

Kashmir Welcomes Snow Once More With Fresh Flurries

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Several parts of Kashmir, including Srinagar city, witnessed fresh snowfall on Saturday as the MeT department has forecast moderate top-heavy snowfall in the valley over the next 48 hours.

While it started snowing early in the morning in the higher reaches of Kashmir, the plains of the valley also witnessed snowfall as the day progressed, officials said.

They said the day temperatures are likely to stay between zero and three degrees Celsius at most places in Kashmir.

Sadhna Top has received a snowfall of more than 10 inches today while Gulmarg and famous ski-resort recorded four inches of fresh snowfall today.

In Gurez, 4-6 inches of fresh snowfall were recorded today while some other parts including Zojila, Sonamarg, and adjoining areas also recorded several inches of snowfall. More than half a foot of fresh snowfall was recorded at Razdan Pass.

Authorities have issued avalanche warnings in hilly and mountainous areas.

Meanwhile, Director Meteorological department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, said that there is a possibility of light to moderate snow and rain at many places till 4th February evening with chances of heavy snowfall over isolated higher reaches. "Middle and [More on P6](#)



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Is Snow Too Late To Offset Effects Of A Dry Chillai Kalan? Experts Cast Doubt On Its Impact In Alleviating Water Woes

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: Despite the much-anticipated snowfall in Kashmir since last week, which ended a two-month-long dry spell, environmental experts argue that the snowfall following 'Chillai Kalan' will have a diminished impact, as it may not provide sufficient replenishment to

address the prolonged water scarcity and environmental concerns in the region.

Kashmir witnessed the record-breaking driest Chillai Kalan this year, experiencing warmer days than ever. However, on the last day of this 40-day-long most severe part of winter, western disturbances hit, and the region received

its first snowfall. Experts argue that snow less Chillai Kalan is "worrisome" given that snow and glaciers regulate stream flows and help in groundwater recharge in Kashmir. They said that the absence of snow means all the water-dependent sectors of the economy, be it irrigated agriculture, [More on P6](#)

Safety Advisory Issued For Motorists

In view of the prevailing weather conditions and frosty roads, authorities issued advisories for the safety of motorists traveling along hilly roads falling under the jurisdiction of Traffic Rural Kashmir. "No vehicular traffic shall be allowed to ply along hilly link roads till snow from such roads is cleared by concerned government agencies", reads a traffic advisory issued by Traffic Police Officer Rural Kashmir. [More on P6](#)

Highway Reopens After Two-day Closure

Vehicular movement on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway resumed early Saturday after remaining suspended for two days following multiple landslides triggered by heavy rains and snowfall, officials said. However, the traffic department advised commuters to follow lane discipline and drive cautiously as [More on P6](#)

...Kashmir's Climate Crisis

Soil, Water Conservation Gains Traction

Admin On Track to Realize 'Vision 2030'

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: The prolonged dry spell during this winter, Kashmir valley grappled with far-reaching consequences in different water dependent sectors including agriculture and electricity. This promoted both the locals and authorities to reflect on the necessity for a resilient mechanism to tackle future water crisis.

Significantly, the Union Territory grapples with a significant issue of soil erosion primarily stemming from its hilly terrain, undulating topography, delicate ecosystem, climatic conditions, and the depletion of vegetal cover caused by excessive grazing, lopping, unauthorized felling, and encroachments.

The situation of land degradation is exacerbated by events such as landslides, earthquakes, and various development activities,

including road constructions, railway lines, and the establishment of hydroelectric projects in the long term.

Notably, the recent snowfall prompted the Srinagar-Jammu national highway to remain shut for about 40 hours due to landslides at several places.

The government sensed the multi-dimensional loss due to soil erosion resulting in decrease of agricultural/horticultural production, power production due to siltation of dams and reservoirs, sedimentation of lakes and other water bodies having scenic beauty and tourism potential, flash floods, degradation of forest soil, frequent disruption of communication system etc.

To address such issues, the former state [More on P6](#)

IN ORDER TO HAVE A MACRO-LEVEL PLANNING IN FUTURE, A NEED FOR A VISION DOCUMENT has been felt by the Soil & Water Conservation Department. Accordingly, this Vision Document-2030 has been devised reflecting; Introduction, Land Degradation and Soil Erosion problem, Land & Soil Management, Water scenario and Vision by 2030."

4 Held With Forged Tickets At Srinagar Airport

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Four persons who allegedly entered the heavily guarded Srinagar International Airport with fictitious tickets were detained by airport security this evening.

After preliminary questioning by the airport security, the arrested individuals were handed over to the concerned police station for further inquiry, sources told Kashmir Observer.

Confirming the arrest, a police official said the four had allegedly gained their entry to the heavily guarded Srinagar Airport using fictitious tickets and are presently lodged at the Humhama police station. As soon as the airport

authorities sent out a signal regarding the detention of four people, a police squad was dispatched to the Srinagar airport, he added.

He, however, claimed that no formal case has been filed against them as of yet.

"Actually the four had just accompanied their parents, who had to depart for Umrah; this is what the preliminary investigation revealed. No FIR has been registered against them as of now as the matter is under investigation," he told Kashmir Observer.

He said since no individual is allowed to enter the airport premises without a valid ticket/pass, and those detained had managed their [More on P6](#)

Hindu Education Society Calls on LG

Observer News Service

Jammu: A delegation of Hindu Education Society Kashmir led by its President Prof. B.L Zutshi called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Saturday.

The delegation apprised the LG on the issue of reinstatement of Gandhi Memorial College Srinagar under the management of the society.

Members of HESK including Prof Ashok Aima, former Vice Chancellor [More on P6](#)

Rise of Cryptocurrency And Cyber Threats Posing New Challenges: PM

Says Need To Make Justice Delivery System More Flexible

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Noting that criminals have been using the latest technology for funding and operating across regions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday pitched for expanding cooperation between countries for investigation and justice delivery.

He also said cooperation can happen even while respecting each other's jurisdiction and asserted that when nations work together, jurisdiction becomes a tool to deliver justice, not delay it.

The rise of cryptocurrency and cyber threats presents new challenges and there is a need for making the justice delivery system more flexible and adaptable, he said.

Speaking at the



Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) - Commonwealth Attorneys and Solicitors General Conference (CASGC) here, he said countries already work

with each other in the domain of air traffic control and maritime traffic, and advocated extending this to investigation and justice delivery. "When we work together

then jurisdiction becomes a tool to deliver justice and not to delay it," he said, adding that the nature and scope of crime have seen radical changes.

Sometimes ensuring justice in one country requires working with other countries, he said.

He expressed hope that the conference works to ensure that everyone has access to timely justice and no one is left behind.

The 21st century challenges cannot be fought with a 20th century approach, Modi said.

Economic crimes in one region are being used to fund activities in other regions, the prime minister highlighted.

"The rise of cryptocurrency and cyber threats are posing new challenges... There is a need to rethink, reimagine and reform," [More on P6](#)

EARLIER, THE FOCUS WAS ON PUNISHMENT and penal aspects; now, the focus is on ensuring justice. Therefore, citizens have a sense of assurance rather than fear."

L K Advani To Be Awarded Bharat Ratna

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on Saturday that BJP stalwart and former deputy prime minister L K Advani will be conferred the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian award.

"One of the most respected statesmen of our times, his contribution to the development of India is monumental. His is a life that started working at the grassroots to serving the nation as our Deputy Prime Minister," Modi said on X.

The prime minister said the conferring of the Bharat Ratna on Advani is a very "emotional moment for me".

"Advani Ji's decades-long service in public life has been marked by an unwavering commitment to transparency and integrity, setting an exemplary standard in political ethics. He has made unparalleled efforts towards furthering national unity and cultural resurgence," he said.

"The conferring of the Bharat Ratna on him is a very emotional moment for me. I will always consider it my privilege that I got countless [More on P6](#)

SC Seeks Details Of Persons Regularized Under SRO-520 In J&K

M Ahmad

New Delhi: The Supreme Court of India has sought an affidavit from the J&K government regarding the individuals who have so far been regularized in terms of SRO-520 of 2017 which deals with regularizing engagement of casual/seasonal/need-based and other workers in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Let the state give a further affidavit disclosing therein the particulars of the individuals who have so far been regularized in terms of SRO-520 of 2017. This affidavit shall be filed within four weeks," said a bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose and Sanjay Kumar.

The top court was hearing a petition, challenging 2020 judgment by a division bench of J&K and Ladakh High Court which had partly allowed the erstwhile government's appeal



in which the State had said that someone engaged as a casual labourer against a "non-substantive post" had absolutely no claim, in law, to seek regularization.

The petitioner had claimed regularization of his services after having been engaged as a casual labourer in the year 1997, had filed a writ petition in 2002 which was disposed of by the order of the writ court on June 2008, by providing that the authorities would consider the petitioner, who is

continuing in service, for regularization under law, if he is similarly situated with them in all respects.

"True that the casual labourer cannot seek regularization as no vested right accrues in his favour for such claim," the division bench of High Court had said. But if the employer comes up with any scheme for the benefit of such employees governing their engagement, the service of the casual labourers have to be, in such eventuality, dealt with under the provisions of such scheme and the benefit, if any, getting accrued as such to them cannot be arbitrarily denied to them, the Division Bench had said.

"The Government of J&K for the regularization of casual labourers and daily rated workers issued two SROs; SRO 64 of 1994 pertaining to the regularization of daily rated [More on P6](#)

Shopian Terrorist Attack

SIU Files Chargesheet Against Six Accused

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The Special Investigation Unit (SIU) on Saturday filed a charge sheet against six people in a case relating to a terror attack on labourers in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir last year.

The SIU Shopian produced a comprehensive charge sheet in the attack on non-local labourers that took place in Gagran last July.

"The charge sheet has been produced before the Court of Special Judge (NIA Court) Kulgam today, against the six

accused persons," a police spokesman said.

He said the accused in the case are Adnan Shafi, Zahid Ahmad Shah, Hanzil Yaqoob Shah (deceased), Danish Hameed Thoker alias Muslim Bhai (deceased), Hazim Rashid Sheikh, and Midhat Ahmad Dar.

During investigation, the accused were found involved in the heinous attack on labourers living in a rented accommodation in Gagran area of Shopian, causing serious injuries to three of them.

