral Roll-2024 in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the revision schedule issued by the Commission, the publication of draft Panchayat Electoral Roll will start from 15th January 2024. Besides, 1st January 2024 has been kept as qualifying date for all those who have attained age of 18 and have become eligible for registering their name in the Panchayat Electoral Roll-2024.

Similarly, the period for filing of claims, objections for additions, deletions, corrections and transposition will be from 15th January to 5th February 2024. The date for disposal of claims and objec-



tion by Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) would be 16th February 2024 while the final publication of the Electoral Roll 2024 would be done on 26th February 2024.

It has also been informed in the schedule that special camps would be held at polling booth locations. The Panchayat Election Booth Officials

comprising (PEBO) Level Workers (VLWs), Multi Purpose Workers (MPWs) and Gram Rozgar Sevak (GRS) along with Assembly Booth Level Officers shall remain available with requisite forms and Panchayat Roll for guidance of electors on 27-28th January and 3rd -4th February

# **Omar Fumes Over Shooting Of TV Show Inside J&K Assembly**

**Press Trust Of India** 

SRINAGAR: National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah on Friday came down heavily on the Jammu and Kashmir administration for allowing shooting of a TV serial inside the legislative assembly complex, calling it an "absolute shame".

Maharani, a Hindi-language TV series starring Huma Qureshi, was shot inside the assembly complex in Jammu in June last year. The series is inspired by political turns in Bihar in the 1990s when the then chief minister Lalu Prasad, who has been mired in the infamous fodder scam, installed his wife Rabri Devi as his successor.

"The true face of 'the mother of democracy', where once elected representatives of the people from all parties, religions, backgrounds & parts of J&K legislated on matters of great importance now actors & extras use it as a set for TV dramas," the former chief minister of the erstwhile state of J-K said in a post on X.



He said it was a "shame that the BJP driven government in J&K has reduced the symbol of democracy, where they once sat and governed, to this sorry state of affairs".

Abdullah further wrote, "They even have a fake CM coming out of an office I was privileged to occupy for 6 years. What an absolute shame!!!!"

The J-K legislative assembly was dissolved by the Governor on December 20, 2018.

The Mehbooba Mufti-led coalition government was reduced to minority following withdrawal of support by the 25-member BJP in the former state on June 20, 2018. The assembly was kept under suspended animation till December 19, 2018 before imposing Governor's as the former state had plunged into a political

There have been no assembly elections in J-K which was bifurcated into two Union territories - J-K and Ladakh - on August 5, 2019. The Centre also annulled Article 370 of the Constitution which accorded a special status to the erstwhile state. Ladakh is a Union Territory without assembly.

MEHBOOBA'S ROAD ACCIDENT

# PDP Raises Questions Over Ex-CMs Security Protocols

**Press Trust Of India** 

**SRINAGAR:** A day after People's Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti escaped unhurt in a road accident, her party raised questions on Friday about the security protocols in place for the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister. The PDP said the "lapses" in Mufti's security were evident.

"In the recent incident where @ MehboobaMufti narrowly escaped a road accident, serious security lapses were evident. The management of Local Road Clearances for X Plus protected vehicles during the incident was inadequate, posing a significant security concern," senior PDP leader and former Jammu and Kashmir minister Naeem

Akhtar said on X. Two persons, including a securi-

### **Police Dismisses Allegations Of Lapse**

SRINAGAR: Police on Friday dismissed claims of lapse made by People's Democratic Party (PDP) on Friday, a day after the party president Mehbooba Mufti escaped unhurt in a road accident on South Kashmir's Anantnag district.

In a statement issued Friday, a police spokesperson said that the former Chief Minister, a Z+ category protectee has an extensive and sophisticated security arrangement designed to ensure her safety at all times.

He said that police acted swiftly after accident and an alternative vehicle was deployed within an hour. He also mentioned that

the accident happened at Bijbehara which is at a distance of approximately 50 km from Srinagar from where the Special BP vehicle was despatched.

