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# 'Extended Wet Spell' Forecast **Kashmir In Line For A Snowy Weekend**



#### **Observer News Service**

Weatherman on Srinagar: Wednesday forecast "extended wet spell" in Jammu and Kashmir from Saturday night onwards till afternoon of February 21.

"A couple of moderate to intense Ŵestern Disturbances most likely to affect J&K and adjoining areas from February 17 afternoononwards," a meteorological department official said.

Under the influence of the weather Systems, he said, an "extended wet spell" is likely from February 17 (night) onwards till February 21 (Afternoon) most likely over J&K and adjoining areas.

In Kashmir Valley, he said, partly to generally cloudy with possibility of light snow at isolated higher reaches is expected towards late Saturday night.

On February 18, he said, generally cloudy weather with possibility of light to moderate rain and

**M** Ahmad

#### snow is expected at many places. From February 19-20, he said, there is possibility of light to moderate rain and snow at most places (plains and lower reaches) with possibility of heavy snowfall over middle and higher reaches of Kupwara, Baramulla, Bandipora, Ganderbal, Badgam,

there is possibility of light to moderate snow at many places till afternoon and late afternoon and gradual improvement thereafter. Regarding Jammu division, he said, there is a possibility of light rain and snow at many

to moderate rain with thunder/ lightning in plains of Jammu Division with light to moderate snowfall over higher reaches and heavy snowfall over isolated higher | More on P6

# 'Minimum Govt, Maximum Governance' Has Been My Mantra: PM

Bats For Global Adoption Of Inclusive, Corruption Free Governments

#### **Press Trust Of India**

Dubai: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said the world today needs governments that are inclusive and free from corruption, as he asserted that his mantra over the years has been 'minimum government, maximum governance'. Addressing

the World Governments Summit here on the second day of this visit to the UAE, Modi said that the government should interfere as little as possible in the lives of people.

"I believe that people should neither feel the absence of a government, but at the same time, nor should there be pressure from the government," he said while stressing the mantra of 'minimum government, maximum governance'.



ment has increased. "People have trust in the as little as possible in the lives of people," he said. intent and commitment of The Prime Minister noted the Indian government. This in the last few years in India, was possible | More on P6

**PEOPLE SHOULD NEITHER FEEL** the absence of a government, but at the same time, nor should there be pressure from the government."

## 'Selling MBBS Seats In Pakistan'

# ED Arrests Hurriyat leader, 2 In **Money Laundering Case**

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The Enforcement Directorate has formally arrested three people, including a Hurrivat leader, in a money laundering case for their alleged involvement in selling MBBS seats in Pakistan and funding terror activities in Jammu and Kashmir, an official

said on Wednesday. Hurriyat leader Mohammad Akbar Bhat and Fatima Shah of Srinagar and Sabzzar Ahmad Sheikh of Anantnag are already in jail after their arrest more than five years ago by the



handlers Manzoor Ahmad Shah and Altaf Ahmad Bhat, who aradmissions in MBBS ranged

(CBI-Cases), Kashmir, Srinagar. In May 2022, the special NIA court in Srinagar had framed charges against Bhat, who is the chairman of the Hurrivat conference 'Salvation Movement', and seven others for selling Pakistani MBBS seats to fund terror activities.

The SIA had on July 27, 2020, registered the case against the "unscrupulous persons" who were hand in glove with some educational consultancies for arranging admission of residents of Jammu and Kashmir in MBBS and other profesges inPULWAMA ATTACK ANNIVERSARY

### PM, HM, LG **Pay Homage To Slain CRPF Men**

Narendra Modi 🍏 pay homage to the brave heroes who were martyred i Pulwama. Their service and sacrifice for our nation wil

ma terror attack. The nation wil bted to their exemplary courage

Amit Shah X ow to the va ered. Nation will forever ren lways be rememb ndebted to our bra

**Press Trust Of India** 

Srinagar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday paid tributes to the CRPF personnel killed in a terror attack in Pulwama on this day in 2019. He said on X, "I pay hom-

age to the brave heroes who were martyred in Pulwama. Their service and sacrifice for our nation will always be remembered."

Meanwhile, Union Home Minister Amit Shah alss paid tributes to the 40 CRPF personnel who lost their lives on this day five years ago.

"I bow to the valorous martyrs of Pulwama, who laid down their | More on P6

# Man Gets 10-year Jail For **Raping Minor In 2016**

Child Sexual Abuse Serious Offence **Against Humanity: Court** 

#### **M** Ahmad

**Inaugurates First** 

In Abu Dhabi

**Press Trust Of India** 

**Hindu Stone Temple** 

rime Minister Narendra

inaugurated Abu Dhabi's

Modi on Wednesday

first Hindu stone temple amid

devotional chants and in the

the Swaminarayan sect.