The court has [More on P6](#)

7 Held In Former Sarpanch's Kidnapping

Seven men were arrested on Friday for allegedly kidnapping a former Sarpanch of a village in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, police said. Former Sarpanch Varinder Singh alias Bantu was rescued by police in injured condition and admitted to Government Medical College [More on P6](#)

J&K's 'Aroma Mission'

A Torchbearer Of Viksit Bharat: Union Minister

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Saturday said Jammu and Kashmir born 'Aroma Mission' will be among the torchbearers of "Viksit Bharat".

The Minister was speaking after chairing the first-of-its-kind meeting with PRI representatives, including members from District Development Councils. The meeting, aimed at fostering connection with the society for StartUp promotion in the region, was held at CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu.

"J&K has become a role model for the rest of India, which was exemplified by the depiction of lavender farms of Baderwah town of Doda, through a tableau on Kartavya Path in the national capital on the occasion



of the Republic Day. "The youth of J&K associated with the Aroma StartUps ecosystem have emerged as brand ambassadors of purple revolution across the country," he said.

Describing J&K's Aroma Mission as a success story, he called for investing time and efforts to harness the hitherto unexplored or under-explored areas, contending [More on P6](#)



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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Subject: Tentative Selection List of Helpers/AAyAs under ECCE in approved schools for the year 2023-24.
NOTIFICATION

1. Whereas, Directorate of Samagra Shiksha, Jammu & Kashmir UT vide communication No.: Edu/PD/SmS/ECCE/Helpers/1861-1905/2023-24 Dated: 06-06-2023 duly endorsed by Chief Education Officer Anantnag vide No.: CEO/A/SmS/21030-45/23 Dated: 08/06/2023 issued orders for hiring/engagement of Helpers/AAyAs under ECCE in 56 approved schools of this zone for the year 2023-24 purely on terminus basis in terms of Govt. order No.: 07 OF CHIRAG-2023 Dated: 09/01/2023 read with order No.: 150-CHIRAG OF 2023 Dated: 21-09-2023 and amendments made from time to time;
2. Whereas, this office vide No.: ZEO/S/SmS/4945-5006/23 Dated: 09/11/2023 floated advertisement notification for engagement/hiring of Helpers/AAyAs under ECCE in 56 approved schools for the year 2023-24 purely on terminus basis for participation in selection process from eligible candidates;
3. Whereas, the said advertisement notification was displayed on the notice board of this office, notice boards of concerned schools/Panchayat Ghars. Besides, the said advertisement was published in the leading dailies of Kashmir Division;
4. Whereas, as per the detailed guidelines/norms to be followed, the Selection of Helper/AAyA has to be restricted to Village/ Ward in respect of Rural/Urban area respectively, where approved school is located. The candidate must possess minimum qualification: 8th Class Passed. Preference shall be given to the candidates from BPL Category in the below mentioned order of Priority;
i. Widow ii. Divorced iii. Orphan
In case of tie-up of the selection of candidate for Helper/AAyA, the preference shall be given to the elder candidate (i.e Candidate with more age shall be considered);
5. Whereas, in response to the advertisement notification floated by this office vide above referred reference, 276 (Two Hundred and Seventy Six) number of application forms were received by this office within stipulated time;
6. Whereas, this office vide No.: ZEO/S/SmS/5150-5207/23 Dated: 23/11/2023 constituted School Level Screening Committees headed by Head of Institution concerned for verification of documents like Domicile, BPL/AYN Ratn Card, Widow Certificate, Divorced, Orphan Certificate, DOB Certificates etc. submitted by the candidates for engagement/Hiring of Helpers/AAyAs under ECCE. The School Level Committee was mandated to draw-up the panel of all eligible candidates in order of merit/preference in sequel to the detailed guidelines of Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K UT in consultation with concerned PRI.
7. Whereas, the constituted School Level Committees in consultation with PRIs/VEC/SMCs have prepared/drawn the panel of all eligible candidates strictly in order of merit/preference as per the detailed guidelines of Samagra Shiksha.
8. Whereas, this office vide No.: ZEO/S/SmS/5144-49/23 Dated: 23/11/2023 constituted Zonal level Committee to cross-check the panels drawn-up by the School Level Screening Committee in order of merit/preference. The committee was also mandated to re-verify the documents/testimonials/certificates submitted by eligible candidates.
9. Whereas, this Office Vide No.: ZEO/S/SmS/143/24 Dated: 08-01-2024 sought clarifications from Chief Education Officer Anantnag in respect of PS Gujrat Hamnari, PS Herpora Wahidan, GMS Peth Nambal and PS Tehlipora Peth Nambal. The clarifications sought are still awaited. However, One Dilshada Akhter R/O Peth Nambal candidate applied for AAY/Helper post approved for GMS Peth Nambal represented before Chief Education Officer Anantnag and Chief Education Officer Anantnag issued directions for framing up of village level merit in respect of GMS Peth Nambal and PS Tehlipora being both schools located in same village;
Now, therefore, in view of the above and on the basis of the panels drawn-up by the School Level Screening Committee duly cross-checked by Zonal Level Committee & principle of Merit-Cum-Preference, the Tentative Selection List (Phase-I) for engagement/hiring of Helpers/AAyAs under ECCE in approved schools for the year 2023-24 is hereby notified as "Annexure-A" to this notification. In case any candidate(s) is aggrieved with this tentative selection list, she may represent in this office within Seven days from the date of issuance of this notification i.e upto 09.02.2024, beyond which no representation shall be entertained.
It is further notified that:
1. Mere figuring in the tentative selection list shall not entitle a candidate to figure in the final selection list/engagement as AAY/Helper and shall be further subject to the document verification from issuing authorities.
2. The Tentative selection list shall be subject to the outcome/writ petition(s), if any, pending in any court of law of the competent jurisdiction.
3. The Tentative Selection List shall also be subject to the outcome of enquiry, if any, involving candidates, figuring in the tentative selection list.

No. ZEO/S/SmS/728-85/24 Dated: 03/02/2024 Sd/- Zonal Education Officer, Srigufwara.

Annexure - "A" to this office Notification No.: ZEO/S/SmS/728-85/24 Dated: 03/02/2024. Table with 12 columns: S. No., Name of the School Applied for, Name of the Applicant, Father/Husband's Name, Date of Birth, Qual., Village, Ration Card Type, Whether Widowed/Divorced, Whether Orphan, Remarks.

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DIPK-15980/23 dated: 03-02-2024 Sd/- Zonal Education Officer, Srigufwara.

Public Notice
Subject:- Grant Of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name & Style "M/S Frostland Tour And Travels" situated at Gulmarg Road Dhoobiwan
Whereas I, Mr. Tahir Ah. Bhat S/o Ghulam Ahmad Bhat R/o Wussan Bangil intend to apply in the Department of Tourism for registration of my proposed travel unit under the name & style of M/S Frostland Tour And Travels situated at Gulmarg Road Dhoobiwan under tourist trade act 1978/82/2011-12. Whereas I will submit state subject / Domicile certificate, Qualification Certificate, pan card \ Experience Certificate (Minimum 5years). Police character certificate, Bank statement (minimum balance 10000), site plan, Affidavit, Rent deed duly attested by sub Registrar, printing material (Letter head / Visiting card) Photograph of the unit (indoor and outdoor) and Two passport size photographs to the department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist Prior to Registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The DOB of my daughter namely Qurat Fatima has been wrongly written as 24-01-2011 while her correct DOB is 14/02/2015 which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Municipal Committee Magam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
Altaf Hussain Baba
F/o Qurat Fatima

ازعدالت ایڈیشنل ڈسٹرکٹ جج (بنک مقدمات) سرینگر
با اجلاس: اروندشرا
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Fire Guts 3 Houses, 4 Shops In Batamalloo

Observer News Service Srinagar: Three residential houses, along with one double-storey shed and shops on the ground floor, were damaged in a fire incident at Batamalloo area of Srinagar district, officials said. Officials said the fire broke out due to an electrical short circuit.

Fire-Hit Families In Srinagar Gets Official Relief

Srinagar: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, a team of District Administration, Srinagar visited Bakshipora Tengpora in Tehsil Eidgah of the District to provide immediate assistance to the fire affected family whose house was gutted in a fire incidents here on Friday late night. Similarly, a team visited Jawahar Nagar area in South Tehsil of District where a house was gutted in a fire incident on Friday.



Tourists posing for pictures at Lal Chowk amidst seasons 2nd snowfall in the summer capital Srinagar on Saturday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Div Com Reviews Meraj-e-Alam Arrangements At Hazratbal Shrine

Observer News Service Srinagar: To ensure all requisite arrangements are in place for devotees to observe Shab-e-Meraj with religious fervor and devotion at Dargah Hazratbal, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today paid visit to the Shrine to take first hand appraisal of available facilities.

Hazratbal Shrine Gets Marble Flooring

Srinagar: Chairperson Waqf Board, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi along with the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today visited Hazratbal shrine Complex in Srinagar. The Chairperson Waqf Board was also accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Director Health Kashmir, Commissioner SMC, SP Hazratbal, Magistrate Hazratbal and Executive Magistrate of the JK Waqf Board.

of vehicles on the north side of Shrine on the special occasion as it is causing inconvenience to the people who are visiting the Shrine in large numbers to pay obeisance. In view of cold weather, Div Com directed Tehsildar Waqf Board to only install water-proof tents within the premises of Hazratbal besides making heating arrangements inside tents. Div Com instructed for making public utilities functional and sanitation of the surrounding area. CEO, SSCL was asked to deploy smart city buses on some routes to avoid overcrowding especially at the time of dispersal of visitors. Talking to the media, Bidhuri reiterated that the arrangements will be best compared to the past.

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Your FINANCIAL FIX Warren Buffett's Maxim Minimize Losses for Financial Mastery

In the world of investing and financial management, there are certain rules that are considered vital for success. One of the most fundamental rules, often attributed to Warren Buffet, is "Rule No. 1: Never lose money." This rule emphasizes the importance of protecting one's capital and avoiding significant losses. It is a principle that is ingrained in the mindset of successful investors and is often considered non-negotiable.

