

2 Punjab Residents Shot At By Terrorists In Srinagar

One Dead, Another Injured



Majid Nabi

Srinagar: In the first targeted killing of the year, terrorists on Wednesday shot dead a worker from Punjab while another sustained injuries in Habba Kadal area of the city, officials said here. Amritpal Singh, a resident of Amritsar, was shot by the terrorists from point blank range at Shalla Kadal locality in Habba Kadal quarter of the city around 7 pm, the officials said. They said Amritpal died on the spot while his co-worker, identified as Rohit Mashi, aged 25,

sustained injuries in the incident. Rohit also hails from Amritsar. He was hit by the bullets in the abdomen and is undergoing treatment at SMHS hospital here. The police have taken cognisance of the incident and cordoned off the area to track down the assailants, officials said. A police official told Kashmir Observer that investigation into the attack was on at the moment. The victims, he said, had travelled from Amritsar to Srinagar for work. Both carpenters | [More on P6](#)

LG Condemns Terror Attack On Civilians

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has strongly condemned the heinous terror attack on two civilians in Srinagar today. He extended his heartfelt condolences to the family of the civilian martyred in the attack and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured. In a tweet, the Lt Governor said, "I am deeply shocked and saddened by the heinous terror attack in Srinagar on Amritpal & Rohit from Amritsar. I condemn in strongest | [More on P6](#)

Money-Laundering Case In J&K

ED Arrests Bharat Papers Director

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested the director of Bharat Papers Limited, Anil Kumar Aggarwal, in connection with an ongoing probe into a money-laundering case in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Wednesday.

Aggarwal, a resident of Kathua district in Jammu and Kashmir, was arrested on Tuesday night as a follow-up action to the investigation into an alleged loan fraud amounting to Rs 200 crore perpetrated on a consortium of banks, with the State Bank of India (SBI) as the lead bank and the other banks being Jammu and Kashmir Bank, Punjab National Bank and Karur Vysya

Bank, the officials said.

The ED moved an application through special public prosecutor Ashwani Khajuria in the court of the special judge, anti-corruption (CBI cases) in Jammu, Bala Jyoti, on Wednesday and got seven days' remand of the accused.

The case owns its origin to an FIR registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Jammu against the Kathua-based Bharat Papers Limited and its directors, including Aggarwal, on February 12, 2020 following a complaint filed by the SBI, Ludhiana (Punjab).

On the basis of the FIR, investigation under the provisions of the Prevention | [More on P6](#)

Confident Of 3rd Term, PM Outlines Vision For 'Modi 3.0' In RS

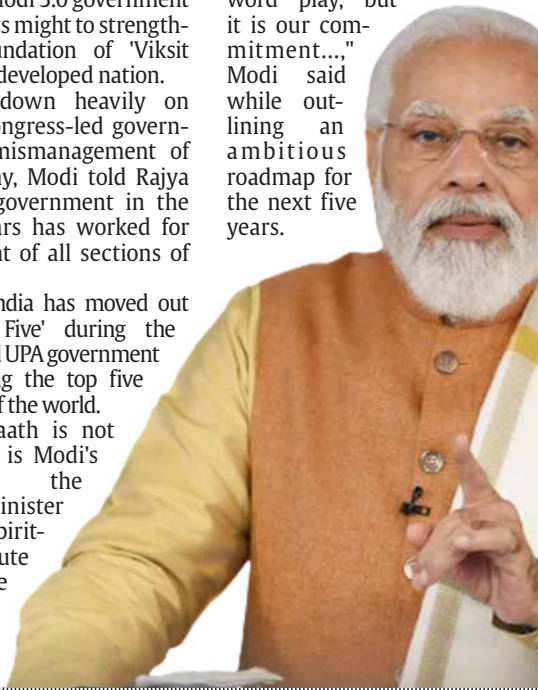
Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Confident of securing a massive majority in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday outlined his vision for his next five-year term saying the Modi 3.0 government will put all its might to strengthen the foundation of 'Viksit Bharat' or a developed nation. Coming down heavily on previous Congress-led governments of mismanagement of the economy, Modi told Rajya Sabha his government in the past 10 years has worked for development of all sections of the society.

He said India has moved out of 'Fragile Five' during the Congress-led UPA government to be among the top five economies of the world. "Sabka saath is not a slogan, it is Modi's guarantee," the prime minister said in his spirited 90-minute reply to the discussion on motion of thanks

to the President's address in the Rajya Sabha.

The government, he said, aims to make India a developed nation (Viksit Bharat) by 2047, when the country completes 100 years of Independence. "Vikshit Bharat is not a word play, but it is our commitment..." Modi said while outlining an ambitious roadmap for the next five years.



The Modi government is completing its second five-year term and next general elections are due in April-May. "Third term of our government is not far away. Some

people call it Modi 3.0. Modi 3.0 will put its all might to strengthen the foundation of 'Viksit Bharat'," the prime minister said.

Elaborating on his vision for the next five years, Modi said all flagship programmes, like PM Kisan, PM Awas Yojna, free ration, Aushman Bharat, and cheaper medicines (Jan Aushadhi Kendra), will continue. He said India will witness many fold increases in the number of doctors as well as medical colleges.

The prime minister said the medical treatment will become more accessible and cheaper.

He promised to cover the entire nation with piped gas networks, tap water in poor households, and no power bill through use of solar power.

Modi said India will see more startups, one lakh unicorns, record number of patents, best universities, greater participation in international sports, transformation in public transportation, and bullet trains.

In Modi 3.0, the prime minister said, India will be extensively using AI, | [More on P6](#)

- Continuation of Flagship Programs
- Infrastructure Development
- Technological Advancements
- Promotion of Green Initiatives
- Focus on Employment and Women Empowerment
- Tourism and Digital Economy
- Space Technology and Innovation
- Grassroots Economy
- Vision for 2047

NHRC Postpones Its Hearing In J&K

Agencies

Srinagar: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has postponed its first sitting in Jammu & Kashmir, citing bad weather conditions and some unavoidable circumstances.

The Jammu & Kashmir Government informed the public that the camp sitting of the rights panel scheduled from 7th to 9th February has been postponed.

"General public is hereby informed that the camp sitting w.e.f. 07.02.2024 to 09.02.2024 at Banquet Hall, Srinagar of National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi to hear the cases has been postponed for some unavoidable circumstances and due to bad weather conditions for the time being," reads a notice issued by Director Litigation, Khursheed Ahmad Bhat. The Commission | [More on P6](#)

Achievements Of KP's Fill My Heart With Pride: LG

Observer News Service

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha laid the foundation stone of Synthetic Football Turf at Jagti Camp, Nagrota, today.

The LG congratulated the young sportspersons and football enthusiasts on the occasion.

The Synthetic Football Turf to be developed at a cost of Rs 5.75 crore, will include G+1 pavilion with a covered area having seating capacity of about 600 spectators, change rooms and other amenities.

"The achievements of the Kashmiri Pandit community fill my heart with pride. I dedicate this vital sports project at Jagti to the Youth of this



Community and to their immense contribution to nation-building," the LG said. Under the leadership of

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government is fully committed to the welfare of Kashmiri migrant | [More on P6](#)

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL SPORTS FACILITIES are being developed in Jammu and Srinagar. Centres of Excellence have been established in Canoeing, Rowing and Fencing in both the Jammu and Kashmir divisions"

J&K Registered Over 1000 Financial Fraud Complaints Last Year

Agencies

Srinagar: Over 1000 complaints of financial fraud cases amounting to more than Rs 780 lakhs have been registered by Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System in Jammu and Kashmir last year.

As per the figures accessed by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), 1046 cases of financial fraud have been registered in the Union Territory last year. These



complaints amount to Rs 786.56 lakh.

The 'Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System' was set

up under the 'Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre' by the Ministry of Home Affairs to report financial fraud.

Data further reveals that 253 cases of financial frauds were put on hold with a lien amount of Rs 62.55 lakhs.

Figures further reveal that a total of 1.13 million cases of financial cyber fraud were reported in 2023 in India.

Uttar Pradesh was at the top with around 200,000 cases, the highest across 36 states

and union territories. Next was Maharashtra with 130,000 complaints reported, followed by Gujarat (120,000), Rajasthan and Haryana (80,000 each). Lakshadweep was at the bottom with 29 cases.

Officials said that frauds including UPI, Digital Banking and Credit Card and QR Code are some of the commonest financial frauds registered in Jammu and Kashmir.

"In Jammu and Kashmir, we witnessed that a lot of people fall

ST STATUS TO PAHARI COMMUNITY Internet Suspended In Poonch-Rajouri

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Amid resentment among a section of Gujjar-Bakerwal community over grant of ST status to Pahari community in Jammu and Kashmir, authorities on Wednesday imposed prohibitory orders in Jammu while security was beefed up in the twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch.

The mobile internet service and public Wi-Fi facilities were also temporarily suspended in Rajouri and Poonch as a precautionary measure to maintain law and order, officials said.

The Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed the Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024, which seeks to add four communities -- Gadda Brahmin, Koli, Paddari Tribe, and Pahari Ethnic Group -- to the list of Scheduled Tribes | [More on P6](#)

Dry Weather In J&K Till Feb 17: MeT

Rain, Snow Expected From Feb 18 to 20

Agencies

Srinagar: Meteorological Department has forecasted light snow and rains during February 18 to 20 in Jammu and Kashmir.

It also predicted dry weather in Jammu and Kashmir till February 14, with occasionally cloudy towards evening during Feb 14.

"Overall, dry weather till February 17 with occasionally cloudy towards evening during February 14. Also a possibility of light snow and rain during February 18 to 20," MeT officials said.

Meanwhile, cold wave conditions continued in Kashmir Valley on Wednesday as minimum temperatures stayed below freezing, officials said.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 2.0°C against minus 2.4°C on the previous night and it was below | [More on P6](#)

Article 370 Abrogation Remains Central to Govt's Development Discourse For J&K In RS

J&K Sees 5656.78 Cr Investment Post Art 370 Removal: Centre



KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Central government on Wednesday informed the Rajya Sabha that an investment of over Rs 5600 crore has been made in various sectors of Jammu and Kashmir since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

In a reply to a query, Minister of State in Ministry

of Home Affairs, Nityanand Rai said the Government has notified the New Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir on 19/02/2021 so as to attract investors to make capital investments. This has been supplemented by the policies/schemes, | [More on P6](#)

J&K Residents Were Deprived Of Progressive Laws' Benefits: Centre

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Centre on Wednesday said that before abrogation of Article 370, J&K residents were deprived of the benefits of a number of progressive laws but now they are enjoying rights available to citizens of other parts of the country.

In a reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha, Minister of State of Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said that after abrogation of Article 370 and application of all the provisions of Constitution of India, the Central Laws which

were earlier not applicable to erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, were made applicable and are implemented in the Union territory.

"After abrogation of Article 370 all the progressive laws such as the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights)

Act, 2006, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, the Whistleblowers Protection Act, 2014, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992, The National Commission for Safai Karmacharis Act, 1993 etc. have been extended to Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

The minister said that now, residents of J&K are enjoying rights which are available to citizens in other parts of the country.

SCs, STs, OBCs Granted Rights Only After Article 370 Removal: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that SCs, STs and OBCs got their rights in Jammu and Kashmir only after removal of Article 370 of Indian constitution. PM Modi speaking in the Rajya Sabha during the discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address. The Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed the Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) | [More on P6](#)

Security Situation In J&K Improved Post 2019: MoS

73 Terrorists, 30 Security Personnel, 14 Civilians Killed In 2023

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Ministry of Home Affairs Wednesday said that the security situation in J&K has significantly improved post 2019 and the Government of India continues with its policy of zero tolerance against terrorism.

In reply to a query related to the security situation in J&K, Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Nityanand Rai said that the security situation has shown a significant improvement since 2019. He stated that in 2019, the number of terrorist initiated



incidents were 153 that came down to 126 in 2020, 129 in 2021 and 125 in 2022.

"In 2023, only 46 such incidents were reported," the reply reads.