"Some of the claims made by the party in the open media about what is part of Z+ security are not factually correct. Ideally security arrangements of senior protected persons are not discussed in the public domain. However, it has become necessary to reassure our protectees, including party functionaries of PDP, that the security arrangements for Ms. Mufti were and continues to be very much in place," the spokesperson said.

ty personnel of the PDP chief, were injured on Thursday as Mufti had a narrow escape in a road accident at Sangam in Ĵammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district. Mufti's vehicle collided with a civilian car at Sangam, a police official said.

Akhtar said the withdrawal of Mufti's spare car, a standard part of escort duty, is deeply troubling and raises questions about the security protocols in place for the former Union minister. "Delayed Arrangement of Alternative Car: The fact that it took an hour to arrange an alternative car from Srinagar for the security department is unacceptable. Z+ security typically includes an optional car in the escort, highlighting a serious lapse in preparedness," he said. The PDP leader said these lapses demand immediate attention and a clarification from the authorities concerned.

"The absence of a police statement on the matter raises further concerns and underscores the need for transparency and accountability in addressing these security lapses," Akhtar added.

PDP general secretary, organisation, Mehboob Beg expressed deep concern over the "inadequate management" of Mufti's travel convoy.

"The accident involving Mufti's vehicle points towards the lack of detailed drill for a Z+ protected person travelling on a highway which remains busy and has a history of targeted attacks. Against the backdrop of Kashmir's turbulent history and the vulnerability of mainstream leaders to targeted attacks, any compromise in security measures is a matter of grave concern," Beg said in a statement.

### BJP Believes In 'Nation First', INDI Alliance In 'Self First': Rana

JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Friday described INDI Alliance as an amalgam of "self seekers and opportunists" coming together for their "inherent hate" for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has become synonymous to vibrant India and emerged as a global leader.

The fundamental difference between the BJP and INDI Alliance is that the former believes in the 'Nation First', party second and self-last while the later believes in self-first, family second, party third and the Nation last", Rana said while interacting with the media at the side-lines of the weekly public hearing at the party headquarters at Trikuta Nagar here on Friday afternoon.

Rana said the track record of the BIP since its inception as Jana Sangh, especially during the past nearly ten years, stands testimony to its pledge of 'Nation First', as the party has placed national interest at the forefront in an era where ideologies and priorities differ.

"The pledge 'Nation First' is an intent and commitment to the inclusive growth of the society as per cherished objective of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas besides progress of all, regardless of caste, creed or region. The Prime Minister has translated this vision as reality on ground, which is why India is seen as a vibrant country across the world," he said, adding that "every Indian feels a sense of pride across the continents for the stature the nation has achieved in the comity of nations,".

Rana said the philosophy of 'Nation First' is a guiding principle for national security and social harmony, which is an eyesore for those who have been struggling to show some semblance of relevance in national politics.

"But for the lust of power, the INDI Alliance has nothing in common. To achieve their sinister political objectives, the alliance of opportunists have not even been hesitating in compromising with the honour and pride of the nation, he added.

### **Dir Information Bats For Use Of Digital Platforms To Educate People On Govt Initiatives**

**Observer News Service** 

**JAMMU:** Director Information, Jatin Kishore on Friday called for optimum use of digital platforms for timely dissemination of information on the policies, programmes, events and initiatives of the government for general good of the people.

There is a crucial need of maintaining close rapport with the media, which serves

ing timely dissemination of information and enhancing communication channels between the government and the citizens. This is necessary as the department is charged with the responsibility of generating public awareness about government schemes tailored for their socio-economic emancipation and development of their areas, he added.

Joint Director Information (Hqrs), Vevaik Puri, Joint Di-



as a pivotal link between the people and the government", Jatin Kishore said, while interacting with the officers of the Department of Information and Public Relations during a departmental review meeting.

He exhorted upon the officers to optimally utilize their professional acumen in ensurrector Information, Jammu. Atul Gupta and Joint Director Information, Kashmir, Mohammad Aslam besides other officers and officials attended the meeting in person and virtually.