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Revolutionizing Urban Mobility

A Case for Electric Bikes Over Cars

Sheikh Yameen

Despite the overwhelming evidence in favor of EV's in general, the adoption rate remains alarmingly low, particularly in emerging economies like India. While 1.23 crore two-wheelers were sold in India in 2021, a mere 767,000 EV's have been sold since 2015. This glaring disparity underscores the need for concerted efforts to incentivize the adoption of EV's and steer urban transportation towards a more sustainable trajectory

In the bustling streets of modern cities, where every square inch of real estate is a precious commodity, the choice of transportation plays a pivotal role in shaping not just our daily commutes but also the very fabric of urban life. As we navigate through the maze of traffic jams and hunt for elusive parking spots, it's time to reevaluate our modes of transport and embrace a more efficient, sustainable, and space-saving solution: the electric bike (eBike).

The staggering disparity in space requirements between cars and eBikes is perhaps the most glaring aspect of urban transportation woes. Cars, with their bulky frames and sprawling dimensions, demand up to five times more space compared to their two-wheeled counterparts. This insatiable appetite for space not only exacerbates traffic congestion but also engulfs valuable real estate in the form of parking lots, leading to an inefficient use of urban land.

Statistics reveal a startling reality: a significant portion of urban trips span distances well within the range easily covered by eBikes. Studies indicate that approximately 50% of all trips are under 5 kilometers, while a staggering 80% fall within the 12-kilometer radius. These short-haul journeys represent the perfect terrain for eBikes to thrive, offering a swift and eco-friendly alternative to conventional cars.

Delving deeper into the mechanics of transportation, the efficiency chasm between eBikes and Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) cars becomes glaringly apparent. An eBike, weighing a mere 25 kilograms, boasts an impressive efficiency rate of 90%, effortlessly gliding through urban landscapes while emitting minimal pollutants. In stark contrast, the average ICE car, weighing a hefty 1500 kilograms, limps along with a paltry efficiency rate of 30%, burdened by its own emissions and environmental footprint.

The environmental ramifications of our transportation choices loom large, with road transport emerging as a chief contributor to CO2 emissions. Shockingly, 30% of global CO2 emissions stem from the transport sector, of which a staggering 87% emanates from road transport alone. This alarming statistic underscores the urgent need for a paradigm shift towards eco-friendly alternatives like eBikes.

Even when considering power generation sources, the case for eBikes remains resolute. While fossil fuels may still dominate power generation, transitioning to eBikes significantly curtails emissions at the point of use, offering a glimmer of hope amidst the specter of air pollution. In a country like India, where air pollution exacts a staggering economic toll of \$150 billion annually, the imperative for cleaner transportation solutions cannot be overstated.

The human cost of vehicular emissions is perhaps the most sobering aspect of this discourse. In 2015 alone, a staggering 385,000 deaths, constituting 33% of all fatalities attributed to air pollution, were directly linked to vehicle emissions. This grim toll underscores the urgent need for decisive



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Expanding on the multifaceted advantages of eBikes over conventional cars, it becomes evident that the shift towards this sustainable mode of transportation holds the key to unlocking a myriad of benefits for urban environments and beyond. Furthermore, eBikes promote a healthier lifestyle by integrating physical activity into daily routines. Unlike cars, which confine occupants to a sedentary position, eBikes encourage regular exercise and contribute to overall fitness levels. By incentivizing active transportation, eBikes offer a holistic approach to combating the global epidemic of sedentary lifestyles and associated health risks.

Moreover, the advent of electric bike-sharing programs holds immense potential for transforming urban mobility on a global scale. By leveraging technology and innovative business models, electric bike-sharing initiatives democratize access to

sustainable transportation solutions, empowering individuals to make greener choices in their daily lives. These communal platforms not only reduce reliance on private car ownership but also foster a culture of shared responsibility towards environmental conservation.

In conclusion, the transformative potential of eBikes transcends mere transportation considerations, encompassing economic, social, environmental, and public health dimensions. As we stand on the precipice of a climate crisis and grapple with the myriad challenges of urbanization, embracing eBikes emerges as a pragmatic and forward-thinking solution. By prioritizing sustainability, health, and community well-being, eBikes offer a blueprint for reimagining urban mobility and building resilient cities for future generations. It's time to pedal towards a brighter, greener future, where eBikes pave the way for a more sustainable and inclusive world.

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Investing in green energy is crucial in today's world for a myriad of reasons related to environmental, economic, and social sustainability. A lot has already been written on importance of transitioning to renewable energy sources to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change, enhance energy security, and foster economic growth.

For instance, recent research has highlighted the intertwined nature of clean energy with sustainable development goals (SDGs), emphasizing that advancements in green energy technologies can lead to significant public health and economic benefits without major trade-offs. These benefits are crucial for achieving a wide range of SDGs, including those related to poverty reduction, health improvements, and gender equality.

Furthermore, the International Energy Agency (IEA) underscores energy as a central pillar for achieving the SDGs, particularly SDG 7, which aims for universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy by 2030.

India is actively contributing to this global shift towards green energy. The country has set ambitious renewable energy targets and is making significant strides in solar and wind energy sectors, backed by supportive government policies. This commitment was further reinforced in the recent interim budget speech, where the Indian government outlined substantial allocations for renewable energy projects, signaling a strong national commitment to expanding green energy infrastructure and achieving its ambitious energy goals.

Four key announcements in the budget speech would be pushing this agenda ahead. First one is the PM Suryodaya Yojana. This marks a transformative step in the nation's energy strategy. By offering up to 300 units of free electricity monthly, this initiative aims to significantly reduce household energy expenses, with potential annual savings ranging between fifteen to eighteen thousand rupees. Moreover, the surplus electricity generated can be sold back to distribution companies, further enhanc-

Monsoon Of Green Energy In Interim Budget

Bibek Debroy and Aditya Sinha

ing household savings. This scheme not only lightens the financial burden on families but also supports the charging of electric vehicles, aligning with India's push towards cleaner transportation options.

Beyond individual savings, the rooftop solar initiative is poised to stimulate economic growth by creating a myriad of entrepreneurship opportunities in the supply and installation of solar systems. It also promises to open up new job avenues for the youth, particularly in technical fields related to the manufacturing, installation, and maintenance of solar panels. This aligns with broader national objectives of promoting sustainable energy sources, reducing carbon emissions, and contributing to global environmental goals.

Second, the announcement to provide viability gap funding (VGF) for 1 GW of offshore wind energy capacity is a pivotal move for the country's renewable energy ecosystem. This funding aims to mitigate the financial gaps that have historically deterred the development of offshore wind projects, due to their high initial costs compared to more established renewable sources like onshore wind and solar energy. With an extensive coastline and significant offshore wind potential, especially in states like Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, this initiative is poised to unlock a substantial clean energy source capable of powering millions of homes, aligning with India's broader objectives of enhancing energy security and sustainability.

The VGF is designed as a financial mechanism to make economically justifiable projects commercially viable, thereby attracting private investment into a sector that is crucial for achieving India's ambitious targets of 500 GW renewable energy capacity by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2070. By reducing the investment risk and incentivizing the development of offshore wind farms, the government's approach is expected to catalyze significant advancements in India's renewable energy infrastructure. This strategic investment not only diversifies the country's energy portfolio but also marks a critical step towards a sustainable and green economy, underscoring the nation's commitment to combating climate change and promoting sustainable development.

The third announcement regarding the setup of coal gasification and liquefaction capacity of 100 MT by 2030 is significant as it aligns with the National Coal Gasification Mission. This initiative aims to reduce reliance on imports of natural gas, methanol, and ammonia by utilizing domestic coal resources for gasification purposes, promoting energy self-sufficiency, and supporting India's energy transition goals. Coal gasification converts coal into syngas (a mixture of hydrogen, carbon monoxide, and carbon dioxide) through high-temperature reactions with steam and oxygen. This process enables more efficient energy extraction and the possibility of capturing CO2 before it is emitted, offering a pathway to cleaner energy. Coal liquefaction, on

the other hand, involves converting coal into liquid hydrocarbons, mimicking natural petroleum formation but at accelerated rates and controlled conditions. Both processes contribute to reduced carbon footprints by enabling cleaner combustion, higher efficiency, and the integration of carbon capture and storage technologies.

Fourth, mandating the phased blending of Compressed Biogas (CBG) into CNG and PNG will technically promote green energy in India by enhancing the utilization of renewable biogas, derived from agricultural waste, organic waste, and other bio-resources. This approach not only reduces carbon emissions by substituting fossil fuels but also encourages the development of biogas infrastructure, contributing to a circular economy and improving waste management practices. It aligns with sustainable energy goals and supports India's commitments to reducing its carbon footprint. Further, providing financial assistance for the procurement of biomass aggregation machinery will facilitate the efficient collection of agricultural and organic waste.

On the whole, the impetus towards green energy in India in the interim budget is expected to have multiple benefits. These include job creation in renewable sectors, enhanced energy security through reduced fossil fuel dependence, fostering innovation in green technologies, environmental improvements by reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and expanded access to electricity in underserved regions, collectively contributing to sustainable economic growth and energy equity.