He said that in 2019, 102 encounters and counter-terror operations took place. "In 2020, 118 such incidents were reported followed by 100 in 2021 and 117 in 2022. In 2023, 48 | [More on P6](#)

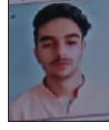


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Notice for General Public

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: 1113286 Class 10th Year & Session Annual Regular 2020
 Registration: 190100001160085
 Name: Tashif Nabi Shah Father's Name: Ifthikhar Nabi Shah Mother's Name: Tajamul Hafiz
 Date of Birth: 15-07-2006 Residence: Khrew Pulwama
 According to the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice.
 (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No. 20ARKAM-1003262 be treated as "CANCELLED")
 No: F(Cer-I-DQC)/B/KD/24
 Dated: _____



Assistant Secretary
 Certificates, KD.

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EXTENSION OF TIME

With reference to the tender notice No. jkb/zo sgr/Est/24 -Dt-10-01-2024, issued by this office, regarding advertisement for outright purchase/ on lease basis for housing its Branch at Hyderpora, Srinagar, the last date for receipt of the tenders is extended up to 23rd of February 2024. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Bank's official website www.jkbank.com. The parties who have already applied in response to the tender notice No. jkb/zo sgr/Est/24 -Dt-10-01-2024 need not apply again.
 Other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

No. jkb/zoSgr/Est/24-
 Dated:-07-02-2024 Sd/-
 Zonal Head

Registered office : Corporate Headquarters, M.A.Road, Srinagar 190001, Kashmir, India
 CIN: L65110JK19385GCC000048; T: +91 (0)194 2481 930-35; F: +91 (0)194 248 1928;
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DIPK-NB-5575/23
 dated: 07-02-2024

In The Court Of Executive Magistrate
1st Class Kaprin

Subject: Application of Sheikh Sheeraz Ah S/o Ab Rehman Sheikh R/o Kachdoora tehsil and District Shoplan for registration of event of Birth (delayed entry)

PUBLICATION NOTICE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC

Whereas the applicant named above has filed present application for Issuance of birth certificate with date of birth as 18-03-1979
 As such notice is issued in the name of general public that in case anybody has any objections regarding the entry of birth record of applicant with the office of Registrar (Births & Deaths)/Block Development Officer KAPRAN then he/she/they can file objections to same in this court within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which application shall be decided in accordance with the mandate of law.
 Issued under seal and signature of this court today on _____
 Executive Magistrate
 1st Class Kaprin
 FKO

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan

Subject: Application of Showkat Ahmad Najar S/o Abdul Samad Najar R/o Tawheed Bagh Sopore for issuance of DOB Certificate of his daughter namely Bushira Showkat born on 18-09-2020

Notice

General Public is hereby informed through this notice that the undersigned office has received the above mentioned application for issuance of DOB. If any person(s) has any objection(s) he/she can visit the undersigned's office within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection will be considered.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate in favour of my Son Namley Zaid Bin Ashraf Khan Pathan who was born on 25-10-2020. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of BDO Kunzer within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
 Mohammad Ashraf Khan Pathan
 F/o Zaid Bin Ashraf Khan Pathan
 R/o Paris Wani Tehsil Kwarhama bmg

In The Court Of Executive Magistrate
1st Class Kaprin

Subject: Application of Parvaiz Ahmad Dar S/o Gh Hassan Dar R/o Dadapora Tehsil and District Shoplan for registration of event of Birth (delayed entry) of his Daughter (s) namely Zehra Parvaiz

PUBLICATION NOTICE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC

Whereas the applicant named above has filed present application for Issuance of birth certificate of his Daughter _ with date of birth as 11-07-2020
 As such notice is issued in the name of general public that in case anybody has any objections regarding the entry of birth record of applicant's Daughter with the office of Registrar (Births & Deaths)/Block Development Officer KAPRAN then he/she/they can file objections to same in this court within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which application shall be decided in accordance with the mandate of law.
 Issued under seal and signature of this court today on _____
 Executive Magistrate
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NOTICE
 I Ahmad Abid Mir S/o Abid Ahmad Mir R/o Baghi Roop Singh Khanyar Srinagar have lost my D.O.B. Certificate Somewhere. Now I want to its Duplicate. Regard this, if anybody is having any objection he/she may file the same to the office to the SMC (Srinagar Municipal Cooperation) within a week's time after that no objection will be entertained.
 Name:-Ahmad Abid Mir
 S/O:-Abid Ahmad Mir
 R/o:- Baghi Roop Singh Khanyar Srinagar
 D.O.B:- 28th May 2020. Media line

PUBLIC NOTICE
 I want to change the name of my son in from Faisal Khurshid to Mohammad Faisal Mir. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Cambridge Foundation School within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
 Khurshid Alam Mir
 F/o Mohammad Faisal Mir (New Name)
 R/o Mamoosa Pattan bmg

PUBLIC NOTICE
 I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate in favour of my Daughter Namley Saniya Zehra who was born on 23-09-2013. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
 Bashir Ahmad Sofi F/o Saniya Zehra
 R/o Garipora Bemina Srinagar nj

PUBLIC NOTICE
 I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate in favour of my Daughter Namley Sakeena Bashir who was born on 20-05-2012. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
 Bashir Ahmad Sofi
 F/o Sakeena Bashir
 R/o Garipora Bemina Srinagar nj

PUBLIC NOTICE
 I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate in favour of my Son Namley Adnan Farooq who was born on 18-02-2019. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
 Farooq Ahmad Wani
 F/o Adnan Farooq
 R/o Rajpora Pulwama nj

PUBLIC NOTICE
 I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate in favour of my Daughter Namley Zianab who was born on 05-01-2018. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
 Qazafi Mir
 F/o Zianab
 R/o Bahadur Kote Karnah Kupwara A/P Police Lines
 Ompora Budgam nj

PUBLIC NOTICE
 I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate in favour of my Son Namley Ifam Qazafi who was born on 25-08-2012. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
 Qazafi Mir
 F/o Ifam Qazafi
 R/o Bahadur Kote Karnah Kupwara A/P Police Lines
 Ompora Budgam nj

Subject:-Grant of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name and style M/S/ Shining Routes Tours & Travels' Situated at Shahamdan Colony Zakura Srinagar.

Public Notice
 Whereas, I Mr/Ms Najam us Saqib S/O D/O Gul Mohammad Mir R/O Syed Colony Zakura, Kashmir intends to apply in the Department of Tourism for the Registration of my proposed Travel unit under the name and style "M/S Shining Routes Tours & Travels Situated at Shahamdan Colony Zakura Srinagar, Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12. Whereas, I will submit State Subject/Domicile Certificate, Qualification Certificate Pan Card, Experience Certificate (Minimum 05 Years), Character Certificate (Police Department), 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/ Adventure tour operator. Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organization, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director: Tourism Registration (e-mail Id-ddtreg/123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspapers of the valley. No objections beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.
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 Chamber No. 74, Lawyers Building High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

In the matter of:
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 Vs
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Subject: Public Notice.

On behalf and under the instructions of Caveator, it is submitted as under:
 1. That the Service Selection Board Vide Notification No. JKSSB-scry/ 2/2024-03 (E-7390977, dated 29-1-2024 issued provisional list for 855 posts of junior engineer (civil) Public Works department, (R&B) department advertised Vide Notification No. 06 of 2022, dated 11-11-2022 (Annexure A to the notification) in which Caveator is one of the selected candidates.
 2. That the Caveators apprehend that any writ petition or other proceedings would be filed by any person against the aforesaid selection list to stall the selection process.
 3. That despite exercising due diligence, the exact particulars of such person are not known to the Caveator.
 In the aforesaid backdrop the Caveator through present publication reserves his right to lodge caveat before the hon'ble High Court and makes requisite publication in that regard so that in the event of any sought of litigation being filed by such person or persons, the Caveator be heard either personally or through his counsel.
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Akbar Jaipuri Memorial Committee
Mourns Farooq Nazki's Passing



The Akbar Jaipuri Memorial Committee expresses deep sorrow over the passing of Janab Farooq Nazki, extending heartfelt condolences to his family and the Kashmiri literary community. Mr. Nazki's significant contributions to Kashmir's cultural heritage and his close association with Janab syed Akbar Jaipuri leaves an indelible mark on the region's literary landscape. His legacy will continue to inspire generations of poets and writers.
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Mechanical Irrigation Division Anantnag HQ Awantipora

For & on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir e-tenders in single cover system are invited from reputed and experienced

S. No	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Cost of Tender Documents	Earnest Money @2% of Adv Cost	Time for completion	Major Head	Position of AAA/TS	Position of Funds
1.	Supply Installation & testing of computer sets along with allied peripherals for Divisional/sub divisional offices	1.416 lacs	100/=	2850/=	5 days	M&E	Available	Available

The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOQ), terms and conditions of contract can be seen/downloaded from the departmental web site (jktenders.gov.in) as per the dates shown below:-

S.No.	Description	Date	Time
1	Publishing date of NIT	DD MM YYYY	12:00 PM
2	Download start date	07 02 2024	12:00 PM
3	Bid submission start date	07 02 2024	04:00 PM
4	Bid submission end date	19 02 2024	01:00 PM
5	Bid opening date	19 02 2024	03:00 PM or any date convenient to Deptt

All the terms and conditions will remain same as laid down in e-Nit & PWD form No.25-double.
 No.MIDA/ 4110-16 DIPK-16137/23 Dated:- 07.02.2024 Sd/=
 Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation
 Division Anantnag HQ Awantipora

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Executive Engineer (R&B) Electric Division
Kashmir, Engineering Complex Srinagar Rajbagh.
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FRESH NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No. 52 /R&B/Electric Division Kashmir of 2023-24 issued under Endorsement No: ERB/ 2935-43 DATED: 06-02--2024.

For and on behalf of the LT. Governor, J&K (U/T) e-tenders (in Double cover system) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/ UT/ Central Government Departments for the following works:-

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Cost of Tender/ Doc. (In Rs.)	2% Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time of Completion (Calendar Days)	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account	Remarks
01	Supply Installation testing and commissioning of 2 T Hot and Cold Split Type Air Conditioners make with its wiring and controlling complete for Art and Craft Center at Kanihama Budgam.	4.13 Lacs	Rs. 200/=	8276/=	10 Days	"AAY" Class Electrical	AAA by DDC Budgam order no. 299-DDCB of 2024 Dtd: 03-01-2024.	

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	07-02-2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	07-02-2024 from 10:00 AM
3	Bid Submission Start Date	07-02-2024 from 10:00 AM
4	Bid Submission End Date	15-02-2024 upto 02.00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	15-02-2024 at 04.00 PM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division Kashmir, Engineering Complex Srinagar Rajbagh.
6	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

Position of AAA= Accorded
 Position of T/S= Accordeds
 Position of funds= Available/ Committed.
 The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, drawings, bill of quantities(BOQ), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen /downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

Note:- The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the E-NIT carefully before uploading soft's copy. Any short fall found in the softcopy will tender the Bid rejected.
 As per Circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat Finance department vide No. OM No. A/24(2017)-651 dtd.07-06-2018 which reads as under:-
 a) Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who's declared 1st Lowest (L-1) after opening of financial bids.
 1. The Cost of tender document should be collected by introducing Treasury Challan (Receipt).
 1.1. The successful Bidder has to produce Performance Security Deposit @5% of contract value in the shape of CDR/ FDR within 02 days after opening of Bids which shall be released after successful completion of work with DLP. The EMD @2% of successful bidder will be released only after the submission of 5% performance security deposit.
 2. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message to their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division Kashmir, Srinagar (Tender receiving authority).
 3. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
 4. The earnest money (EMD) shall be released in favour of unsuccessful bidders only after submission of Treasury Challan.
 5. The earnest money may be forfeited if:-
 a. Any bidder/ tendered with draws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
 b. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
 6. Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
 7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
 6.1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
 6.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
 6.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
 6.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
 6.5. Bidders must insure to upload can need copy of all necessary documents with the bid.
 7. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
 8. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
 8.1. Price escalation and Taxes:-The percentage quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the percentage rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of the work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
 9. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to stores much documents as are required.
 10. In case of CRF and any other specified project the relevant guidelines/standard bidding document shall be followed.