The Joint Directors of both the divisions of Jammu and Kashmir elaborately explained about the working of all the wings.

## **Secretary Health Chairs Public Darbar At Shopian**

**Emphasizes Timely Disposal Of Public Issues** ian, establishment of GMC or

**Observer News Service** 

SHOPIAN: Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, on Friday chaired a public darbar at Shopian held under UT government's public outreach program, to assess public grievances and demands.

Delegations including members of District Development diction and rehabilitation services, upgradation of NTPHC Ramnagri and other issues. Locals, on the occasion, thanked the administration for installing the CT Scan at

Nursing College, drug de-ad-

DH. The youth representatives appreciated the ambitious outreach program where people come together to interact Dr. Sved Abid Rasheed Shan



cils, Councillors of Municipal Corporation, fruit growers, traders, tribal leaders, activists, civil society members, youth besides locals projected various welfare and development issues and demands of their respective areas.

These delegations raised various issues which inter alia included establishment of Press Club, augmentation of hostel and accommodation facilities at GDC Shopian, adequate supply of water, revision of Master Plan of Shopian Town, development of Municipal Park at Shopian, augmentation of power transmission and distribution system, promotion of Tourism spots including scenic and cultural sites on Mughal road, speedy completion of Indoor Stadium, playfields, construction of Mughal road tunnel, establishment of Maternity Hospital, filling of vacant posts at DH and other centres, better equipment and

accommodation at DH Shop-

erate on welfare and development concerns.

Responding to public issues, Secretary directed the concerned to vigorously follow up public grievances and other issues for redressal at the earliest. He sought timely resolution of all public welfare issues including those requiring interdepartmental coordination.

Secretary asked the Director Health and CMO Shopian to address the healthcare related public issues and make adequate provision of staff across the health centres of the district. Deputy Commissioner, Shop-

ian, Faz Lul Haseeb, apprised the Secretary of the measures being taken up by the district administration for public welfare and development.

Director Health, Dr.Mushtaq Ahmad, SSP, Tanushree, ADDC, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone, ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz besides other district and sectoral officers were present on the occasion.

## **J&K Para Cricket Captain Hailed As An Inspiration**



**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** J&K para cricket captain Amir Hussain Lone is inspiring everyone who sees him play cricket. Amir, a resident of Waghama village in Bijbehara, bowls with his foot and bats with his shoulder and neck.

Amir Hussain Lone, 34, lost both his arms in an accident when he was 8. However, that didn't stop him pursuing his passion, as he started playing professionally in 2013. Soon enough, he was introduced to para cricket and the rest, as they say, is history.

"I played nationals in Delhi in 2013 and in 2018 I played an international match against Bangladesh," Amir told ANI. "After that, I played cricket in Nepal, Sharjah and Dubai. Everyone was shocked to see me playing with my legs (bowling) and batting with my shoulder and neck. I thank God for giving me the strength to play cricket."

He also revealed that his favourite cricketers are Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli.

Amir also told the publication that a movie on his life is currently being made by Pickle

### **DPS Srinagar Student Alishba Wins Bronze At Beach Games**



**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** Alishba Jeelani of DPS Srinagar has won a bronze medal in the Beach Games 2024 in Diu, held from January 4th to January 11th, 2024. Alishba competed in the Pencak Silat discipline, which is a full-body fighting form incorporating strikes, grappling and throwing in addition to weaponry.

Alishba was part of the victorious J&K team that clinched 3 gold and 5 bronze medals. She also represented J&K in basketball nationals.

Congratulating the student on the feat, Principal Shafaq Afshan expressed her delight.

DPS Srinagar Chairman Vijay Dhar also congratulated Alishba.

# Only 1 Over Bowled On Day 1 Of J&K-Delhi Ranji Game

**IAMMU:** In another setback to hosting national-level cricket matches in Jammu, the 2024 Ranji Trophy tie between J&K and Delhi on Thursday saw only one over bowled on Day 1 at JKCA Hostel Ground here.