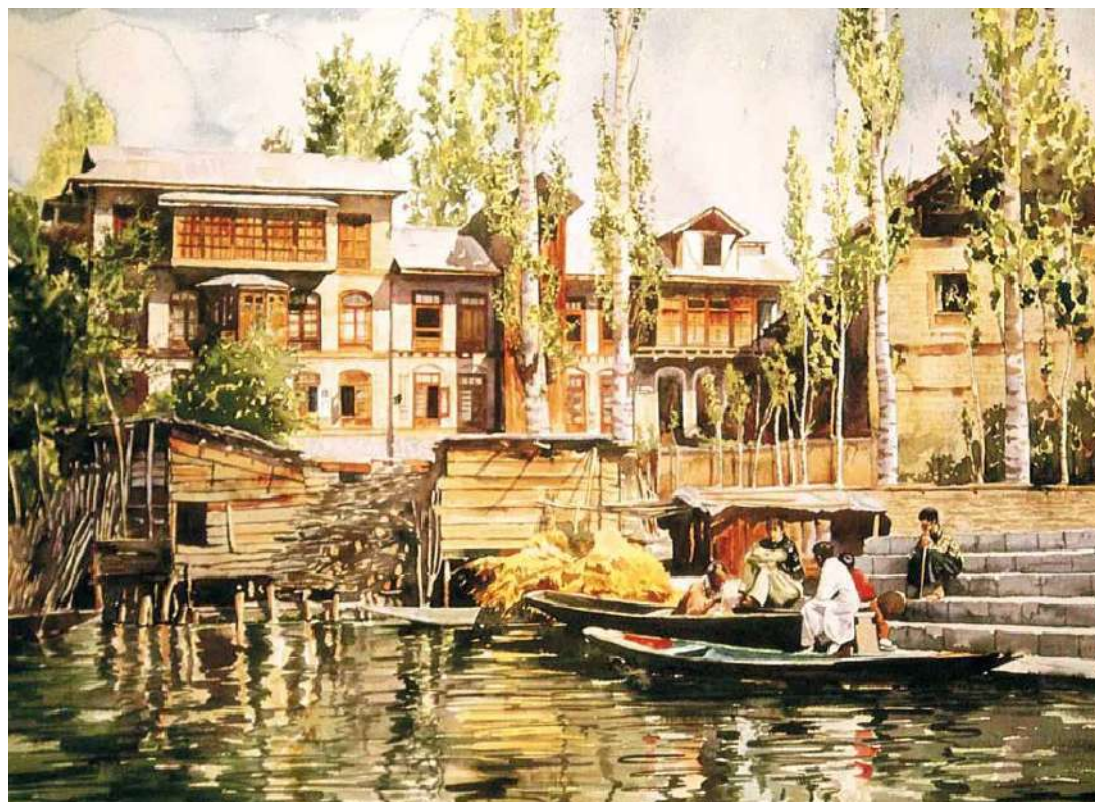
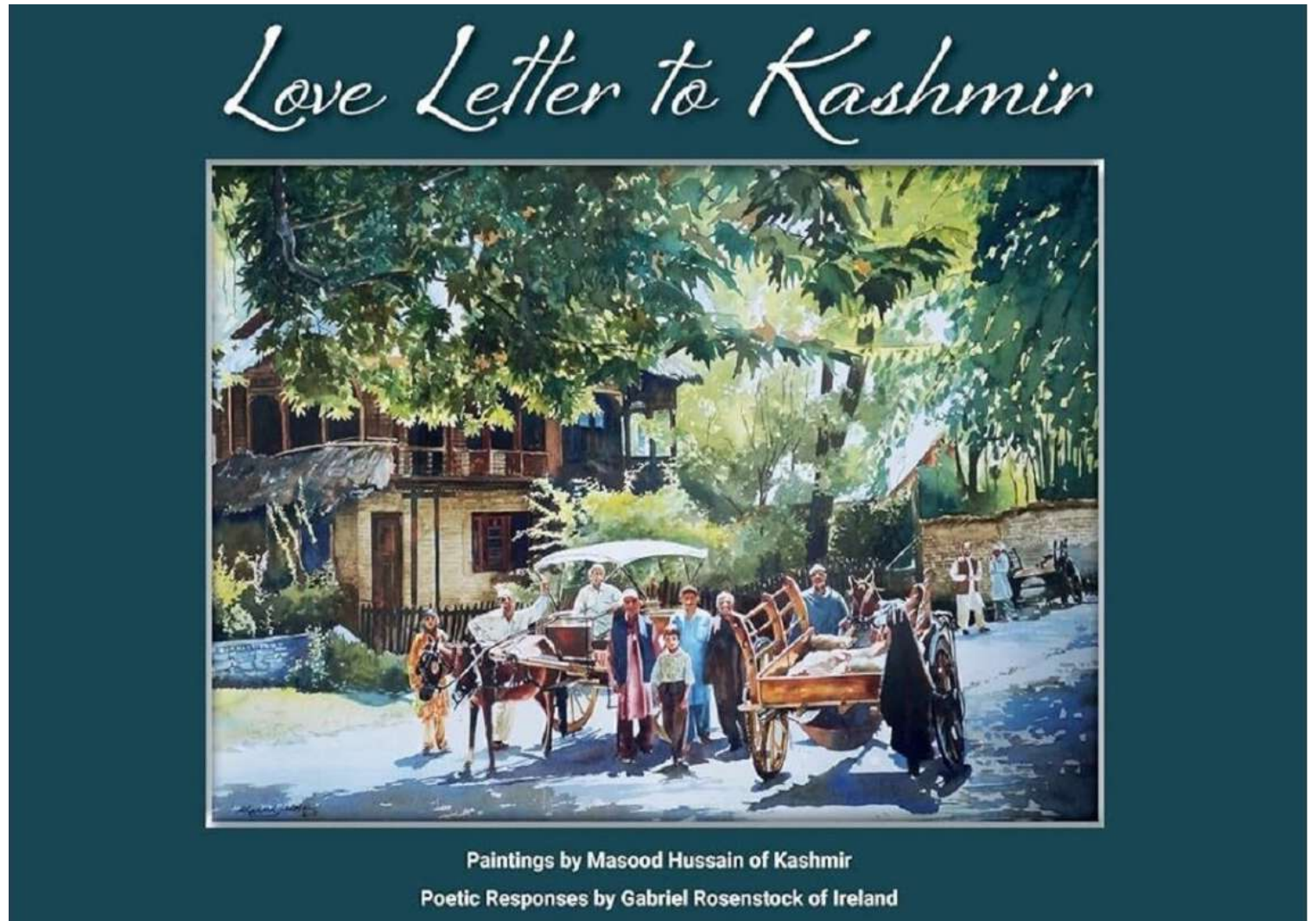
In a world where budgets often sound as dry as a desert afternoon, this interim budget is a monsoon of green energy initiatives, promising to sprinkle sustainability across its landscape.

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‘Love Letter to Kashmir’ Is A Fusion Of Visual Elegance And Poetic Mastery



THESE VERSES ADD AN EXTRAORDINARY DIMENSION TO THE PAINTINGS BY ACCLAIMED MASOOD HUSSAIN, TRANSPORTING US SEAMLESSLY BETWEEN SEASONS AND THROUGH THE AGES. The canvases come alive with vibrant images of traditional Kashmiri life—a mesmerizing display of Shikaras gliding on the Dal Lake, the grandeur and intricate beauty of Masjids, the hustle and bustle of streets, the old mud houses standing proudly with red dried chillies hanging on the outer walls, and Tonga reminiscing a bygone era



Farzana Nisar

Picture this – a canvas that breathes life into the valleys and mountains, accompanied by verses that echo the whispers of Dal Lake and the rustling Chinars. Have you traversed into the soul of Kashmir? This is what the book ‘Love Letter to Kashmir’ offers, a mesmerizing blend of visual elegance through the paintings of Masood Hussain and poems by Gabriel Rosenstock. The collaborative work captures the essence of a time when simplicity and authenticity prevailed, offering a nostalgic journey into a world unburdened by the trappings of contemporary life.

The ekphrastic poetry – a poetic form that responds to or is inspired by a work of visual art – in ‘Love Letter to Kashmir’ transforms the act of observing into a meditative experience, where the inward eye sees beyond the canvas.

As the poet starts from the ar-

rival of spring, the verses become a celebration, reflecting a sense of warmth, comfort, and shared moments. But it also implies a sense of optimism and hopes that the hardships or difficult times eventually fade away or be left behind.

*at last, it is Spring
i'll fill up the samovar
and You will join me
we'll slowly sip namkeen chai
winter will be forgotten*

The poet draws from Sufi ideals of divine love to explore longing, separation and unity with the beloved in various guises. Nature serves as metaphor – the budding lotus and flowering trees mirror the blossoming of love..

Time and again, the speaker finds only ephemeral reflections of the beloved in the mundane world. Yet a persistent hope and remembrance of past union sustains the soul on its quest. Historical and contemporary conflicts fade into the background as an eternal, placeless love comes to

the fore. The poet's reflection on the impact of hardships, the desire for divine love, and the unity within the care of the beloved create a poignant tapestry of emotions. The laughter of ancestral spirits, playing in the woods, evokes a sense of joy and liberation, as if they have forgotten the weight of sorrows.

*boyi gov kaeyn
beni gayih thaein
brother hard as stone
sister soft as butter
let me be Your sister!*

The use of Kashmiri proverbs and expressions adds a distinctive and authentic local flavor to the narrative. The simplicity of the language adds sincerity to the emotional appeal, making the lines resonate on a deeper, heartfelt level.

These verses add an extraordinary dimension to the paintings by acclaimed Masood Hussain, transporting us seamlessly between seasons and through the

ages. The canvases come alive with vibrant images of traditional Kashmiri life—a mesmerizing display of Shikaras gliding on the Dal Lake, the grandeur and intricate beauty of Masjids, the hustle and bustle of streets, the old mud houses standing proudly with red dried chillies hanging on the outer walls, and Tonga reminiscing a bygone era.

A striking painting shows shepherds, adorned in pherans, navigating the terrain with their cattle, and the poet says-

*when you came here
to Yusmarg, Jesus,
wolves and bears abounded
the wolves are still here
some in sheep's clothing*

It gives a message to see through disguises and not take things at face value. The wolves could represent forces that pose threats but masquerade as something benign. It hints at underlying tensions or conflicts beneath a seemingly peaceful surface.

Mughal gardens and chinar trees find a handsome share in the book, and they are portrayed



What makes these paintings particularly captivating is their ability to blend the mundane with the mystical. In the intricate dance between realism and surrealism, earthly and ethereal, the paintings in this collection beckon viewers into a realm where boundaries blur and perceptions shift

*to village singing songs for You
people will wonder and ask
is he from another age*

Masood Hussain's paintings are a journey through a myriad of emotions. They transport one to a place of deep calm, reflection and connection to something greater. It leaves one feeling soothed yet stirred; the beauty tinged with a hint of sadness adds depth to the emotional resonance. Overall, ‘Love Letter to Kashmir’ emerges not just as a book but as a vivid composition that transcends the conventional boundaries of storytelling.

It's worth noting the resounding praises this work has garnered from various perspectives. ‘An artist is someone who, through a glance, a fleeting smile, a subtle hand gesture, or the emotion in their voice, evokes the rasa (distilled emotion). An artist is true when they awaken the rasa with just a hint here, a trace there; anything more becomes redundant. Kashmir's ace painter, Masood Hussain, and renowned Irish haijin, Gabriel Rosenstock, are masters in their respective



with such finesse that they seem more beautiful and attractive than a photograph. Each hue is aptly chosen, adding to the allure of these masterpieces. The intimate portrayal of the Somavar, Laalteen (lamps), Daan (mud stoves) and Kangri – all serve as windows into the rich tapestry of Kashmiri life, inviting viewers to not only see but also emotionally experience the cultural nuances and daily rhythms depicted in each stroke of the artist's brush.