No.ERB/2935-43
 DIPK-16141/23 DATED: 07-02-2024. Sd/= Executive Engineer, (R&B) Electric Division Kashmir Engineering Complex Srinagar Rajbagh

Now MRI Facility Available At SSH Shireen Bagh On Sundays

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Radio Diagnosis Department has extended MRI services at the Super-Specialty Hospital (SSH) in Shireen Bagh, Srinagar to Sundays as well.

An official said the decision to offer MRI services on Sundays has been taken to reduce patient waiting times.

While MRI services are available daily from 8 am to 8 pm, the facility will now operate from 10 am to 4 pm specifically on Sundays, he said, adding that the hospital currently conducts MRI scans for an average of 20-30 patients daily.

With MRI facilities not yet available at district hospitals and the newly established GMC, there has been a consistent flow of patients to SSH for MRI services, the official said. "Patients have some-

times experienced short wait times for MRI appointments, while at other times; they have had to wait several days depending on patient volume. This initiative is expected to significantly decrease patient wait times, ensuring timely diagnosis and treatment," he said.

Doctors said MRI plays a crucial role in diagnosing a range of conditions including neurological diseases, spinal cord lesions, vascular disorders, musculoskeletal conditions and abdominal and pelvic conditions.

"MRI is more than just a diagnostic tool; it is essential for precise diagnoses and informed treatment decisions," they said.

The decision by authorities to extend MRI services to Sundays has been widely praised by the general public.

Div Com For Acquiring Structures To Remove Bottlenecks From City Roads

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri Wednesday chaired a meeting regarding acquisition of structures to remove bottlenecks from main roads of Srinagar city.

The meeting was attended by SE, R&B Srinagar, Deputy Director Planning, Executive Engineer and Engineering officials.

The meeting deliberated over settling the issues with proprietors to remove identified bottlenecks of shops and houses on vital roads.

It was deliberated that those parties who agreed to the conditions of acquisition of their cases shall be put before HLC for settlement at an earliest and the bottlenecks shall be removed without consuming more time.

Div Com was briefed by the officers of R&B regarding the individual cases of acquisition & demolition of bottlenecks and the



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Div Com directed concerned Executive Engineer of Shopping Complex Rainawari to issue allotments to dislocated shopkeepers whose structures were acquired.

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solution offered by the department to the parties.

The meeting was informed about decisions to be taken for road widening and acquisition of structures on Habba Kadal-Baba Pora Road, Khankhi Mulla-Fateh Kada, New Noor Jahan Bridge at Qamarwari, Nawa Bazar-Zainakadal.

Syed Merak Shah road, KZP road Karan, Nagar-Sakidafar Road, Karan Nagar-Kak Sarai Road, Buchpora Hazratbal Road, Nawa Kadal- Nawa Bazar Road, etc.

Further, Div Com directed the Executive Engineer of Shopping Complex Rainawari to issue allotments to dislocated shopkeepers whose structures were acquired.

Div Com also emphasized on the concerned to address all cases as per the feasibility of finances & priority.

Meanwhile, the department has already started demolition of acquired structures at Habba Kadal and Rainawari.

DC Inspects Different Offices Within DC Office Complex

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to ensure proper work culture and efficient public delivery system in the Offices housed in DC Office Complex, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat conducted a detailed inspection of various Offices and sections here today.

The Deputy Commissioner inspected the Tehsil Office South, District Statistical & Evaluation Office, Office of Additional District Development

Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner Nazool, Offices of Registrar and Sub-Registrar East, besides petition writers and stamp vendor zones.

During the visit, the DC interacted with the Officers and other Officials and emphasized the paramount importance of transparency, accountability, and efficiency in public service delivery.

He stressed the need for adopting best work ethics and urged the staff to work with a proactive approach while addressing public issues and grievances.

Consumers Aghast At Price Variations In Srinagar Vegetable Markets

Not Authorized To Regulate Vegetable Prices: Dir Food Supplies

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Mohammad Shafi, a resident of Srinagar, seems confused as he wanders from one vendor to another, attempting to purchase vegetables along the stretch from Amira Kadal to Lal Ded Hospital road.

The reason for the confusion, according to Shafi, is the disparity in prices among grocers within a radius of no more than 200 meters.

"I have checked the rates of each vendor, and they are all selling vegetables at different prices," Shafi said.

"At Amira Kadal grocers sell onions for Rs 40, capsicums for Rs 120 and tomatoes for Rs 70 per kilogram," he said, adding that the

prices set by vegetable vendors differ from those found at Maharaji Bazar and LD Hospital Road.

"There is no fixed pricing on vegetables. Rates fluctuate by 50 to 100 percent between markets located within a stone's throw of each other," Shafi said, adding, "The government seems to be inactive. There is rampant exploitation happening in the market."

He said it was becoming difficult for the common man to purchase essential commodities from the market.

Sania Nabi, another consumer, said she was surprised at seeing radishes being sold at Rs 40 by one greengrocer and Rs 80 by another.

"This is utter madness. How

can we tolerate such blatant price discrepancies at the same location?" she said. "I didn't purchase the vegetables I was planning to buy."

Abdul Rashid War, Director of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), said he is not authorized to set or regulate prices.

"Since the implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA), pricing has been assigned to the ones who sell the products in the market. There is no order that empowers us to set prices as it is contingent upon market dynamics," War said.

"Consumers should buy vegetables where they find lower rates," he added.

KIND ATTENTION: RAIL PASSENGER!

INTRODUCTION OF NEW AMRIT BHARAT & VANDE BHARAT SERVICES

Railways have decided to introduce following new Amrit Bharat and Vande Bharat train services on Northern Railway system as per following time-table :-

15557/15558 Darbhanga-Anand Vihar(T)-Darbhanga Amrit Bharat Train (Bi-Weekly)						
Train No. 15557	STATIONS				Train No. 15558	
ARR. DEP.					ARR. DEP.	
---	15:00	DARBHANGA				11:50 ---
02:30	02:35	AYODHYA DHAM				01:10 01:15
12:35	---	ANAND VIHAR(T)				---

Days of Run : 15557 Ex. Darbhanga from 02.01.2024 (Mon, Thu) and 15558 Ex. Anand Vihar(T) from 01.01.2024 (Tue, Fri)

Stoppage: Kamtaul, Janakpur Road, Sitamarhi, Baigania, Rakaul, Narkatiyaganj, Bagha, Kaptanganj, Gorakhpur, Basti, Mankapur, Ayodhya Dham, Lucknow, Kanpur Central, Etawah, Tundla & Aligarh Jn. Stations.

Accommodation : Sleeper & General

22478/22477 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Train (6 days a week except Wed.)						
Train No. 22478	STATIONS				Train No. 22477	
ARR. DEP.					ARR. DEP.	
---	06:00	SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI KATRA				23:00 ---
14:00	---	NEW DELHI				---

Days of Run : 22478 Ex. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and 22477 Ex. New Delhi from 04.01.2024 (6 days a week except Wednesday)

Stoppage: Jammu Tawi, Ludhiana & Ambala Jn. Stations.

Accommodation : AC Executive Chair Car & AC Chair Car

22488/22487 Amritsar-Delhi Jn.-Amritsar Vande Bharat Train (6 days a week except Friday)						
Train No. 22488	STATIONS				Train No. 22487	
ARR. DEP.					ARR. DEP.	
---	08:20	AMRITSAR				20:45 ---
13:50	---	DELHI JN.				---

Days of Run : 22488 Ex. Amritsar and 22487 Ex. Delhi Jn. from 06.01.2024 (6 days a week except Friday)

Stoppage: Beas, Jalandhar Cantt., Phagwara, Ludhiana & Ambala Jn. Stations.

Accommodation : AC Executive Chair Car & AC Chair Car

22426/22425 Anand Vihar (T.)-Ayodhya Cantt.-Anand Vihar(T.) Vande Bharat Train (6 days a week except Wednesday)						
Train No. 22426	STATIONS				Train No. 22425	
ARR. DEP.					ARR. DEP.	
---	06:10	ANAND VIHAR (T.)				23:40 ---
14:30	---	AYODHYA CANTT.				---

Days of Run : 22426 Ex. Anand Vihar and 22425 Ex. Ayodhya Cantt. from 04.01.2024 (6 days a week except Wednesday)

Stoppage: Kanpur Central & Lucknow Stations.

Accommodation : AC Executive Chair Car & AC Chair Car

For any kind of information, passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.

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Subject: - Extension No.01.

In view of poor response, the last date for submission of bids invited vide this office e-Tender Notice No.04 of 2024 dated.15.01.2024 for Outsourcing of Hiring out of Parking lot at Nehru Memorial Botanical Garden Cheshmashahi, Srinagar is hereby extended as per the details given below:-

1.	Period of downloading of bidding document	07.02.2024 from 11:30 AM to 21.02.2024 up to 02:00 PM
2.	Bid submission Start Date	07.02.2024 from 12:00 PM
3.	Bid submission End date	21.02.2024 up to 02:00 PM
4.	Date and time of Opening of Tenders (Online)	24.02.2024 at 02:00 PM

Other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the aforesaid Tender Notice.

Sd/-
Accounts Officer,
(Member Secretary)

No. DOFK-6SOTNDR/3/2024/E-737793/F-716
DIPK-16165/23 Dated. 07.02.2024

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Executive Engineer Machinery Division Srinagar

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GIST of Short Term e-Tender
e-NIT No: MDSK/TS/2023-24/ 29
Date 07.02.2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from eligible Contractors /workshop holders registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railway/state/Central government organizations for the below mentioned work:-

Name of the Work	Cost of Tender Doc. (In rupees)	Estimated Cost/EMD in Rs (In Rs)	Position of AA	Position of TS
Repairs to Government Inspection vehicle bearing registration No. JK02BB-0290 running with Engineer in Chief of Public works Department.	50/-	60573/-	1250/	Requisition by SE in the office of the Engineer in Chief of PW(R&B) Deptt. endorsed by Executive Engineer to Chief Engineer M&HE Deptt. Vide No. MHED/K/TS-01/5365 Dt. 29-01-2024.

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

01	Publish date	07-02-2024 (18:00hrs)
02	Period of downloading of bidding document	From 07-02-2024 (18:30 hrs)
03	Bid submission start date	07-02-2024 (18:55hrs)
04	Bid submission end date	12-02-2024 (18:55hrs)
05	Date and time of opening of bids (online)	13-02-2024 (14:00hrs)

Sd/
Executive Engineer,
Machinery Division, Srinagar

No: MDSK/ TS/3587-90 DIPK-16159/23 Date: 07.02.2024

Your FINANCIAL FIX

7-Step Guide To Escape The 'Rat Race'

Irshad Mushtaq

Are you familiar with the concept of the "rat race" as explained in the book "Rich Dad Poor Dad"? According to Rich Dad, individuals in the lower and middle economic strata are trapped in a repetitive cycle of waking up, working, and paying bills, which he calls the "Rat Race". But fear not, there are 7 key steps to break free from this cycle:

1. Keep careful track of your expenses.
2. Cut down on your spending.
3. Increase your income.
4. Invest your savings wisely.
5. Take small steps towards your financial goals.
6. Focus on achieving double-digit returns on your investments.
7. Consider investing in mutual funds, which can start with as little as Rs 500 per month.

Mutual funds offer numerous benefits, including liquidity, potential for high returns, stringent regulation under SEBI, flexibility in terms of schemes and minimal service fees. While there may be volatility in the short term, utilizing SIP with promising funds can be a wise approach for discerning investors.