J&K won the toss and elected to bowl first. However, overcast weather conditions in the region resulted in bad light, with pacer Umran Malik reportedly deemed too fast to bowl. Rajasthan Royal's recent pick, leg-spinner Abid Mush-



taq, bowled the only over for J&K, which was a maiden. Several cricket analysts

have blasted BCCI's schedul-

with several states facing inclement weather.

Earlier, J&K's opening game against Himachal Pradesh on January 5 could complete a mere 65.3 overs over four days, resulting in a draw. I&K was bowled out for 100 runs in 35.3 overs. In reply, Himachal Pradesh were 120-1 in 30 overs on Day 2, before bad light curtailed play. J&K was awarded a point for the draw, while Himachal Pradesh took three points due to their first innings lead.

# Can SA20 Challenge IPL Dominance?



**Press Trust of India** 

**CHENNAI:** Taking the SA20 to India in future could be 'great' despite the logistical challenges such a move may involve, feels former South Africa cricketer Mark Boucher.

Like the 2009 edition of the IPL was held in South Africa due to general elections in India, Boucher admitted the SA20 could be organised in the cricket-crazy Asian nation in the near future.

"I think it's a great idea; I'm not against it. The IPL happened in South Africa, and we can do the same, as both cricketing nations share a great relationship," Boucher said during a virtual media interaction on Friday.

"Although the challenges of playing in India will be different, it will still be great. Maybe Graeme Smith (SA20 commissioner) can work on it," he added.

#### 'IPL has boosted youngsters in India'

The ongoing SA20 season has seen all the major South African stars participating in the competition.

Boucher said that although the opening season of SA20 was a trial, it follows the same principles as the IPL, where the aim is to give a platform for young cricketers to express themselves.

"The first edition was a suc-

cess despite being a trial one; the crowd came in large numbers to watch high-quality cricket. The one thing we can learn from the IPL is how it has boosted the youngsters in India, and that's exactly what we are trying to do here.

"It still might take a couple of seasons to put us on the map, but I am confident of it helping and boosting South African cricket, just like the IPL's high-performance cricket.'

The current SA20 is clashing with South Africa's upcoming Test tour of New Zealand, where a second-string side will be taking part, a move criticised by many in the cricket fraternity.

### Lloyd Bats For Rohit, Kohli **Inclusion In T20I WC**



**Press Trust of India** 

**SATGACHIA:** West Indies great Clive Lloyd on Friday advocated for the inclusion of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli in India's T20I World Cup squad, saying the duo's experience is indispensable and filling the team with just youngsters is not prudent.

The selectors recently picked the veteran duo for the ongoing T20I series against Afghanistan, indicating that they're still in the scheme of things for the shortest format. Kohli missed the lung-opener in Mohali due to personal reasons.

There is a raging debate on whether the duo should play or make way for youngsters considering India's ICC trophy drought. The latest setback was the final loss to Australia in the ODI World Cup in November last year.

"You want to pick your best team, you can't just fill the team with youthful players. You need experience," the two-time World Cup winning captain said in a media interaction here.

The 79-year-old was the chief guest at the 75th foundation day ceremony of the Satgachia High School, about three hours from Kolkata.

"Kohli is still one of the best players around. Rohit is quite good as captain. So you pick your best team. You will have some young players too, because you have so many cricketers here, and they are pushing the older players..., "...and that's how it should be. But I'm sure that you will have a very formidable side." Talking about his favourite Team India batters, Lloyd picked Shubman Gill and Shreyas Iyer.

"I liked this fellow Gill, he looks a good cricketer, and (Shreyas) Iyer," he said.

"India have a lot of good cricketers at the moment, I must say. And I think what I like about it is they have a much more balanced side," he added.

The legendary West Indian, however, is of the view that the Indians are playing too much cricket that may make the sport itself "stale"

''Yes, I think they're a very good side, and they will do well for quite a while if they continue in this manner." "But my problem is that they might be playing too much cricket, and then, you know, you can get stale," he said, voicing a general concern in the cricket community about tight international schedules.

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