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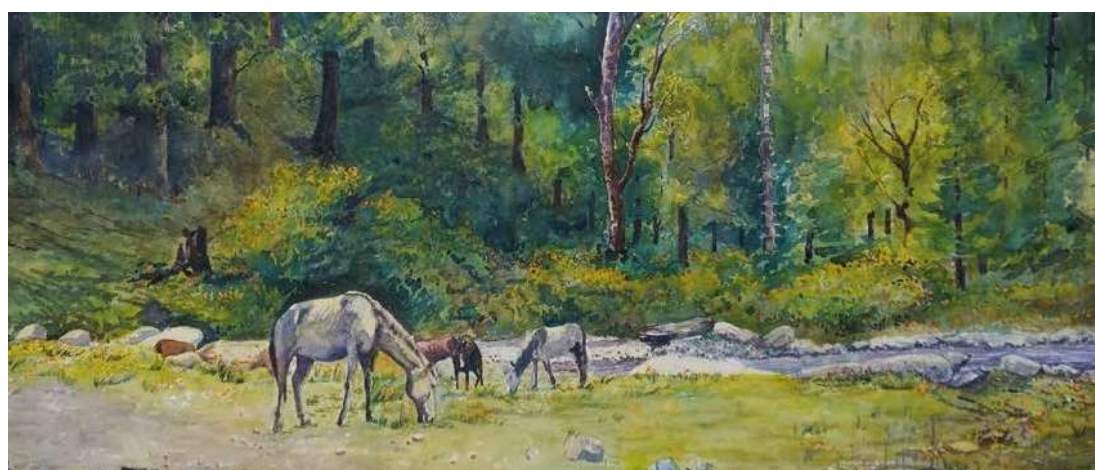
The last painting of Tongas, men and Children, with the poem alongside keeps alive a connection to the past and reminds others of roots/heritage. Being viewed as from ‘another age’ implies a disconnect from modern realities and a clinging to more rooted cultural practices.

*i will travel
in a tonga from village*

fields, and their collaboration – Love Letter to Kashmir – is a testament to the above fact,” Kala Kamlesh, the author of ‘Beyond the Horizon Beyond’ writes.

‘Evocative paintings and luminous poems bring together sensibilities as far apart as Irish and Kashmiri, yet they seem to emerge from a shared tradition of recreating homelands wrecked by colonial violence. Love Letter to Kashmir is a reverie. It does not offer pain; it symbolizes defiance,’ another reviewer reads.

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TAJ and ZAKIR Foundation, Sakhawat Centre Celebrate Academic Excellence

Srinagar: In a momentous ceremony held on the 3rd of February at the prestigious Iqbal Institute of Technology and Management in Hyderpora, India, Taj and Zakir Foundation, in collaboration with Sakhawat Centre's Scholarship, proudly awarded scholarships to more than 50 exceptional students. The event was graced by the presence of eminent Chief Guest

Taj Syed, President of STEM Scholarship, and presided over by Dr. Yousuf Umer, Chairman of IMT and Administrator of Sakhawat Centre.

The distinguished guests also included Mr. Mohammad Ashraf, Secretary of Sakhawat Centre, Er. M.A. Qureshi, Secretary of IMT, and the esteemed Director of IITM, Dr. R.A. Thakur. Their collective presence underscored



the significance of the occasion, highlighting the commitment

of these organizations to fostering education and empowering the youth. The scholarships were awarded to more than 50 meritorious and necessitous students, recognizing their academic achievements and financial needs. This collaborative effort by Taj and Zakir Foundation and Sakhawat Centre aims to bridge educational gaps and create opportunities for

promising students to pursue higher education.

The venue, Iqbal Institute of Technology and Management, provided a fitting backdrop for the event, resonating with the spirit of education and innovation. The recipients of the scholarships expressed gratitude for the support they received, emphasizing the transformative impact these awards will have

on their educational journey.

Taj and Zakir Foundation, in conjunction with Sakhawat Centre, remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing education and providing avenues for talented individuals to excel. The ceremony served as a testament to the organizations' dedication to empowering the next generation of leaders through academic support.

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Kashmir Welcomes

higher reaches of North, Northwestern and South Kashmir may receive 8-12 inches of snow, lower reaches and plains may receive 3-6 inches, while plains of Central Kashmir may receive rain with 1-2 inches of snow," Director MeT had forecasted.

In Jammu division, he said, there is a possibility of light to moderate rain with thunder and lightning with light to moderate snow over higher reaches of Pirpanjal Range and Chenab Valley during the above period.

On February 05, the weather is expected to remain partly to generally cloudy with possibility of light snow over isolated higher reaches. From February 06-13, the weather is expected to remain dry, he said.

Meanwhile, there was respite from intense cold conditions last night but the minimum temperature stayed several degrees below the normal for this time of the year.

Gulmarg skiing resort in north Kashmir recorded a low of minus 10.6 degrees Celsius, up by 1.4 degrees from the previous night's minus 12.0 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

Pahalgam tourist resort in south Kashmir, which serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath yatra, recorded a low of minus 8.3 degrees Celsius, up from minus 11.9 degrees Celsius the previous night.

Kokernag and Qazigund towns in south Kashmir both recorded a low of minus 5.4 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 1.7 degrees Celsius.

On Friday, the mercury had nosedived across Kashmir with unofficial data suggesting that Larnoo town in south Kashmir Anantnag district had recorded minus 17.1 degrees Celsius followed by Sonamarg resort on the Srinagar-Leh highway which recorded a low of minus 15.1 degrees Celsius.

Although 'Chilla-i-Kalan' -- the 40-day harshest winter period -- ended earlier this week, the cold wave has continued in Kashmir.

The valley is currently going through a 20-day-long 'Chilla-i-Khur'd' which shall be followed by a 10-day 'Chilla-i-Bachha'.

Is Snow Too Late

hydropower generation, and associated sectors, could be affected in the upcoming summer.

"This would also mean early snow melt of the scanty snow that is near/on glaciers and would expose glacier ice to an earlier melt (April) than usually happens (June-July)," said Irfan Rashid, Assistant Professor at the Department of Geoinformatics, University of Kashmir.

He further said that the glacier ice will get exposed and start melting earlier than usual. "This would mean higher ice loss this year," he said.

"Pertinent to mention that glaciers have already been experiencing ice loss since the 1990s/2000s."

Earth scientist Shakil Romshoo, the vice-chancellor of the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) told Kashmir Observer that snowfall during peak of the winter stays for a longer period of time as the temperature remains in minus while as post Chilla-i-Kalan, the snow starts melting in fast speed as the temperature increases.

"It's good that snow has finally started but it's watery (snow with a good amount of water) not dry. That means it will melt quickly as the snowfall in Chilla-i-Kalan is dry and therefore remains for a long time," he added.

He however said that it is too early to make predictions; if the valley receives ample snowfall in February, there is a possibility of compensation.

Lately, climate change is making a significant impact in the Himalayan region, which is witnessing extreme weather events, prolonged dry spells in both winter and summer. The unusual weather patterns are making a significant impact on groundwater, electricity, fish production and agriculture.

Rashid said that this change in the weather pattern is driven by global climate change which affects distribution and development of the pressure belt.

"Since a low pressure system hasn't yet developed over Kashmir this winter, we experienced a dry spell," he added.

Director of Meteorological Centre, Srinagar, Mukhtar Ahmad however contends that this is not the first occurrence; rather, it has been a recurring pattern in the Union Territory for the past few decades.

Safety Advisory

"Only 4x4 vehicles or vehicles with anti-skid chains, having seating capacity not more than 10 seats shall be allowed along major hilly roads", it reads.

"Heavy Goods/passenger vehicles shall not be allowed to ply along hilly roads till clearance of snow and frost from such roads." Advisory reads further.

It states that there shall be zero tolerance for overloading across jurisdiction of Traffic Rural Kashmir, besides strict action within the ambit of law shall be taken against motorists plying their vehicles with invalid documents or W/O documents.

Highway Reopens

part of the arterial road near Sherbibi in Ramban district is single-lane and also slippery at a number of places.

The traffic on the 270-km highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, was suspended on Thursday morning after the road was damaged by a landslide at Kishtwar Patheri near Sherbibi, leaving hundreds of vehicles stranded on both sides.

Soil, Water

government launched a project titled Vision Document-2023 back in 2016, for soil and water conservation in Jammu and Kashmir.

"In order to have a macro-level planning in future, a need for a vision document has been felt by the Soil & Water Conservation Department. Accordingly, this Vision Document-2030 has been devised reflecting; Introduction, Land Degradation and Soil Erosion problem, Land & Soil Management, Water scenario and Vision by 2030," reads the document.

Since then, the department actively participated in formulation and implementation of various site-specific treatment plans. So far, a significant portion of the work has been completed, according to officials who asserted that all the targets will be achieved by 2030.

Asaf Mahmood, who holds additional charge of Director, Soil & Water Conservation, J&K told Kashmir Observer that over 70 percent of the work has been completed and rest will be covered by 2030.

55,000 hectares of soil treated, 382 projects completed and 723 Water harvesting structures completed, these are the works that the department of soil and water conservation has achieved so far.

Subsequently, the department started taking care of 70,000 hectares for Soil & Water Conservation activities by 2030.

The projected area, according to the document, undertaken in different programmes under State Plan Centrally Sponsored programmes and other aided programmes.

While sharing the status of the work so far, an official of the department said that total number of 578 Project / works were proposed by the department during 2023-24, out of which 382 projects have been completed upto ending January 2024 and rest 196 project are likely to be completed by ending March 2024.

He further said so far 723 Water Harvesting Structures in the shape of Water Tanks / Ponds have been constructed and restored.

In addition to this, he said over 3.79 lakh cum DRSM structure, 54325 number of crates, 1710 Crib Structures and 14 Khuls have been constructed by the department so far to aid in conserving soil, water harvesting and ground water recharge in the catchment areas.