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

This Day In History

- 1622 - King James I disbands the English parliament
- 1672 - Isaac Newton reads 1st optics paper before Royal Society in London
- 1743 - Comet C/1743 C1 approaches within 0.0390 AU of Earth
- 1744 - French and Spanish fleet leave Toulon.
- 1807 - Battle of Eylau ends inconclusively between Napoleon's forces and Russian Empire - 1st battle Napoleon isn't victorious
- 1809 - Franz I of Austria declares war on France
- 1849 - New Roman Republic established in Italy
- 1867 The Ausgleich results in the establishment of the Dual Monarchy of Austria-Hungary.
- 1879 - Sandford Fleming first proposes adoption of Universal Standard Time at a meeting of the Royal Canadian Institute.
- 1883 - Louis Waterman begins experiment to invent the fountain pen
- 1905 - Cyclone hit Tahiti & adjacent islands, killing some 10,000 people
- 1912 - British Emissary journeys to Berlin to suggest that Britain might support German colonial aspirations in Africa if Germany agrees to hold her current naval strength
- 1920 - Bolshevik troops capture Odessa, bringing an end to foreign involvement in

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HIGHWAY STATUS
Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
Mughal Road - (Closed)
Srinagar- Leh- (Closed)

PRAYERS

FAJR 5: 58
ZUHR 12:45
ASR 4: 27
Magrib 6:10
ISHA 7: 31

HIJRI CALENDAR
27 Rajab
1445

KASHMIR OBSERVERTM

Thursday | 08-02-2024

Alienated Ladakh

The recent shutdown and widespread protests in Ladakh signal a deep-seated discontentment stemming from the constitutional changes brought about by the reading down of Article 370. Thousands of protesters, braving the intense cold, gathered at the Polo Ground in Leh. The speeches at the gathering, including those by prominent Ladakhi leaders and activists like Sonam Wangchuk, emphasized the promises made by the Union government. The Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) who are spearheading the agitation, are demanding special rights and statehood for Ladakh, which was downgraded to a Union territory without a legislature in 2019. These protests underline the urgent need for a comprehensive dialogue to address the grievances of the people in the region.

The demands put forth by LAB and KDA include tribal status for Ladakh, inclusion in the constitution's Sixth Schedule, job reservation for locals, and a parliamentary seat each for the Leh and Kargil districts. These demands reflect the aspirations of the people who feel a sense of disempowerment and marginalization following the constitutional changes. The call for statehood and democracy echoes the sentiment that Ladakh's people seek not just constitutional safeguards but also active participation in decision-making processes that affect their lives.

Over the past four years, Ladakh has been nursing a deepening sense of grievance against New Delhi. Following the revocation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, and which incidentally was celebrated in Leh district, the region has sought constitutional protections from the central government to ensure its land and jobs were reserved only for local residents. Before the reorganization of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh had four MLAs and two MLCs in the then state Assembly, providing a stronger voice for the region. Now, one Member of Parliament democratically represents the region.

The committee formed by the Union home ministry held talks with LAB and KDA on December 4, but the lack of significant breakthroughs reveals the complexity of the issues at hand. The upcoming second round of talks on February 19 in Delhi provides an opportunity for the government to engage in a meaningful dialogue and address the genuine concerns of the people of Ladakh.

It is crucial for the Union government to work towards a solution that ensures their constitutional rights and preserves their cultural identity. The demand for tribal status, inclusion in the Sixth Schedule, and statehood is not extraneous but a rightful claim that deserves attention and consideration. As Ladakh faces economic and political challenges in the aftermath of the constitutional changes, it is imperative to find a middle ground that respects the region's unique circumstances.

Shahid Tariq Lone

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How long must unemployed youth bear the costs of court cases? Is this a dignified way of life? Is the system not corrupted? Were 3 years 11 months and 12 days not enough for a Government's Services Selection Board to conduct a transparent exam?”

How Not To Get Hired For A Govt Job In J&K



After the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, the UT Government swiftly moved to address vacancies across various departments. Among these efforts, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) advertised 972 vacancies for Finance Accounts Assistant on December 16, 2020. However, 486 posts, constituting 50% of these vacancies, were reserved across different categories, a matter warranting separate discussion due to its flaws.

The written exam for these vacancies took place after a prolonged gap of 1 year, 2 months, and 21 days, specifically on March 6, 2022. According to the Times of India, "Out of a total of about 2 lakh candidates (who collectively paid approximately Rupees 7 crore as registration fees to the board), approximately 1.36 lakh candidates participated in the examination."

In this fiercely competitive environment, candidates harbored diverse aspirations upon securing a government job. Some sought to support their families financially, while others aimed to defy social stigmas associated with their chosen fields or the fields in which their interests lie. Some aspired to enhance their eligibility for marriage, while others struggled to align their interests with the limited scope of our education system. The motivations behind these endeavors varied greatly, with many opting for the disturbance free environs in urban setup for exam preparation, given the absence of additional selection criteria such as interviews. Some turned to online courses to study from the comfort of their homes, while others faced constraints in securing accommodations near libraries or their peers in cities.

The results for this exam were declared on April 21, 2022. However, amidst a plethora of complaints, the Central Bureau of Investigation intervened in a

case related to irregularities in the examination for Accounts Assistant of the Finance Department. The CBI registered a case on November 28, 2022, and subsequently, the selection list was invalidated. For those candidates selected who were not involved in any corruption, all their hard work, aspirations, and desires to secure a government job went in vain. The feeling of many selected fellows at that time can be summed up by a beautifully sung ghazal by Jagjit Singh:

"zindagi tu ne lahu le ke diya
kuch bhi nahi, tere daaman mein
mere vaste kya kuch bhi nahi.

mere in haathon ki chaaho toh
talashi le lo, mere haathon mein
lakiron ke siva kuch bhi nahi.

hum ne dekha hai kayi aise
hudaon ko yahan saamne jin ke
vo sach-much ka huda kuchh bhi
nahi."

While many cases challenging the re-exam were either unheard or pending in court, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board conducted a re-examination for the post of Accounts Assistant, Finance Department, on January 28, 2024. Yet again, the government's Services Selection Board dishonored the hard work and desires of the candidates by altering the marks weightage scheme of the paper without prior notice and releasing an erroneous answer key, with many claiming that about 15-20 questions were either ambiguous or incorrect. Candidates are frustrated with this apparent hegemony and injustice, and there is a confident candidate with whom I have conversed regarding the wrong or ambiguous questions. He informed me that using the prescribed format and including supporting documentary proof, candidates can submit objections or representations for specific questions. However, he expressed his inability to afford the fee of Rs. 200 per question for 15-20 questions,

along with additional expenses for traveling to submit hard copies of objections at the JKSSB Office in Srinagar. Furthermore, the requirement to make the demand draft payable to the J&K Services Selection Board is seen as a disgrace in the digital age.

I came across a YouTube video related to wrong questions in the FAA exam, where someone commented that "Hardworking aspirants must assemble... 5000 aspirants are enough to file a case in the high court... Filing a case will be the perfect answer and will build a strong case." This injustice has persisted for too long. How long must the youth suffer burdened by years of conflict? How long must unemployed youth bear the costs of court cases? Is this a dignified way of life? Is the system not corrupted? Were 3 years 11 months and 12 days not enough for a Government's Services Selection Board to conduct a transparent exam?

Plato once said, "The worst form of injustice is pretended justice." In the face of hopelessness, I implore the Arbabe Ikhtiyar/The Authorities to address the real problems faced by the youth. While 5G may be deemed important, it pales in comparison to the struggle of those who cannot afford bread for themselves or their families. At the same time I implore my brethren that it's time to break free from the shackles of the faulty education system and societal expectations what Akbar Allahabadi summed up as, "hum kya kahein abhab kya kaar-e-nu-maya kar gaye, B.A hue naukar hue pension mili phir mar gaye". Let's have the courage to stand up and pursue our true interests, emancipating ourselves from this imaginary chain.

With a sense of despair, I raise these questions, hoping for change.

Views expressed are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer

OTHER OPINION

Paytm in the dock

Unfortunately for the millions of Paytmers, this might sound like bravado of an individual who seems to have forgotten the basic governance principles while running a business. Nothing else can explain the persistent non-compliances and continued supervisory concerns about PPB, which was put on notice by the banking regulator in March last year and directed not to onboard new customers.

Inexplicably, the management did nothing despite repeated warnings on falsified compliances, irregularities in KYC norms, and rules pertaining to related-party transactions. That left the regulator with little option but to bar PPB from key operations. What will be a crippling blow to the bank, which has 50 million account holders, and for a group which has 300 million wallets and a leader in the FASTag units segment, is the diktat that it will have to terminate the nodal accounts of the parent firm and Paytm Payment Services. Nearly a quarter of all Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions on Paytm end up credited to a PPB account. But now, all that would have to change as the regulator felt that there was no wall between Paytm and the bank — money and data flowed easily even when they shouldn't have.

Paytm's biggest challenge will be to tie up with other banks for UPI transactions, necessitating a sea change in its business model. That's easier said than done. Lending partnerships are based on trust and few banks would be willing to enter into a partnership with an entity which is not only under the strict lens of the regulator but also of the government. Revenue secretary Sanjay Malhotra told a news agency on Saturday that PPB would be probed if any fresh charges of fund siphoning are found. Global brokerages Jefferies and Macquarie are both worried that these dark clouds over the group could end up spooking some of Paytm's lending partners, and they might even limit the business they do with the fintech. One feels sorry for Paytm's investors. Last November, Paytm completed a year as a publicly traded company and its performance has been an embarrassment. The latest episode would only add salt to investors' injuries.

There has been criticism in some quarters over the RBI's "harsh" action against PPB. Payment banks are justifiably concerned over their steep profitability path because of the restrictions on their operations by the RBI and have been arguing for permission to start lending, albeit in a small way. The regulator must consider this in view of the contributions made by the differentiated banks and fintechs to a segment outside of mainstream banking. But there is absolutely no basis for the accusation against the regulator of killing them through aggressive actions. Nothing can come in the way of a credibility test when millions of depositors' money is concerned. The fintech industry should rather relook its own internal systems to ensure the highest compliance standards. Entities such as Paytm have to pay the price for being reckless in their actions.

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Downfall of Textile Industry and Employment Drought

The onslaught of the Coronavirus has had a drastic impact on the global as well as the Indian textile industry. Even though several sectors like industrial, medical, education, etc, were subjected to a major setback during the pandemic, the textile industry in India was massively affected in terms of productivity, functioning and employee relations, since the

entire work-force involves the supply chain.

In the last few years, the Indian textile industry has witnessed a huge downfall, particularly in the domestic garment market with plenty of cancellations in orders, and no fresh orders coming through either. This has resulted in the work-force getting hugely affected, leaving millions of skilled and unskilled labourers with

no option but to migrate to their natives. The Union government should consider the industry's demands and take steps to support it. This should include providing temporary relief from the import duty on cotton, especially during off-season. The government should also invest in research and development to help the industry produce cotton more efficiently and sustainably, which will enable create

more job opportunities, boost exports and grow the economy. One really hopes that the Union government will support this industry to the maximum and revive it soon to get back to its halcyon days. After all, 'cloth' is one of the three immediate and fundamental needs for human life.

Ranganathan Sivakumar

Shab-e-Miraj

Unraveling the Profound Mysteries of the Night of Ascendance



THE NIGHT OF ASCENDANCE IMPARTS TIMELESS LESSONS ON FAITH, PERSEVERANCE, AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A DEEP SPIRITUAL CONNECTION. Prophet Muhammad's journey serves as an enduring model, inspiring believers to elevate their moral and ethical standards, mirroring the Prophet's unwavering commitment to his divine mission



Waris Nissar

Shab-e-Miraj, often referred to as the Night of Ascendance, holds an unparalleled significance in the tapestry of Islamic history. In this meticulously detailed exploration, we aim to unravel the intricate layers of this sacred event, delving into its historical, spiritual, and cultural dimensions.

The celestial odyssey of Shab-e-Miraj unfolded on the 27th night of the Islamic month of Rajab. Guided by Angel Jibreel, Prophet Muhammad embarked on a transformative journey from the Kaaba in Mecca to the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. Beyond the earthly realm, he ascended through the celestial spheres, en-

countering divine wonders and engaging in conversations with past prophets.

The Quran, the divine scripture of Islam, provides explicit affirmations of the Night of Ascendance. Surah Al-Isra (17:1) declares, "Exalted is He who took His Servant by night from al-Masjid al-Haram to al-Masjid al-Aqsa, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him of Our signs. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Seeing." Surah An-Najm (53:13-18) further substantiates the authenticity of Prophet Muhammad's experience.

In Surah Al-An'am (6:162), the Quran emphasizes the comprehensive devotion of Prophet Muhammad: "Say, 'Indeed, my prayer, my rites of sacrifice, my

living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds.'"

Shab-e-Miraj transcends the ordinary, symbolizing the Prophet's profound closeness to Allah and the reception of divine revelations. The celestial ascent stands as a testament to Prophet Muhammad's unparalleled spiritual strength and resilience in fulfilling his divine mission.

The observance of Shab-e-Miraj is not a mere ritual but a profound spiritual endeavor. Muslims worldwide engage in heightened prayers, seeking forgiveness, and connecting with the divine. The night becomes a contemplative journey, prompting believers to reflect on the lessons gleaned from the Prophet's spiritual ascent and incorporate

them into their lives.

Shab-e-Miraj transforms mosques into sanctuaries of devotion. Special prayers, known as Qiyam-ul-Layl, unfold, extending into the late hours of the night. The faithful immerse themselves in supplications, recitations from the Quran, and acts of worship, creating an atmosphere of profound spiritual introspection and renewal.

The Kashmir Valley, with its unique cultural tapestry, contributes distinct celebrations to the commemoration of Shab-e-Miraj. The revered Hazratbal Shrine plays a central role in these festivities. Devotees flock to Hazratbal to offer prayers and witness the revered relic believed to be a strand of Prophet Muhammad's

hair. The area is adorned with lights, creating a serene ambiance as locals come together in communal gatherings to share stories, reflections, and special meals.

The Night of Ascendance imparts timeless lessons on faith, perseverance, and the significance of a deep spiritual connection. Prophet Muhammad's journey serves as an enduring model, inspiring believers to elevate their moral and ethical standards, mirroring the Prophet's unwavering commitment to his divine mission.

Diverse cultures within the Muslim world, including the unique celebrations in the Kashmir Valley centered around Hazratbal, infuse their traditions into

the commemoration of Shab-e-Miraj. Communal gatherings, storytelling sessions, and shared meals contribute to a rich cultural tapestry, fostering a collective celebration of this sacred night.

In conclusion, Shab-e-Miraj stands as a celestial gateway, offering believers a profound opportunity to traverse the spiritual realms and draw inspiration from the Prophet's journey. This detailed exploration has sought to unravel the mystique surrounding the Night of Ascendance, inviting readers to embark on a deeper understanding of its historical, spiritual, and cultural dimensions.

Views expressed are the author's own

Excerpt from Khutba about Masjid al-Aqsa and Palestine, with a focus on the incredible night journey, 'Al-Isra wa al-Miraj':

Surah al-Isra

Glory be to He Who did take His Servant for a Journey by night, from the Sacred Mosque (in Makkah) to the Farthest Mosque (Masjid al-Aqsa), Whose precincts We did Bless, in order that We Might show him some Of Our Signs: for He is the One Who heareth And seeth (all things). (Quran 17:1)

The blessed Masjid al-Aqsa has been referred to in the Quran and hadith, as a land which Allah (swt) placed special blessings upon. In our search for knowledge and our desire to follow in the footsteps of the righteous and rightly guided, the land of Palestine and the sanctuary of the al-Aqsa cannot be stressed enough.

Abu Dharr reports that the Messenger said, "One night I was asleep, in the Makkah Sacred Precinct (al-Haram) near the Ka'bah when I was woken by Jibra'il. He informed me of the divine will and took me to the well of Zamzam, where upon he opened my chest and poured wisdom and faith into it. Then he sealed it. I was then presented with the beautiful Buraq. This is an animal larger than a mule but smaller than a horse. I mounted it..."

Anas Ibn Malik reported that the Messenger of Allah said: "He (the Buraq) puts its hoof wherever its eyesight ends." He said, "I rode it (and started the journey) until I arrived at Bayt al-Maqdis." He continued, "Then I tied it to a ring that the Prophets used to tie their animals on." He said, "Then I entered the Masjid, and I prayed two units of prayer, then I went out, so Jibra'il brought me a cup of wine and a cup of milk. I chose the milk, so Jibra'il said, 'You chose the fitrah (natural goodness, good instinct),' then we

were raised to heaven..."

The Night Journey (al-Isra') of Prophet Muhammad from Makkah to Jerusalem and the subsequent Heavenly Ascent (al-Miraj) was one of the most incredible and fantastic events in the history of humanity. This journey represented both a turning point in the prophethood and challenged conventional science.

Allah swt, with His Might and Majesty folded time and space into one plane and took the Prophet through it while the time on Earth stood still. The Prophet then journeyed the earth whilst mounted on the Buraq, a horse-like creature capable of travelling cosmic distances in short periods of time. The Prophet journeyed through space, and again time stood still. He witnessed heaven and hell, and saw the future and past, experiencing phenomena beyond anything of this world. While such events are undoubtedly beyond scientific comprehension, for Allah swt, the Creator of the universe and of time itself, this was His will and He made it happen through His power.

Ibn Kathir states, "As for the report of al-Isra', all Muslims unanimously concur upon it and only heretics and atheists have denied it."

By acknowledging the journey the believer (mu'min) testifies to the will and limitless power of the Almighty, making firm their faith in Him. As for recognizing the experience of the Prophet in al-Miraj, one testifies to the life of the hereafter and the Day of Judgement.

Al-Isra' and al-Miraj, therefore,

holds fast the faith of a person and consolidates the very central tenet of Islamic teaching - that we are here for a temporary period; created by the Lord, whose powers are limitless; and after death we will be resurrected and judged according to our deeds.

The greatness of al-Isra' thus goes beyond the narrow confines of breaking physical barriers and transcends into believing that the Creator is "He, Allah the One and Only; He is the Eternal and Absolute, He begets none, nor is He begotten, and there is nothing that could be compared to Him."; and thus facilitates one's submission to the greatness of the Lord.

The significance of Masjid al-Aqsa in the Night Journey

All-Knowing, the Creator, mentions both Masjid al-Haram in Makkah and Masjid al-Aqsa in Jerusalem, by name in the first verse of Surah al-Isra'. In this way, Allah swt honors them, and calls them both His 'Masjid'.

These "Masajid" were not physical buildings but rather it is the land on which they stand which Allah has blessed. Thus, with or without any buildings, they can be regarded as a Masjid. When al-Isra' and al-Miraj took place, there were no complete buildings within the Noble Sanctuary of al-Aqsa; the only building present was the surrounding wall and perhaps a few ruins.

Muslims consider al-Aqsa to have been built first by Prophet Adam (as). Abu Dharr reported that he asked

the Prophet (saw), "O Prophet of Allah, which Masjid was built first on earth?" The Prophet replied, "The Sacred Masjid of Makkah." Abu Dharr again asked, "Which was next?" The Prophet said, "The Masjid al-Aqsa." "How long was the period between them?" Abu Dharr asked. The Prophet said, "Forty years. Apart from these, offer your prayers anywhere when it is time to pray, although excellence is in praying in these Masajid."

Imam al-Qurtubi (Allah have mercy on him) says, "There are different opinions regarding the construction of Masjid al-Aqsa. Some assert that Adam (as) established Masjid al-Haram in Makkah and then proceeded to build Masjid al-Aqsa forty years later. Others assert the angels laid the foundation of Masjid al-Haram and after forty years established Masjid al-Aqsa. There are a lot of possibilities and Allah knows best."

Allah swt has designated Masjid al-Aqsa and its surrounding area as "blessed". The "blessed land" under the Islamic ethos means land associated with barakah - the land over which Allah swt has endowed spiritual and physical blessings from which all of humanity and Allah's creation can derive benefit. This barakah also extends to the people residing within this land, on the condition that they abide by the commands of Allah swt and more specifically, that they practise Islam.

The Night Journey

Anas Ibn Malik narrates, "The

MASJID AL-AQSA

The Incredible Night Journey

was given to the Prophets from their Lord'; We do not make any distinction between any of them..." (Quran 2:36)

The fact that Prophet Muhammad (saw) led all of the other Prophets in prayer is a clear indication of his being a leader of all the Prophets and therefore a salient call to all humanity and the People of the Book to now come under the guidance of the final Prophet, Muhammad (saw).

For Muslims, the prayer by Prophet Muhammad (saw) in al-Aqsa declares the connection, firstly, between the Ka'bah and al-Aqsa, and secondly, between the Prophet (and thereby all Muslims) and al-Aqsa. Leading the Prophets in prayer in al-Aqsa further signifies inheriting the legacy of the other Prophets, and the leadership of humankind.

Praying in Al-Aqsa

Abu Darda' relates that the Prophet said, "A prayer in Makkah is worth 100,000 times; a prayer in my Masjid (in Madinah) is worth 1,000 times; and a prayer in al-Aqsa is worth 500 times more than anywhere else." [Al-Tabarani, al-Bayhaqi and al-Suyuti]

Anas Ibn Malik relates that the Prophet said, "The prayer of a person in his house is a single prayer; his prayer in the Masjid of his tribe has the reward of twenty-five prayers; his prayer in the Masjid wherein the Friday prayer is observed has the reward of five hundred prayers; his prayer in Masjid al-Aqsa has a reward of five thousand prayers; his prayer in my Masjid (the Prophet's Masjid in Madinah) has a reward of fifty thousand prayers; and the prayer in the Sacred Masjid at Makkah has a reward of one hundred thousand prayers." [Tirmidhi and Ibn Majah]

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Chairman IFFCO, Head National Cooperative Union of India, Stakeholders From Cooperative Sector Call On LG

Observer News Service

Jammu: Dileep Sanghani, Chairman, IFFCO, GUJCOMASOL and National Cooperative Union of India Head along with key stakeholders from Cooperative Sector met the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan today.

The meeting discussed several interventions to enhance the efficiency of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies and membership of national federations.

Deliberations were held on utilising the experience and expertise of retired army personnel in Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), formation of new Farmers Producers Organisations and

Co-operative Societies for promotion of tourism.

The LG appreciated the vital role being played by the different stakeholders in strengthening the cooperative sector. "The UT Administration will ensure the cooperative movement brings prosperity to farmers and our villages," he said.

Dr. Krishan Bir Chaudhary, Member,

MSP committee and National President, Bharatiya Krishak Samaj; Praveen Sharma, Chairman, Citizens Cooperative Bank Ltd; Vikrant Dogra, Chairman, JK Dairy Cooperative Federation; Khalid Lone from Sarhad Tourism Cooperative, Uri and other prominent members from cooperative movement were also present during the interaction.

Representatives Of All Sikh Minority Employees Association Call On LG

Observer News Service

Jammu: Representatives of All Sikh Minority Employees Association and All Employees Joint Association Kashmir (M) led by Ms Jagmeet Kour Bali called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, today.

The delegation expressed gratitude to the LG led UT Administration for taking several welfare initiatives for the minority community employees.

Palak Kour Bijral, International Rhythmic Gymnast from J&K also called on the Lt Governor

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by profession, the duo, he said, were fired upon by the terrorists when they were on their way to the rented accommodation at Shalakkadal.

"A formal case under section 302, 307 and 7/25 arms and ammunition act has been registered at Shaheed Gunj police station and investigations set into motion. A joint team of police and paramilitary forces cordoned off the entire area as soon as the attack on migrant workers took place," he said.

In a post on X, Kashmir Zone Police said, "Terrorists fired upon a non-local identified as Amritpal Singh resident of Amritsar at Shaheed Gunj Srinagar, who succumbed to the injuries. One more person is grievously injured and evacuated for medical attention. Area has been cordoned off. Further details shall follow."

National Conference leaders Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah condemned the attack on the non-locals. JKNC President Dr Farooq Abdullah and VP @OmarAbdullah are shocked and disgusted by the barbaric incident that took the life of Amritpal Singh in Shala Kadal, Srinagar. Their heartfelt condolences go out to his family," the party said in a social media post.

"Violence should have no place in our society and such acts of barbarity only serve to hinder the progress & peace we strive for," the post added. The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) condemned the "dastardly attack" and prayed for swift recovery of the injured person.