The department, according to the vision document also took up the scheme of Artificial Recharge of Ground Water fully funded by the Ministry of Water Resources under Artificial Recharge of Ground Water by Constructing Dams etc. and under the scheme, the department was able to construct 2- RCC Check Dams at Phangeri and Dhabbie villages in Hiranagar / Dinga Amb Tehsil of Kathua District.

Notably, RCC Check Dam Phangeri impounds 67.50 lakh liters water per year and Dhabbie impounds 1.35 crore liter water per year and the anticipated recharge to groundwater, as per Central Ground Water Board study reports is 50.62 lakh liter in Phangeri and 1.01 crore liter for Dhabbie Check Dam.

Moreover, over 9 RCC Check dams are being constructed in Kandi Belt of Jammu Region, out of which 05 RCC Check Dams have been completed and 04 RCC Check Dams are under progress which will enrich the water regime in their respective command areas.

Asaf Mahmood told Kashmir Observer that most of the work has been done in "drought prone areas" of the UT

Out of 70,000 hectares to be taken care of for Soil & Water Conservation activities by 2030, the department has been able to treat over 55,000 hectares of area so far.

"Each District caters to more than 200 Hectares rehabilitation of degraded forest/year through establishment of S.C.Closures, DRSM, Crates, Crib Structures etc in the catchment area," the official said.

He further added that during the next seven years, approximately 40,000 hectares will be treated at this present pace.

In addition to this, some new

projects involving Catchment Area Treatment Plan for Hydro Electric Projects namely Pakul Dul (7878 Ha.), Keru (1250 Ha), Ratle (1000 Ha), Sawlakot (1307 Ha) and Tawi Catchment (2000 Ha) are in pipeline and this will add 13435 Hact. area totaling to 53435 Hact. area in coming years, he added.

4 Held With Forged

entry using forged tickets, leading to their detention.

Those detained have been identified as Junaid Ahmad, a resident of Utrusoo Neigund in Anantnag district of south Kashmir, Mohammad Ashraf Ahmad Sheikh of Baghyas Chattabal Srinagar, Shakir Mushtaq of Eidgah Srinagar and Aqib Mushtaq of Lal Bazar Srinagar.

Hindu Education

Central University of Jammu; S.K Raina; Virender Raina and Daleep Mattoo were also present

Rise of Cryptocurrency

he told the gathering where Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud and other senior Supreme Court and high court judges and law officers were present.

He said there was a need to modernise legal systems that deliver justice. "This includes making our systems more flexible and adaptable," he said.

Citing ancient Indian beliefs, he said justice is at the root of independent self-governance and without justice the very existence of nation is not possible.

Noting the presence of a large number of delegates from African countries, he said India has a special relation with the African Union. "We are proud that the African Union became part of the G20 during India's presidency," he said.

The prime minister said legal education is a key instrument in justice delivery and pitched for having more women in law schools so that their presence rises in the legal system.

The world needs young legal minds who have diverse exposure, he said, adding that legal education needs to adapt to changing time and technology.

Referring to modernisation of laws to make them in sync with present-day realities, Modi said three new legislations have replaced more than 100-year-old colonial criminal laws in India.

Earlier, the focus was on punishment and penal aspects. Now, the focus is on ensuring justice. "Therefore, citizens have a sense of assurance rather than fear," he said.

India, Modi noted, has used technology as a tool to reduce litigations which eases burden on the justice delivery system.

In the last few years, India has used drones to map places and provide clear property cards to rural people, thereby reducing disputes and possible litigations.

Digitalisation has also helped many courts in India take proceedings online. This has helped people access justice even from far-away locations, he said.

The theme of the conference is "Cross-Border Challenges in Justice Delivery".

The conference will deliberate on important issues pertaining to law and justice like judicial transition and the ethical dimensions of legal practice, executive accountability, and

revisiting modern-day legal education, among others.

L K Advani To

opportunities to interact with him and learn from him," he said.

Modi spoke to the BJP's longest serving president, who is credited with crafting the party's rise through the 90s when it came to power for the first time with Atal Bihari Vajpayee heading coalition governments, and congratulated him.

Advani's parliamentary interventions have always been exemplary and full of rich insights, Modi said.

Last month, the government had named the late Karpoori Thakur, a socialist stalwart and former Bihar chief minister, for the highest honour.

If the recognition for Thakur years after he passed away in 1988 was seen by many political experts as part of the BJP's push to deepen its roots among the economically backward classes (EBC), a category from which he came from, the honour for Advani is being seen as an ode to his instrumental role in shaping the party's core ideology which has come to dominate the country's polity under Modi.

The Bharat Ratna is bestowed in recognition of "exceptional service/performance of the highest order". Established in 1954, past awardees include Indira Gandhi, Mother Teresa, Lal Bahadur Shastri, and Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

The Bharat Ratna will be bestowed on Advani in a year of the Ram temple's consecration, which marks a triumphant closure for the BJP of an issue which was thrust into popular consciousness by the veteran leader through his 'Ram Rath Yatra' in 1990.

The yatra and the mass appeal it drew boosted the party's vote share and made it the key challenger to the Congress, then the biggest national party.

Both Advani and BJP leader Murli Manohar Joshi were requested not to attend the consecration ceremony of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, in consideration of their advanced age and health conditions. However, following backlash, senior members of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) extended invitations to both leaders to attend the event on 22 January. PTI

SC Seeks Details

workers and SRO 520 of 2017 for the regularization/ absorption of casual labourers," the court had said.

The provisions of the SRO 520, the DB had said, make it unambiguously clear that it will apply to all those CSLWs who are engaged upto 17.03.2015, therefore, the rigor of retrospective application of the SRO was also not coming in the way as the respondent/ petitioner (one who had filed the plea before single bench) is admittedly engaged as casual labourer in the year 1997, therefore, he would fall in the category of employees engaged upto 17th March, 2015.

"...we are of the considered view that the writ court (Single bench) has based its conclusion on a wrong premise and the same being not in accordance with the rules or the law on the subject needs to be interfered with," the court said in the judgement on 20.10.2020, adding, "Accordingly, we allow the appeal and set-aside the impugned judgment & orderwith a direction to the respondents (authorities) to consider the case of the

respondent/ petitioner for his regularization on the touchstone of the provisions of SRO 520 of 2017."

SIU Files Chargesheet

fixed February 20 as the next date for hearing of the case.

"The proceedings aim to bring justice to the victims and their families, ensuring accountability for the perpetrators involved in this reprehensible act," the spokesman said.

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hospital, they said.

According to a complaint filed by one Ram Saran Sharma of Marheen village of Kathua, Varinder Singh alias Bantu was abducted at the behest of Kamaldeep Singh alias Rinku, his sworn enemy, police said.

Varinder Singh was taken away by six people at gunpoint in a Mahindra Scorpio car from Kathua's Chann Rorian village, police said.

The seven arrested were identified as Kamaldeep Singh, Gurmeet Singh, Rajbir Singh, Yogeshwar Singh, Vikram Singh, Daljeet Singh, and Vinod Sharma, they said.

A pistol found in their possession was seized, police said.

A Torchbearer

that these areas hold the key to propelling India's economy.

The minister said agri startups are fast becoming avenues of self-employment for youth of the Union Territory. Pitching for more public-private partnership in agri startups, Singh said the era of silos is over, hence collaboration should be fostered among the two sectors.

Underlining the importance of generating awareness about cultivation of Himalayan resources like lavender, he called upon the DDC members to play their part in this endeavour so that a large number of youth in their areas can join agri start-ups and earn their livelihoods in a sustainable manner, and contribute to India's GDP.

The Minister also called upon CSIR-IIIM to conduct research and find out which new crops are feasible for cultivation based on the topography of different regions of Jammu and Kashmir. He stressed that more and more people need to be engaged in the agri-startup ecosystem.

"In the last 10 years under the leadership of Modi, the number of start-ups in the country has crossed the one-and-a-half-lakh mark," he said, adding India's bio-economy is currently valued at over USD 140 billion from USD 10 billion a decade ago.

The minister expressed happiness at India being known as a leader in preventive healthcare in the world, thanks to its much recognised vaccine programme which helped save lakhs of lives across the globe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the space sector, he said investment worth more than Rs 1,000 crore has come in the area in just eight months last year.

He said the government has set a target of attracting more than USD 40 billion dollar investment by 2040 in space.

"But, India is expected to exceed the target according to the recent ADL (Arthur D Little) Report which said the country is projected to reach USD 100 billion by 2040."

Singh said the number of space startups has grown in India since Prime Minister Modi undertook reforms in this sector.

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Poor Education Quality Drives Youth to Seek Admissions Outside?

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In view of 'Crap-tastic quality' of education in colleges of Jammu and Kashmir, youth here prefer to migrate to other states India for better quality of education as compared to the regional institutes.

The official documents accessed by the news agency, reveal, "The youth of Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir are looking at colleges and universities outside, claiming that the higher education institutes in other states and UTs have a better quality of education as compared to the regional institutes."

It said that of some of those who seek admissions in colleges outside Jammu and Kashmir, highlighting a glaring gap in the education infrastructure of the UT at the college and university level.

"As per the official data, there

are just 208 private unaided colleges in Jammu and Kashmir, including professional colleges," it reads.

The official documents further reads that out of the total number of private and government colleges, not all are functional, and few colleges still don't have their complete infrastructure in place.

About the effective Single Window System (SWS), the document reveals that the government will create a 'SWS clearance body' and will make it operationalize for granting time bound approvals and clearances for setting up of new private schools, residential schools, colleges, technical education institutes and universities.

The documents further said that the government will also make provisions for operationalizing Integrated Application for all permissions. —(KNO)

Bollywood Star Mir Sarwar Receives Prestigious State Award

KO NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: In the vibrant tapestry of Bollywood, Mir Sarwar stands out as a versatile actor who has left an indelible mark on the industry through his compelling performances in a plethora of films. The actor, known for his roles in blockbuster hits like "Bajranghi Bhaijaan," "Kesari," "Lihaaf," "Laxmi," "Kedarnath," "Kashmir Daily," "Half Widow," "Mission Majnu," "Gadar 2," "Sher-shaah," "Hamid," "The Family Man," "Special Ops," "Avrohdh," "Bhram," "Tanaav," and many more, has received widespread accolades for his contribution to Indian cinema.



ing him the Best Debut Director award at prestigious film festivals, including the 17th Ayodhya Film Festival and the Golden Jury Film Festival.