People's Conference leader Sajad Lone also condemned the attack.

This is the first attack by terrorists on a non-local in Kashmir this year.

Last year, the terrorists carried out several attacks on non-local workers in the valley including in Anantnag and Shopian districts.

LG Condemns Terror

terms this brutal act, which has snuffed out an innocent life. In this hour of grief, I convey my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. "Praying for the speedy recovery of the injured Rohit. A team of doctors is doing their best to take care of him. No efforts will be spared to bring the perpetrators to justice. Directed the Civil & Police administration to ensure all assistance to the families," he added.

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nano-fertilizers, green technologies, natural farming, and supper food.

He said India will make remarkable progress in the semiconductors sector, electronic goods, and green hydrogen.

In the next five years, Modi said the world will witness the capabilities of Indian youths in every international sporting competition.

He promised that the public transport system will be transformed, the

Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign will attain new heights, Made In India semiconductors and electronics will dominate the world, and the country will work towards reducing energy dependence on other countries.

The prime minister said the government will promote green hydrogen and ethanol blending.

He reaffirmed India's belief in becoming Atmanirbhar in edible oil production.

India imports a large quantity of edible oil to meet domestic needs. The import dependence is more than 50 per cent.

Modi also talked about the promotion of natural farming and millet as a superfood.

Drone use in agriculture will see a new increase, he said.

Similarly, the use of nano urea cooperative is being promoted as a people's movement. He also highlighted new records in fisheries and animal husbandry.

Modi drew attention to the tourism sector becoming a huge source of employment in the next five years. He underlined the capability of many states in the country to drive their economy solely by tourism.

"India is going to become a massive tourist destination for the world," he added.

The prime minister also highlighted the strides in the field of Digital India and Fintech and said that the next five years present a positive future for India's digital economy.

"Digital services will further India's progress," he added.

"I have full faith that our scientists will take us to new heights in the field of space technology," he said.

Talking about the transformation of the grassroots economy, Modi mentioned self-help groups and said three crore lakhpati didis will write a new script of women empowerment.

"By 2047, India will re-live its golden period," he said, underlining the government's commitment to Viksit Bharat.

Internet Suspended

in Jammu and Kashmir.

In an order issued here this evening, Jammu district magistrate Sachin Kumar Vaishya ordered immediate imposition of prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure that prohibits gathering of four or more people.

"Whereas, it has been made to appear to me by the inputs received from police authorities and also otherwise, that there is a likelihood of serious breach of peace and order and disturbance of public tranquillity which might cause grave danger to human lives and properties because of the disinformation that is being spread on social media platforms by posting/sharing of derogatory, discriminatory and provocative messages.

"Whereas, it is desirable that any breach of peace and order and disturbance of public tranquillity which might cause grave danger to human lives and properties should be immediately prevented," the order read.

Exercising his powers, Vaishya prohibits individuals and social media platforms and portals operating in the district from posting or sharing

any such post or message that has the potential to disturb the communal harmony, cause breach of peace and disturbance of public tranquillity.

"The order shall come into force with immediate effect and any violation of this order shall invite punitive action under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code," the order said.

While the Pahari community welcomed the Central government's decision to grant the community Scheduled Tribe status, a section of the Gujjars and Bakerwals have expressed their resentment against the move, claiming that the Paharis are not scheduled tribes.

Security has been beefed up in both Rajouri and Poonch districts having major concentration of Gujjars and Bakerwals besides Paharis to maintain law and order, the officials said.

In an order, the Home Department announced temporary suspension of telecom services in the two districts.

"Whereas, the ADGP (additional director general of Police), Jammu Zone, being the authorized officer under the temporary suspension of telecom services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, has issued directions to the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs)/Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to suspend mobile data (2G/3G/4G/5G & Public Wi-Fi facilities 5G) in Poonch and Rajouri districts of Jammu Province w.e.f 07.02.2024 (0010 hours) to 07.02.2024 (2330 hours)," the order said.

The order highlighted the possibility of mobile data (2G/3G/4G/5G & Public Wi-Fi facility 5G) services to be misused by anti-national elements or miscreants, which may cause deterioration in public order.

Dry Weather

normal by 1.6°C for the summer capital of J&K for this time of the year.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of minus 3.2°C against minus 2.0°C on the previous night, he said. The minimum temperature was 1.7°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, the MeT official said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 10.8°C against minus 11.0°C on the previous night and it was 4.6°C below normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of minus 4.3°C against minus 2.4°C on the previous night and the temperature was below normal by 2.3°C for the place, the official said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of minus 3.3°C against minus 3.4°C on the previous night and it was 1.3°C below normal there, the official said.

Gulmarg, the official said, recorded a low of minus 10.0°C against minus 10.5°C on the previous night and the temperature was below normal by 3.3°C for the famous skiing resort in north Kashmir.

Jammu, he said, recorded a minimum of 5.0°C and it was below normal by 4.5°C for the winter capital of J&K.

Banihal recorded a low of minus 0.3°C, Batote minus 0.4°C and Baderwah minus 2.0°C, he said.

Achievements Of KP's

families and this is also reflected in the interim budget of Jammu

Kashmir, the LG observed.

He said the representation of Kashmiri Pandit Community in J&K's Legislative Assembly is a major step towards the empowerment of the community.

"I urge the youth of Kashmiri Pandit community to avail limitless opportunities in diverse sectors and fulfill the goal of Viksit Bharat," the LG said.

He said the State-of-the-Art sports facility to be developed as per FIFA Standards demonstrates the unwavering commitment and dedication of the UT Administration to promote sports in the Union Territory.

In this Financial Year, indoor stadium, outdoor gym and cricket stadium with all facilities will be developed at Jagti, while Rs 30 lakh has already been allocated for the creation of badminton and volleyball court facilities, the LG added.

The LG also highlighted the efforts of the administration to develop the massive infrastructure that has brought a sports revolution in J&K, post 2019.

We have completed 702 sports projects. Multipurpose indoor sports halls have been constructed in almost every district. Playfields have been developed in every panchayat, he observed.

"International level sports facilities are being developed in Jammu and Srinagar. Centres of Excellence have been established in Canoeing, Rowing and Fencing in both the Jammu and Kashmir divisions. Floodlighting and synthetic turfing are being installed in several stadia" the LG further added.

The LG reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to extend necessary assistance and handholding to the budding sports persons and enterprising youth in different sectors.

He said the financial assistance to the 1049 youth identified during the Special camp will be provided by the end of February this year.

He instructed the Relief Commissioner and concerned officials to facilitate more youth interested in self-employment ventures and ensure their inclusion among the already selected candidates for assistance.

The LG called upon the community members to take the lead in creating large employment opportunities for the local youth and assured them of every support from the administration in their endeavours.

He further directed for organizing the second leg of the Special Grievance Camp for Kashmiri Migrants in the coming days.

The work on the approved Yatri Niwas will start soon which will further augment the facilities for the devotees during the Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela, the LG said.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to LG; Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary Youth Services & Sports J&K; Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; Dr. Arvind Karwani, Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants) J&K, Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council; senior officials, prominent citizens, sportspersons and people in large numbers were present.

NHRC Postpones

was scheduled to hear cases of

human rights violations which were filed in the State Human Rights Commission before it was abolished by J&K government due to constitutional and legal changes effected by the Union Government in 2019.

After abrogation of Article 370, the J&K government abolished the State Human Rights Commission as a follow-up to the legal changes effected by the Union Government through the J&K Reorganisation Act.

On March 18, 2020, the Government of India empowered the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to deal with all human rights concerns in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir. (KNO)

ED Arrests Bharat

of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) was initiated by the ED on March 31 last year.

The federal agency had conducted searches at the premises of Bharat Papers Limited and various other locations on the basis of the material in its possession, including documents available on record, such as a copy of the FIR, an analysis of bank accounts and the company's directors.

The forensic audit report available on record has given strong reasons to believe that Aggarwal was involved in the process or activity connected with proceeds of crime and had committed an offence of money laundering, the officials said.

They said the investigation prima facie revealed that the company misused the sanctioned loan amount in a well-designed manner with a well-knitted conspiracy by siphoning off funds meant for business purpose for personal use and wrongful gains.

They said Aggarwal, one of the main directors of Bharat Papers Limited, was looking after the operations and finance of the company, as deduced from the statements given by other directors.

He was actively involved in perpetuating a fraud of Rs 200 crore on the consortium of banks and committed the offence of money laundering by siphoning off a part of the loan amount through bogus entities and illegal sale of machinery by raising bogus invoices, the officials said.

During the course of the investigation, the statements of Aggarwal were recorded on February 1 and February 6, wherein he chose to give evasive replies, which showed his non-cooperation in the investigation, they added.

The officials said the accused was involved in the process or activity connected with the proceeds of crime acquired through entering into a criminal conspiracy and cheating for siphoning off funds availed from the consortium of banks in the form of term loan and cash credit limits.

J&K Registered

details, ATM pins and OTPs with anyone and to avoid clicking on suspicious links," they said.

Pertinently, a new study by an IIT Kanpur-incubated start-up revealed that financial frauds accounted for over 75 percent of cybercrimes in the country from January 2020 till June 2023, with nearly 50 percent cases related to UPI and internet banking

J&K Sees 5656.78 Cr

to boost investment in the UT of

Jammu and Kashmir, which include, J&K Industrial Policy 2021-30, J&K Industrial Land Allotment Policy, 2021-30, J&K Private Industrial Estate Development Policy 2021-30, Policy for Promotion of Foreign Investment in Industrial Sector in J&K, 2022, J&K Single Window Rules, 2021, Turnover Incentive Scheme, 2021, J&K Wool Processing, Handicrafts and Handloom Policy, 2020, Financial Support Scheme for Cooperatives/Self Help Groups, 2020, Credit Card Scheme for Artisans and Weavers, 2020 and Kharkhandar Scheme for Development of Craft Sector in J&K, 2021, Revised Education Scheme 2022 for Artisans/Weavers of

Handicrafts and Handloom Department and Export Subsidy Scheme, 2021.

The impact of the steps have enabled investment of Rs 296.64 in 2019-20, Rs 412.74 in 2020-21, Rs 376.76 in 2021-22, Rs 2153.45 in 2022-23 and Rs 2417.19 in 2023-24.

Rai further said that the investments in various sectors like tourism, processing etc. and infrastructure such as construction, roads, power etc. will boost the development of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

SCs, STs, OBCs

Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2023 to grant scheduled tribe status to Pahari Ethnic Group and other communities in Jammu & Kashmir.

According to details available, the Lok Sabha also passed the Scheduled Castes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2023 that seeks to include Valmiki community in the Scheduled Caste list of Jammu & Kashmir.

The ST Bill also includes Gadda Brahman, Koli and Paddari communities to the ST list of Jammu and Kashmir.

The grant of ST status would make Paharis eligible for all benefits available to ST category in Jammu and Kashmir. The Paharis are in majority in Nowshera, Kalakote-Sunderbani, Rajouri, Thanmandi, Surankote, Poonch-Haveli, Mendhar, Uri and Karnah assembly segments of J&K.

Notably, Paharis have been fighting for more than three decades for their inclusion in the Schedule Tribe (ST) category.

The Lok Sabha on Tuesday also passed a bill to provide reservation to Other Backward Classes in local bodies in Jammu and Kashmir.

The bill seeks to provide reservation to Other Backward Classes in panchayats and municipalities in Jammu and Kashmir and bring consistency in the local body laws of the Union territory with the provisions of the Constitution.

Security Situation

such incidents were reported in J&K," the reply reads, adding that as far the civilians killed in terrorist related incidents, 44 were killed in 2019, 38 in 2020, 41 in 2021 and 31 in 2022. "In 2023, only 14 civilians were killed in such incidents," the reply states.

As far as the security personnel killed, 80 lost their lives in 2019, 63 in 2020, 42 in 2021, 32 in 2022 while only 30 were killed in 2023.

The reply reads that 157 terrorists were killed in 2019, 221 in 2020, 180 in 2021, 187 in 2022 and 73 in 2023.

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Engage Youth In Art And Culture: Gupta To Officials

Principal Secretary reviews JKAACL's functioning



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JAMMU: Principal Secretary, Culture, Suresh Kumar Gupta, on Wednesday convened a meeting to take stock of activities of J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages (JKAACL) being carried out for promotion of art and local culture in the region especially among youth.

While addressing the meeting, the Principal Secretary emphasized upon framing of year long calendar of activities to be carried out by the Academy in different parts of the UT. He also advised for creating a well designed coffee table book depicting different works regarding preservation and promotion of our culture, languages and different art forms of J&K. Gupta asked the Academy to engage youth of the UT in their activities so that they get acquainted with rich art and cultural treasures of the region. He enjoined upon them to provide much requisite platforms to the young generation for chiseling and fine-tuning of their art forms in a total professional manner.

In this regard, he called for holding workshops, exhibitions and talent-hunt shows on a regular basis.

He said that the art forms like music, dance, poetry, drama and painting are stress busters, the need of which is felt by all during these times. He asked

for providing people the art of their choice so that they relish it to add colour to their lives. He also advised for creating awareness among public about the rich and diverse art, culture and languages of different regions of J&K found from Kathua to Kupwara.

He directed for adding 'Cultural Vibrancy' to the overall ambience of J&K which is abundantly blessed with unique cultural legacy. He called for dissemination of information through circulation of short videos, brochures and leaflets among the public so that they can associate themselves with the Academy for showcasing their talent.

On the occasion, Secretary, JKAACL, Bharat Singh, informed the Principal Secretary about different works and projects taken up by the Academy across the UT. He informed him that the society has conducted around 419 activities across different districts of the UT in this financial year till January, 2024.

IGP Kashmir Reviews Security for Mehraj-ul-Alam

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Inspector General of Police Kashmir Zone VK Birdi presided over a security review meeting on Wednesday with officers of police, intelligence agencies & security forces to discuss various strategic initiatives aimed at enhancing law enforcement efforts and ensuring public safety in view of the upcoming auspicious occasion of Mehraj-ul-Alam at Police Control Room Kashmir.

VK Birdi was briefed by the participating officers about the security measures put in place to tackle any untoward incident across the valley.

The chair was also briefed about the action taken against

the general public and further directed SSP Traffic to deploy sufficient manpower on the ground in view of the upcoming auspicious occasion of Mehraj-ul-Alam.

"IGP Kashmir underscored the necessity to fortify the security grid, aiming to prevent potential militant attacks and maintain seamless coordination among the various forces operating on the ground", reads a statement.

VK Birdi directed officers to closely monitor the activities of militant associates and ensure strict legal measures are taken against them.

He, as per the statement, also emphasized the need to strengthen intelligence net-



works, particularly in districts near the Line of Control (LoC) where the possibility of militant infiltration exists. During the meeting, IGP Kashmir emphasized the importance of proactive policing measures to address emerging challenges and maintain law and order effectively.

Literary Figures Pay Tribute to Farooq Nazki In Jammu

KO NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: A somber gathering of literary personalities convened at the Writers Club Jammu on Wednesday to pay homage to the late Farooq Nazki. The members observed a two-minute silence, expressing their collective grief over the demise of the renowned Indian poet, broadcaster, and former Director of Doordarshan and Radio Kashmir Srinagar.

In a poignant moment of reflection, attendees shared memories of Nazki's contributions to literature and media. The writers offered their condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for the departed soul to rest in peace.

The literary community em-



phasized the profound impact of Nazki's work on the cultural and literary heritage of the region. As a mark of respect, the literary community plans to organize further tributes and discussions to honor his legacy.

Those who were present included Prof Zaman Azurda, Prof Shad Ramzan, State Convenor Sahitya Academy, Prof Farooq Fayaz, B N Betab, Aser Kishitwari, Prof Mushtaq Wani, B K Sanyasi, A K Naz, Prof Asadullah Wani and other dignitaries.

20,000 Tourists Flock to Gulmarg in Six Days Following Snowfall

Agencies

GULMARG: Gulmarg, the picturesque hill station in Kashmir, has experienced a significant influx of tourists, recording a staggering 20,000 arrivals in just six days. The surge was witnessed following the end of a prolonged dry spell that had impacted the tourist destination.

Gulmarg, hailed as the winter wonderland, nestled in the Pir Panjal range in Kashmir is renowned for its breathtaking snow-covered meadows and world-class skiing facilities.

With the recent snowfall transforming the destination into a picture-perfect landscape, visitors started classic winter activities here. The delighted tourists are seen immersing themselves in the magic of snow, with a few creating snowmen and engaging in cheerful snowball fights.

A top official in the tourism department, Gulmarg, sharing the data with the news agency, said that the destination witnessed a staggering influx of 19,532 tourists within just six days following the end of the prolonged dry spell. This notable surge includes 15,086 domestic visitors, 4,290 locals, and 156 foreigners.

"The charming landscape of Gulmarg, adorned with a fresh blanket of snow after the extended dry spell, has proven to be a magnet for tourists seeking winter experiences and snow-related activities," he said.

Local businesses, including hotels, restaurants and adventure sports operators, are experiencing a boost in demand as visitors flock to explore the scenic beauty and engage in various winter sports offered in the region.

Speaking to KNO, Tariq Ahmed, Gulmarg Guide Association President, said the losses incurred during the dry spell are irreplaceable; however, the significant increase in tourist rush, coupled with a 20-30% surge in bookings brings a ray of hope to Gulmarg's tourism sector.

"With more tourists showing interest and bookings on the rise, we're hopeful and looking forward to better days



ahead," he said.

Earlier, the association said the industry faced a substantial 60 percent decline in bookings during the period of dry spell.

Similarly, Zahoor Ahmed Wani, President of the All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) Association, said that with the recent snowfall, their businesses have seen a significant boost, experiencing a notable 25 percent increase. "We anticipate this positive trend to continue and we're optimistic that it may rise up to 50 percent by the 15th of this month," he said.

Wani said that during the dry spell in November, December and January, their businesses were struggling, with only a meagre 10 percent of the usual activity.

A tour operator based in Baramulla said, "The recent snowfall has reignited the interest of travellers and we are delighted to see a surge in reservations as visitors eagerly embrace the magical winter experiences Gulmarg has to offer."

Tufail Ahmed, another tour operator, said the recent snowfall has been a game-changer for them. "Travellers who hesitated due to the dry spell are now excitedly confirming their bookings. The winter wonderland is back in action," he said, adding that their cellphones are ringing off the hook with inquiries and rebookings.

Meanwhile, skiers, who eagerly awaited the transformation of the famous ski resort, expressed happiness and satisfaction as the recent snowfall covered Gulmarg's slopes in a pristine white blanket. The skiers from various parts of the country are eagerly waiting to carve through the freshly pow-

dered terrain of the region.

"Gulmarg is back in action and so are we," a group of skiers, who were unable to contain their excitement, expressed their happiness.

According to Waseem Ahmed, a ski trainer, "Skiing down these slopes is not just a sport, but a deep connection with nature and right now, nature is at its most beautiful here. As skiers, we are thrilled to be back on these mountains, enjoying the pure delight of skiing in Gulmarg."

Farhat Naik, a snowboarding instructor said, "My bookings for December and January were unfortunately cancelled due to the dry spell; however, with the recent fresh snowfall in Gulmarg, there's been a significant increase in bookings. The transformation is truly remarkable, and I'm excited to welcome eager learners back to the slopes."

He said they have already lost at least 40 days to the dry spell, a period that can't be conquered or regained. "But we are ready to make the most of the remaining season and provide our learners with the best skiing experience," he said.

Aamir Syed, another skier, said "The snowfall has not only covered the slopes but also our hearts with joy."

Similarly, a seasoned sledder, Abid Hussain said the snowfall after the dry spell is more than just a white carpet. "It is our lifeline as it brought a sense of relief and a promise of survival to us. For sledge owners like us, the snowfall is akin to a rebirth. It brings back the thrill of our businesses and infuses life into Gulmarg's winter economy," he said—(KNO)

DC Budgam Stresses Revenue Facilitation Camps in District

KO NEWS SERVICE

BUDGAM, FEBRUARY 07: The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo on Wednesday chaired Revenue related meeting to review functioning of the Revenue services in all Tehsils at Conference Hall, Budgam.

At the outset, the DC instructed the concerned to clear pendency under various heads and prompt service delivery to the general public at all Revenue offices across the district. He stressed on proper record

room streamlining, file indexing and prompt case disposals at Revenue offices for convenience of the general public.

He instructed all Tehsildars to conduct Revenue facilitation camps at each Patwar Halqa for better Revenue services to the people at their doorsteps.

Instructions were given to ACR Budgam and concerned SDMs to conduct random checks to assess rejected and reverted cases under Public Services Guarantee Act in their respective areas.

Acquiring fireproof lockers,

racks and other necessary infrastructure for safe custody of records was also discussed during the meeting.

Earlier, the DC also reviewed the status of disposal of land acquisition related cases, fencing of State land, disposal of cases on Revenue Court Cases Management Portal, action taken on RDA cases, land issues relating to infrastructure projects, disposal of inheritance mutations, maintenance of stock registry and other related file records at Revenue offices.

DC Pulwama Sets Tone For Collaborative Governance & Civic Responsibility

KO NEWS SERVICE

PULWAMA: In a remarkable gathering held at Govt Higher Secondary School Koil, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom on Wednesday presided over the Block Diwas event.

He was accompanied by ADDC Pulwama, ACD Pulwama, and various District and Sectoral officers.

The DC facilitated an interactive session aimed at enlightening the public about government schemes and initiatives.

The event witnessed active participation from departments across various sectors, each showcasing their schemes and benefits through informative stalls. Attendees were apprised of the opportunities available, fostering a deeper understanding of government programs.

A significant turnout marked the occasion, with public delegations vocalizing their demands and extending gratitude for the responsive actions of the District Administration.

The DC, engaged attentively with the grievances voiced by the public, commending their participation and emphasizing Koil's pivotal role in the success of the program.

Addressing the gathering, he highlighted the resolution of past issues and adherence to timelines, particularly in projects like JJM. He also mentioned the identification of a playground for residents, underscoring the administration's commitment to community welfare.

Omar Targets BJP Over Denial Of Permission To Visit Rajouri



KO NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said the gates of his house here were locked by the police and he was escorted to his office like a "criminal" to stop him from visiting Sunderbani area of Rajouri district.

Taking potshots at the BJP and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Singh-led administration, the former chief minister said, "This has not happened for the first time."

"And as the (Lok Sabha) elections draw closer, I am sure such curbs will witness a spurt," he told reporters at the party headquarters here.

Abdullah said that the "gates of my house have been locked since this morning" on the pretext of a law and order situation.

"I have taken pictures because I know the police will later deny placing curbs on me," he added.

The National Conference vice president said that he was planning to visit the Sunderbani area of Rajouri to take part in a party function but was denied permission.

"Even the sub-divisional police officer (SDPO) accompanied me to the (party) office like a criminal is being escorted. This is for the first time that the SDPO accompanied me from my house to the office to personally see that my vehicle does not take any other turn," he said.

The former chief minister

reiterated his earlier assertion that democracy is not allowed to reach Jammu and Kashmir.

"They have once again proved it. They are saying everyone is free to carry out political activities, but it is only for those who are praising the BJP and its government," Abdullah said.

"The people like us who are not government stooges or not involved in BJP flattering face such types of curbs. We are now accustomed to such things," he added.

Responding to a question that he was denied permission as the authorities were apprehensive that his visit might flare up situation due to tension between the Gujjars and the Paharis after the later were included in the Scheduled Tribes, Omar quipped, "that means the government is weak and I can disturb the situation all alone."

"I am feeling lucky that I have become so powerful that the government is afraid of me that they need to lock to keep me at home. It is good they are praising me, I have never thought myself so powerful but now I have to rethink it," he said.

The National Conference leader said the government's action shows that it has no power, ability and courage.

"It is better for them to leave the government and hand over the power to us who have command over the people and who can provoke or silence the people for the overall betterment of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

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NOTIFICATION

Sub:- Final Answer keys of the written tests held on 31.01.2024 for selection/engagement of the candidates as Medical Officers, Counselors & Nurses on contract basis and declaration of result.