Expressing his joy and gratitude, Mir Sarwar stated, "I am really happy that I have received a couple of Best Debut Director awards. It's really encouraging and motivates me to direct more independent films like that. Though I have directed theatre plays, several songs, and a web series as well, a film is always special."

Currently working on the web series "Fundbaaz," nearing its completion, Mir Sarwar is also focused on his upcoming film, "Kuch Baqi Hai." The first schedule of the film, shot in the breathtaking locales of Ladakh, has concluded, with the next schedule planned in the picturesque Kashmir Valley.

DC Tours Shopian Town, Reviews Snow Clearance

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SHOPIAN: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb today toured Shopian town in order to review provision of services post snowfall and to take appraisal of traffic management initiatives.

During the visit to various areas of the town, DC focused on traffic management and adherence of road users on Road Safety initiatives along with conducting market checking.

He issued directions to authorities to remove encroachments along the roads.

'WORLD CANCER DAY'

J&K Reports 1640 New Cancer Cases in 2023

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Cancer continues to emerge as a serious health concern globally, with Jammu and Kashmir witnessing an alarming surge in cases.

Renowned oncologists in the Union Territory, the news agency, spoke with, expressed deep concern over the rising numbers and called for an urgent need for preventive measures and awareness.

Dr Zahoor, a leading oncologist at SKIMS Soura, said there is a widespread impact of cancer. He, however, said that nearly 40 to 50 percent of cases are preventable through simple lifestyle changes like quitting smoking, maintaining a healthy balanced diet, regular physical activity and avoiding excessively processed foods.

Dr Sheikh Aijaz, another prominent oncologist in Kashmir, called for addressing the issue through epidemiological, scientific and molecular approaches, with a focus on prevention, screening and cost-effective measures. He also stressed lifestyle and dietary changes, especially quitting smoking.

"The treatment, especially in the blood and lymphoreticular malignancies, deserves instant attention and recognition," Dr Aijaz said, adding that formidable treatment facilities are available in Kashmir which can be galvanised with support.

Prof Manzoor Ahmad, Head of the Department of Radiation Oncology at GMC Srinagar, said that World Cancer Day is observed to create awareness about this dreaded disease. He said there is a sharp increase in new cancer cases in J&K, with the department registering a record number of 1640 cases in 2023, out of which 911 were males and 729 were females.

"The most common tumour in males was lung cancer and in females breast cancer. This scenario looks very grim as far as lung being the most common tumour in males is concerned because this cancer has a direct bearing and relation with tobacco use," he said. "This indicates the magnitude of tobacco products in our society and how much awareness we have to make among the general public regarding the use of tobacco."

As far as breast cancer in females is concerned, one of the major reasons is the lack of physical activity and obesity. "So both the common cancers, whether it is lung in males or breast in females, could be easily avoided if we make some lifestyle changes," Prof Ahmad said.

He called for public education through signs and symptoms of cancer, preventive measures and timely medical evaluations.

On the treatment facilities available, Prof Manzoor said, "We are self-sufficient concerning different modalities

that particular cancers need for eradication. If we could prevent cancers from developing at the first place by adhering to healthy lifestyle practices, then obviously we could avoid all the pains and hassles that these patients and their accompanying attendants have to go through. Prevention is better than cure."

Dr Shabnam, Kashmir's first female organ-specific Oncosurgeon, described cancer as a new-age epidemic with a global burden costing around \$1.16 trillion.

"There are over 100 different forms of cancers. Around 18 million new cases are being detected across the globe, with 9.6 million deaths per year (1 in 4 deaths due to cancer)," she said, "Unfortunately 70 percent of these deaths from cancer occur in low-middle income countries."

Dr Shabnam added, "Currently there are 50.55 million 5-Year Cancer Survivors Worldwide and around 8 lakh new cases are being detected in our country every year (currently around 25 lakhs are living with cancer), and we have around 7-8 lakh deaths due to it every year in our country alone."

"Good news is that 30-50 percent of cancers are preventable and early-stage cancers are curable. Cancers are conquerable only if we decide to stay aware and follow the preventive measures and seek help at the earliest," she added.

DC Kupwara Reviews Functioning Of Shelter Homes For Stranded Passengers

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KUPWARA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the functioning of designated Shelter Homes to facilitate the stranded passengers of border areas of Karnah, Keran and Machil during the closure of roads in wake of extreme weather conditions.

DC took a detailed review of the facilities being provided in the designated Shelter Homes established at GHSS Panzgam, GHS Meelyal and GHSS Kalarosee.

She directed AC Kupwara and concerned Tehsildars to visit the Shelter Homes and check the facilities being provided there especially functioning of kitchens, beddings, heating arrangements etc.

AD FCS&CA was directed to provide basic dry ration for the stranded passengers at Shelter Homes. Concerned DFOs were directed to provide firewood for the designated Shelter homes.

Nodal Officer, Heli Service was directed to arrange the helicopter sorties for the patients and stranded passengers as the weather clears.

On the occasion, DC said that for distress calls, concerned Tehsildars will be the contact persons who will coordinate with other line departments.

DC Bandipora Presides Over Event On 'Pariksha Pe Charcha'



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BANDIPORA: As a follow-up of the recently conducted National Program 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' by Hon'ble Prime Minister, and in order to promote well-being and positive exam preparation among students, the Education Department, on Saturday organized a special District Level Event on 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' (Discussion on Exams).

The program was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel Ur Rehman, who delivered a motivating message to students and parents alike.

The program was attended by ADC Umar Shafi, CEO Mohammad Amin Beigh, Subject Expert Dr Malik Roshan Ara, DyCEO Dr. GM Pujoo and a galaxy of students, parents, teachers, and experts besides officials from education department Bandipora.

Emphasizing the importance of mental health and emotional well-being, Shakeel Ur Rehman advised students to approach exams with a positive attitude and not succumb to stress. He encouraged them to focus on understanding concepts and

enjoying the learning process rather than solely aiming for high scores.

The DC also addressed the gathering of parents, highlighting the crucial role they play in supporting their children's academic journey. He urged them to understand the dreams and aspirations of their children instead of pressuring them to conform to societal expectations or engage in unhealthy competition.

Support them in exploring their passions and encourage them to pursue their dreams, regardless of exam results, the DC added.

The program also featured interactive sessions with experts and counselors who provided valuable insights on managing exam stress, developing effective study habits, and maintaining mental well-being. Students actively participated in the sessions, asking questions and sharing their experiences.

Chief Education Officer Bandipora, Mohammad Amin Beigh said that the initiative is a positive step towards promoting a healthy and supportive environment for students during their academic journey.

Director Horticulture Visits Pulwama; Presides Over Mega Awareness Camp

SRINAGAR: The Director Horticulture Kashmir, G. R. Mir today spearheaded a comprehensive tour of Pulwama district, focusing on enhancing awareness and knowledge among orchardists and stakeholders in the horticulture sector.

The highlight of the tour was a mega awareness camp held at Litter Pulwama, which saw enthusiastic participation from various dignitaries, officers, officials, representatives of Farmers' Producer Organizations (FPOs) and a large number of orchardists.

The event served as a platform to disseminate crucial information about several Union Territory and centrally sponsored

schemes, with special emphasis on key initiatives such as the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), High-Density Plantation Scheme, and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). These schemes are aimed at boosting the horticulture sector and ensuring sustainable growth.

The mega awareness camp included a technical guidance session led by experts from the department, addressing essential aspects of successful and profitable fruit cultivation. The session incorporated the latest technical interventions, providing farmers with valuable insights to enhance their horticultural practices.

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Sub:- Revised/Final seniority list of Assistant Geologist of JKSPDC as stood on 01.01.2023.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas; tentative seniority list of Assistant Geologists/Geological Assistants was issued vide this office notification No.JKSPDC/Adm/5310-37 dated 07.11.2023 for inviting objections from the officers/officials borne on the Geological cadre with respect to their placements, Date of Birth, category and changes if any to be made within 21 days from the date of issuance of the aforesaid tentative seniority list; and Whereas; during the stipulated time period objections in different types of changes to be made were received from the officials; and Whereas; in order to dispose off the said objections as per merit and rule position, a committee headed by Chief General Manager (Law) JKSPDC with the following as the member was constituted vide order No.343-JK(PDC) of 2023 dated 06.12.02023;

- General Manager (Accounts) Kashmir/Jammu
- Administrative Officer JKSPDC

Whereas; while examining the objections of each official of Geological cadre the committee held series of meetings and submitted recommendations before the competent authority for incorporation of necessary corrections wherever required within the parameters of rule position. Now, therefore keeping in view the above, revised /Separate final seniority list of Assistant Geologists as on 01.01.2023 as per recommendations of committee is hereby issued for information of all the officers/officials of the JKSPDC.

No. JKSPDC/Adm/9347-76
Dated:- 02 -02.2024.

(Altaf Hussain Bhat)
Administrative Officer,
JKSPDC

ANNEXURE- "K"

Revised/Final seniority List of Assistant Geologist of JKSPDC as stood on 01.01.2023

S. No.	Name	Category	Date of Birth	Tech. Qualification	Date of Appointment
1	Dr. B.K. Khajuria	OM	25.08.1964	NA	27.04.2001
2	Ravi Ji Pandita	RBA	20.03.1964	NA	29.06.2001

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NOTIFICATION

Whereas; tentative seniority list of Steno/typist was issued vide this office notification No. JKSPDC/Adm/5537-64 dated 07.11.2023 for inviting objections from the officers/officials borne on the Steno cadre with respect to their placements, Date of Birth, category and changes if any to be made within 21 days from the date of issuance of the aforesaid tentative seniority list; and Whereas; during the stipulated time period no objection has been received by this office; Now, therefore keeping in view the above, final seniority list of Steno/Typist JKSPDC as on 01.01.2023 as per recommendations of the committee is hereby issued for information of all the officers/officials of the JKSPDC.

No. JKSPDC/Adm/9527-57
Dated:- 02.02.2024.