Whereas, the P.G Department of Psychiatry, Govt. Medical College, Srinagar conducted written tests of the candidates for selection/engagement as Medical Officers, Counselors & Nurses on contract basis in two sessions on **31.01.2024** from 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM and 02.30 PM to 03.30 PM; and

Whereas, vide this office Notification NO:-GS/MC/KEY/ATF-DTC/WT/2296-2301, Dated: 31-01-2024, the Answer Keys of these tests were uploaded on the official website of Govt. Medical, Srinagar for information of all concerned candidates with a provision that if any candidate feels that the key to any question(s) is/are wrong, he/she can submit objection/representation on the prescribed format within two days i.e upto **02.02.2024 (04.00 PM)** alongwith a sufficient documentary proof/evidence and fee of Rs. 300/= ; and

Whereas, in response to the said notification, no representation/objections was received within the stipulated time-frame; and

Now, therefore, the Answer Keys already notified vide this office Notification NO:-GS/MC/KEY/ATF-DTC/WT/2296-2301, Dated: 31-01-2024 are hereby declared as **Final** and no further claim whatsoever shall henceforth be entertained in this regard.

Consequent upon above, the results of the written tests held on **31.01.2024** for selection/engagement of the candidates as **Medical Officers, Counselors & Nurses** on contract basis are hereby notified in **annexure A, B & C** respectively to the notification.

On the basis of marks obtained by the candidates in the written test held on **31.01.2024**, the selection lists of the candidates for engagement as **Medical Officers, Counselors & Nurses** on contract basis are hereby notified in **annexure- D, E & F** respectively to this notification.

The selected candidates are directed to immediately report the Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences Kashmir (Government Psychiatric Diseases Hospital), Kathidarwaza, Rainawari Srinagar within two days from the date of issuance of this notification for filling up of e-verification rolls for obtaining their Character and Antecedents from the Criminal Investigation Department

All the above annexures are available on the official website of GMC, Srinagar www.gmc.ac.in

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Head of the Department
IMHANS (Government Psychiatric Diseases Hospital),
Kathidarwaza, Rainawari Srinagar.



Bumrah First Indian Pacer To Top Test Rankings

Agencies

NEW DELHI: Jasprit Bumrah became the first Indian pace bowler to top the official world test rankings following his match-winning display in the second test against England in Visakhapatnam on Monday.

The 30-year-old claimed nine wickets in his reverse swing masterclass to secure India's series-levelling victory by 106 runs.

It helped him leapfrog Australia's Pat Cummins, South African Kagiso Rabada and team mate Ravichandran Ashwin in the official rankings, the International

Cricket Council (ICC) said in a statement on Wednesday. India spinners Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Bishan Singh Bedi had earlier topped the test rankings for bowlers.

Bumrah was adjudged player of the match in Visakhapatnam ahead of team mate Yashasvi Jaiswal, who smashed his maiden test double hundred in that match.

Left-handed opener Jaiswal moved up 37 places to 29th in the test batting rankings led by New Zealand stalwart Kane Williamson.

India's third test against England scheduled in Rajkot begins on February 15.

'Pant Confident Of Playing IPL, But...,' Delhi Capitals Head Coach Ponting

Press Trust of India

MELBOURNE: Rishabh Pant is confident of playing the entire IPL but the flamboyant cricketer could only be available as a batter and not behind the stumps, according to Delhi Capitals head coach Ricky Ponting.

Pant was involved in a life-threatening car accident in December 2022 that forced him to undergo ligament reconstruction surgeries.

"Rishabh is very confident that he's going to be right to play. In what capacity we're not quite sure yet," was quoted as saying by 'ESPNCricinfo'.

"You would have seen all the social-media stuff, he's up and about and running well. But in saying that we're only six weeks away from the first game as well. So we're not sure if we'll get wicketkeeping out of him this year."

"We'll just keep our fingers crossed and hope that he can be out there and play. Even if it's not all the games, if we can manage him through 10 of the 14 games or whatever that might be then whatever games you can get out of him will be a bonus."

In case Pant is not able to fulfil wicketkeeping duties,



the 26-year-old could play as a pure batter or could be used as an Impact Player in the upcoming IPL, expected to begin in March.

"But I'll guarantee if I asked him now he'll say, 'I'm playing every game, I'm keeping every game and I'm batting at No.4.' That's just what he's like, but we'll keep our fingers crossed."

"He's such a dynamic player. He's obviously our captain. We missed him incredibly last year. If you understand the journey he's been on the last 12-13 months, it was a horrific incident. One that I know he feels very lucky to have even survived, let alone have the

chance to play cricket again."

WARNER TO LEAD IF PANT UNAVAILABLE

David Warner led the Capitals last season and Ponting confirmed that star Australian batter would be captain if Pant is unavailable to do the job.

The franchise picked up young England batter Harry Brook for Rs 4 crore at the auction last year. While Ponting is happy with his squad, the two-time World Cup winning captain acknowledged the team has underperformed in the past two seasons.

The Capitals had finished fifth in 2022 and ninth last season.

LG Lays Foundation Stone For Football Turf At Jagti Camp



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha laid the foundation stone of Synthetic Football Turf at Jagti Camp, Nagrota, on Wednesday.

The LG congratulated the young sportspersons and football enthusiasts on the occasion.

The Synthetic Football Turf to be developed at a cost of Rs 5.75 crore, will include G+1 pavilion with a covered area having seating capacity of about 600 spectators, change rooms and other amenities.

"The achievements of Kashmiri Pandit community fill my heart with

pride. I dedicate this vital sports project at Jagti to the Youth of this Community and to their immense contribution to nation-building," the LG said.

He said the State-of-the-Art sports facility to be developed as per FIFA Standards demonstrates the unwavering commitment and dedication of the UT Administration to promote sports in the Union Territory.

In this Financial Year, indoor stadium, outdoor gym and cricket stadium with all facilities will be developed at Jagti, while Rs 30 lakh has already been allocated for the creation of badminton and

volleyball court facilities, the LG added.

We have completed 702 sports projects. Multipurpose indoor sports halls have been constructed in almost every district. Playfields have been developed in every panchayat, he observed.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to LG; Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary Youth Services & Sports J&K; Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; Arvind Karwani, Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants) J&K, Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council; were present on the occasion.



Skiers Rejoice As Gulmarg Recovers Its Lost Sheen

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: After months of uncertainty, the world-famous Ski resort of Gulmarg is back to its natural aesthetic with an influx of heaven-sent snowfall and record-breaking tourist arrival.

As per reports, the region has witnessed over 20,000 arrivals in six days. The numbers include 15,086 domestic visitors, 4,290 locals and 156 foreigners. Earlier, the hotels in the Ski resort had seen 60% of their bookings get cancelled.

Skiers, who had been in a

pale of gloom since a prolonged dry spell threatened to derail their Gulmarg adventures, are now gleefully plying the snow covered slopes of the resort.

"Gulmarg is back in action and so are we," a group of skiers told news agency KNO.

Waseem Ahmed, a ski trainer, said he and the other skiers were thrilled to see Gulmarg covered in white.

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Punjab Police To Face Off Against BSF In AIPHC Final

Observer News Service

JAMMU: On the ninth day of the 72nd All India Police Hockey Championship, organized by J&K Police, two semifinal matchups were played at KK Hakku Stadium here on Wednesday.

In the first semifinal, Punjab Police defeated CISF 3-2 in a penalty shootout,

In the second semifinal, BSF defeated CRPF in a penalty shootout 4-2. The match ended in a 1-1 draw, with goals from BSF's Kanwarpal Singh and CRPF's Lovejeet Singh.

Manish Kumar was awarded player of the match by chief guest Mahendra Nath Tiwari - IPS, IGP AP/IRP Jammu.



after the match ended in a goalless draw. Punjab Police converted three shootouts, whereas the CISF team converted only two.

Player of the match was declared Paras Malhotra, goal keeper of the winning team, was declared player of the match for his excellent performance during the shootout.

Sargun Shukla - IPS CO IRP - 15TH BN was the chief guest on the occasion.

In the women's category, Odisha Police defeated Tamil Nadu Police in a penalty shootout after a 1-1 draw.

In the second women's game on Wednesday, CRPF beat SSB 2-0.

On Thursday, the tournament will witness its final match between Punjab Police and BSF, with kick off at 1:45 PM. A Hard Line match between CISF and CRPF will be held at 9:30 AM.

2024 T20 WC Chief Promises Fans A Time To Remember

Agencies

NEW YORK: The Twenty20 World Cup in June will be an unforgettable party with strong Caribbean flavours that will help plant cricket firmly in the US sporting landscape, tournament director Fawwaz Baksh said.

Six Caribbean countries will co-host the tournament along with the United States, a market which cricket's powerbrokers see as crucial if it is to flourish beyond Commonwealth countries and become a truly global game.

New York, Miami and Dallas will host a combined 16 matches and Baksh is convinced the best way to inject cricket into a packed U.S. sports market is by making the global showpiece a grand party.

"When you pair up West Indies and USA, it's a recipe for success," the Guyanese sports administrator told Reuters.

"We in the West Indies are known for a great time, we're known for the party atmosphere. When fans come here and watch the games, they should expect that. So come here to watch great cricket, but come here also to have a great experience."

Demand for tickets has been encouraging. Since the public ballot was launched last week more than 1.2 million applications from 126 countries were received within the first 48 hours, Baksh said.

That included 900,000 from the US and West Indies.



"Introducing cricket into the US, which is a new market to us, we weren't quite sure what the response would be," he added.

"We know there are quite a lot of expats in the United States and people from all across the world are interested in cricket."

"But to see this kind of response, it's very encouraging."

The ninth edition of the T20 World Cup will be the biggest yet, with the increase to 20 teams from 16 opening up a wider pool of ex-

patriate fans in the United States.

Poor attendance figures marred the 50-overs World Cup when it was staged in West Indies in 2007 but Baksh said Caribbean administrators had learned their lesson.

Ticket prices for this year's tournament start at only \$6.

"If you want to introduce the sport in the US, if you want to revitalise cricket in the West Indies, you have to get the fans here," he said.

"And the only way you can get the fans here is by making

tickets attractive, making them accessible."

The 43-year-old believes the World Cup can set the standard for future global tournaments.

"We all wanted this tournament here, and we all want to capitalise on it," Baksh said.

"When the tournament is over, people all across the world will say 'T20 World Cup should only be hosted in the West Indies and the U.S.'"

"That's our goal and that's what we're going to make it."

Messi Plays In Tokyo Friendly, But Inter Miami Lose



Agencies

TOKYO: After leaving fans disappointed in Hong Kong, Lionel Messi put in a 30-minute appearance in Tokyo on Wednesday in Inter Miami's latest exhibition match in Asia - although he still left some supporters wanting more.

Messi came off the bench for the final half hour, energized his teammates and probably had the best chance of the match in the 80th with two point-blank shots that were both stopped by the Vissel Kobe defence.

After a 0-0 draw in regulation, the match went to penalty kicks and

Vissel won the shootout 4-3. Messi did not take a penalty, however, which brought jeers from the crowd of 28,614 in Tokyo's National Stadium, which seats 68,000.

But, it wasn't close to the level of booring that broke out in Hong Kong after Messi stayed on the bench for the entire game with a groin injury. Some fans demanded refunds.

The Argentina star was contrite in a rare press conference in Tokyo on Tuesday as he addressed the public relations disaster. He had said he wasn't sure whether he would be fit enough to play in Tokyo and left fans guessing until he

started warming up in the second half - drawing loud cheers from the crowd. Vissel hit the post twice in the first half and had by far the best chances in a match it largely dominated.

The match in Tokyo wrapped up Inter Miami's global promotional tour - stretching from El Salvador to Dallas into Saudi Arabia and Hong Kong and ending in Tokyo.

Inter won only one of the six games. The Miami pre-season wraps up on February 16 in Florida against Newell's Old Boys, Messi's boyhood club from Rosario, Argentina. Many expect him to finish his career there.