(Altaf Hussain Bhat)
Administrative Officer,
JKSPDC

ANNEXURE- "J"

Final Seniority List of Steno-Typist of JKSPDC as stood on 01.01.2023

S.No.	Name	D.O.B	Category	Date of joining	Date of Regularization
1	Miss Sudha	18.03.1993	OM	04.06.2015	04.06.2017
2	Mrs. Farhat Tabasam	29.03.1988	OM	04.06.2015	04.06.2017
3	Ranjeet Kumar	14.01.1982	OM	01.06.2015	01.06.2017
4	Mrs. Shaveta Slathia	18.09.1983	OM	02.06.2015	02.06.2017
5	Kapil Jandial	11.09.1986	OM	01.06.2015	01.06.2017
6	Munish Sharma	24.08.1989	OM	30.05.2015	30.05.2017
7	Gourav Sharma	01.08.1990	OM	01.06.2015	01.06.2017
8	Mrs. Trishla Devi	16.12.1990	OM	01.06.2015	01.06.2017
9	Ms. Megha Dogra	04.01.1991	OM	04.06.2015	04.06.2017
10	Ms. Asha Kumari	05.08.1987	SC	04.06.2015	04.06.2017

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Sub:- Final seniority list of Deputy General Manager (A&F) of JKSPDC as stood on 01.01.2023.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas; tentative seniority list of Deputy General Manager (A&F) was issued vide this office notification No.JKSPDC/Adm/5482-5508 dated 07.11.2023 for inviting objections from the officers/official: borne on the Finance Cadre with respect to their placements, Date of Birth, category and changes if any to be made within 21 days from the date of issuance of the aforesaid tentative seniority list; and Whereas; during the stipulated time period no objection has been received by this office; Now, therefore keeping in view the above, final seniority list of Deputy General Manager (A&F) of JKSPDC as on 01.01.2023 as per recommendations of committee is hereby issued for information of all the officers/officials of the JKSPDC.

No. JKSPDC/Adm/9496-9526
Dated:- 02.02.2024.

(Altaf Hussain Bhat)
Administrative Officer,
JKSPDC

ANNEXURE- "A"

Final Seniority List of DGM (A&F) JKSPDC as stood on 01.01.2023

S.No	NAME	Date of Birth	Category	Qualification	Date of appointment
1	Sh. Bunty Bhola	12.05.1982	OM	CFA	15.12.2009
2	Smt. Irum Qayum Reshi	30.09.1985	OM	MBA	15.12.2009
3	Sh. Afshan Amin Wani	16.10.1984	OM	MBA	15.12.2009
4	Sh. Asif Maqbool Dendru	11.01.1977	OM	MFC	14.01.2010
5	Smt. Samina Sadaf	15.03.1984	OM	MFC	14.01.2010

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DT: 03/02/2024

Administrative Officer
JKSPDC

2nd Test: Bumrah's 6 Wickets Put India On Top On Day 2



Press Trust of India

VISAKHAPATNAM: Jasprit Bumrah claimed six wickets as India dismissed England for 253 in their first innings after scoring 396 on the second day of the second Test here on Saturday. Bumrah (6/45) notched up his 10th five-wicket

haul, also crossing the 150-wicket milestone in his 34th Test match, to break the back of the England innings. Kuldeep Yadav (3/71) and Axar Patel (1/24) were the other wicket-takers. Opener Zak Crawley made a 78-ball 76, while skipper Ben Stokes scored 47.

England still trail India by 143 runs. Earlier, Yashasvi Jaiswal struck his maiden double century as India were all out for 396 in their first innings. James Anderson (3/47), Rehan Ahmed (3/65) and Shoaib Bashir (3/138) picked up three wickets

each for England. **Brief Scores:** India: 396 all out in 112 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 209; James Anderson 3/47, Rehan Ahmed 3/65, Shoaib Bashir 3/138). England: 253 all out in 55.5 overs (Zak Crawley 76; Jasprit Bumrah 6/45).

J&K Police Beats Chattisgarh Police 9-1 In AIPHC, Qualifies For Tourney's Quarterfinals



Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Day 5 of the 72nd All India Police Hockey Championship saw hosts J&K Police trounce Chattisgarh Police 9-1 on Saturday at KK Hakku Stadium here. The win guar-

anteed J&K Police a spot in the tournament's quarter-finals. The championship is being organized by J&K Police and will run till February 8. Skinder Singh scored the team's first goal, while the second goal

was scored by Manpreet Singh. The third and sixth goals were scored by Prabjot Singh. The game's fourth goal was scored by Satwant Singh, while the 5th goal was scored by Gagandeep Singh. J&K Police's seventh, eighth and

ninth goals were scored by Vishal Deep Singh, who was declared player of the match for his brilliant performance. Shaheen Wahid - SSP, Dy.CO, 1st Women Bn. was the chief guest during the match.

Iran Eliminate Japan From Asian Cup After Jahanbakhsh Nets Late Penalty

Agencies

AR-RAYYAN: Iran knocked four-times champions Japan out of the Asian Cup with a 2-1 victory in their quarter-final clash after skipper Alireza Jahanbakhsh converted a penalty in stoppage time at Education City Stadium in Ar-Rayyan, Qatar on Saturday.

With the match between Asia's top-two ranked sides tied at 1-1, Iran won a penalty in the fourth minute of added time and Jahanbakhsh stepped up to blast the ball into the top corner, drawing a loud roar from the Iranian fans in the arena.

The victory also saw Iran avenge their 2019 semi-final loss to Japan and when the final whistle blew, the Iranian bench emptied onto the pitch and an emotional Jahanbakhsh dropped to the turf in relief while many players wept tears of joy.

Iran, who are seeking a record-equalling fourth Asian Cup title, had not beaten Japan in 19 years while their victory also extended Amir Ghalenoei's unbeaten streak to 16 matches since he took charge in March.

"Iran should be proud of their sons, they gave everything they had for their people. I think the result can be a turning point for Iranian football," Ghalenoei told reporters.

Iran will find out their semi-final opponents later on Saturday when defending champions Qatar take on Uzbekistan. Jordan play South Korea in the other semi-final.

After a cagey start to a physical contest, Japan had taken the lead through Hidemasa Morita who made a run past four defenders before beating Alireza Beiranvand in goal to silence the Iran fans in the stadium. But the volume went up when Iran equalised 10 minutes into the second half with a sublime move where Sar-



dar Azmoun played the ball through to Mohammad Mohebi, who ran around his marker before slipping his shot past Suzuki into the bottom corner.

Japan had dominated possession in the first half but it was Iran who controlled proceedings after the equaliser as they pressed hard in defence and initiated wave after wave of attacks and the pressure finally paid off in second-half added time.

Japan's Ko Itakura made a mess of a clearance in the 94th minute and as he tried to recover, he tripped Hossein Kanani in the box and the referee immediately pointed to the

spot, with Jahanbakhsh converting to whip their fans into a frenzy.

"I'd like to congratulate Iran. Unfortunately we have to leave the tournament now at the quarter-final stage. I feel sorry for our fans and everyone involved in Japanese football," Japan coach Hajime Moriyasu said. "I regret I couldn't give the earthquake victims a happier moment. I feel responsible for the result.

"We have to improve in many aspects, we conceded a goal in all five matches in this tournament. If you don't keep a clean sheet you can't win... We couldn't handle the pressure they put on our defence."

Virat Kohli-Anushka Sharma Expecting 2nd Child: AB de Villiers

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MUMBAI: Former South Africa captain AB de Villiers has let the cat out of the bag for former India captain Virat Kohli missing the first two Tests against England, by revealing that his one-time Royal Challengers Bangalore teammate and his wife actress Anushka Sharma are expecting their second child.

"Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma (are) expecting their second child, so Virat Kohli is spending his time with his family," AB De Villiers said in a video on his YouTube channel.



Married on December 11, 2017, Virat and Anushka had their first child, daughter Vamika, on January 11, 2021. Kohli had pulled out of the first two Tests against England just before the

start of the first match of the series at Hyderabad, informing skipper Rohit Sharma and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) that he was withdrawing because of per-

sonal reasons. Since his withdrawal, there has been speculation on social media about the reasons for his decision.

In the latest post, De Villiers talked about how he called up Kohli to enquire about his health and was told that he is keeping away from the first two Tests against England because he wanted to stay with his family as it is an important time for him.

The revelation by De Villiers set the social media on fire though both Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma have continued their silence on this issue. (IANS)

Winter Games: DC Baramulla Reviews Arrangements At Gulmarg



Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: With the 4th edition of the Khelo India Winter Games set to kick start at Gulmarg from February 21, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Minga Sherpa accompanied by SSP Baramulla Amod Ashok Nagarpure visited Gulmarg on Saturday and held a series of meetings to ensure proper arrangements are in place for the successful execution of the mega sports event.

Director Tourism Kashmir, Chief Executive Officer Gulmarg Development Authority, Sub Divisional Magistrate Gulmarg and officers from

various line departments besides various associations and other stakeholders were present in the meeting.

During the meeting, the DC conducted a comprehensive review of arrangements for the successful hosting of the Winter Games and instructed all the line departments to work in cohesion for seamless execution.

Meanwhile, the DC along with other officers held meetings with Jammu and Kashmir Sumo Association and Guides Association and stressed the importance of adhering to government-approved rates for cab services to the tourists.

Fazeelat Bags Gold In Field-Indoor Archery National

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SRINAGAR: An eight-year old girl Fazeelat Aslam received accolades after she won gold medal in 13th & 14th National Field Indoor Archery Championship 2023-24 held in Pune, Maharashtra recently.

Fazeelat, daughter of Mohammad Aslam Bhat, represented J&K at national level game, hails from north Kashmir's Handwara and presently resides in Humhama. She bagged first position and won the gold medal in Under-10 age category.

The championship was held at Rajaram Bhiku Pathare Stadium in Pune, in which more than 250 participants from 15 States and UTs took part.

Fazeelat achieved 58 points and bagged first rank in the championship, which began on February 1 and will continue till February 4.



Fazeelat while expressing gratitude said her family supported a lot during this journey and the feat couldn't be possible without the mental and moral support of her parents.

She also said that it was a proud moment for her as she represented J&K at national level.

She appealed to the younger generation of J&K to shine and excel in the fields of their choice and prove their ability and strength for making their future the brightest one.



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03. A persistent change in digestive and bowel habits.
04. A persistent cough or hoarseness (change in voice) especially in smokers.
05. A loss of blood excluding the monthly periods.
06. Blood loss from any natural orifice (mouth, anus and swelling or sore that doesn't get better).
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10. Loss of appetite.
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