Dressed in a light pink silk

dhoti and kurta paired with a

prime minister participated

in rituals of a ceremony to

dedicate the temple to the

people. The prime minister

also participated in "Global

Aarti", which was performed

simultaneously at over 1,200

sect worldwide built by the

Bochasanwasi | More on P6

temples of the Swaminarayan

sleeveless jacket and stole, the

presence of spiritual leaders of

Observing that Srinagar: child sexual abuse is a serious and heinous offence against the society and humanity, a trial court in north Kashmir's Handwara on Wednesday held a 26-year-old man guilty for raping a 13-year-old girl in 2016 and awarded him ten years rigorous imprisonment

and imposed Rs 50,000 fine. While awarding the sentence, Additional Sessions Court Handwara Umi Kulsoom observed that when a woman is ravished, it is not merely physical injury inflicted upon her but a "deep sense of some deathless shame." "Where a rape is commit-ted on a child below sixteen years of age, the normal sentence which can be awarded is not less than 10 years rigorous



imprisonment," the court said while awarding ten years rigorous imprisonment and fine to the convict. She Ahmad, a resident of Khudi Mawar area of the district. In default of payment of fine, the court said that the convict shall go further six months for simple imprisonment and pay a compensation of Rs.50.000 to the victim and in default whereof to undergo simple imprisonment for a period | More on P6

**Pak Rangers** 

Press Trust Of India

**Ceasefire Along IB** 

Jammu: Pakistan Rangers on

Wednesday violated cease-

fire agreement by resorting to

unprovoked firing at a Border Security Force (BSF) post along

the Internationsal Border here,

border outpost in Makwal re-

taliated befittingly to the firing

from across the border, with

the exchange lasting for over 20

minutes, beginning at 5.50 pm,

BSF personnel manning the

Violated

officials said.

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**Ex-J&K Cooperative Bank** 

Alleged 233 Cr Money Laundering Scam

**Chairman Granted Bail** 

Shopian and Kulgam districts during late afternoon of February 19 to February 20 late night. From February 21, he said,

places on Sunday. From 19th-20th Feb, there is possibility of intermittent light

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has granted bail to former J&K Co-operative Bank chairman Mohammad Shafi Dar, nearly eleven weeks after he was arrested by Enforcement Directorate in an alleged money laundering case involving Rs 233 crore.

Having reserved its verdict on January 15 this year, a bench of Justice Rahul Bharti granted bail to Dar, observing that he has ceased to be the chairman of J&K State Cooperative Bank since 2020 and as such that denudes him from any position to influence any aspect relatable to the case.

In addition, the court said, Dar's sickness is also a ground persuading it to grant him bail.

'The court of Special Judge Anti-Corruption (CBI cases) Srinagar, brushed aside the aspect of matter with respect to reported sickness of the petitioner (Dar) saying that the heart related medical condition of the petitioner can be investigated even when the petitioner is suffering arrest



custody. There is no denying the fact that the petitioner (Dar) is 63 years old person and at this stage of life any health deteriorating condition if neglected that too in a state of custody can cause complications," the court said, adding, " .... There is a medical reference on record to prima facie establish that the petitioner is having heart related complication which the petitioner in exercise of his fundamental right to personal liberty is well within his right to get it treated to the best of his resources and discretion and in that regard the public exchequer can

Jammu and Kashmir Police's State Investigation Agency (SIA) in a terror funding case. Bhat, Shah and Sheikh were arrested on Tuesday under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) provisions for their involvement in terror financing and being hand in glove with Pakistani

and other courses in colleges in Pakistan for students from Jammu and Kashmir, a spokesperson of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) said.

The official said the accused have been remanded to the ED's custody till February 20by the court of Special Judge Anti-Corruption Bureau stitutions and universities in Pakistan

"The ED had initiated the money laundering investigation on the basis of the FIR registered by the J-K Police for offences under various sections of the Unlawful Activity (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the Indian Penal | More on P6

# After 17 Years, National Insurance To **Compensate Quake Victims**

#### Agencies

Srinagar: In response to a complaint lodged with the erstwhile State Consumer Protection Commission Jammu on March 27, 2006, against National Insurance Company Limited, regarding deficiency of service and unfair trade practice, the District Consumer **Disputes Redressal Commission** (DCDRC) Baramulla/Bandipora on Wednesday passed a



judgment in favour of the consumers after 17 years.

The judgment mandates the company to pay a sum of Rs. 6 lakhs towards the complainants along with an interest of 10% from the date of filing the complaint within 4 weeks time. The judgment also directs the insurance company to pay Rs. 50 thousand towards the complainant for causing mental and physical harassment and litigation charges.

The complaint was lodged by residents of Usman Colony, Khawaja Bagh, whose house sustained damage in | More on P6



#### Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: On February 12, Bashir Ahmad, a wildlife official posted in Central Kashmir's Budgam received a distress call from locals of Ichgam area of the district. They reported a gruesome discovery of a leopard carcass, its body tragically 'mutilated'.

Ahmad along with other officials from the wildlife department rushed to the area and found that the dead leopard had missing body parts.

The team was shocked to find that the genitals, nails, and tail of the leopard had been mutilated by the perpetrators.

"In my 15 years of service, I have never seen such a case," recalls Ahmad.

The carcass of the leopard was shifted to Dachigam, Srinagar for post-mortem to ascertain the cause of its death. However wildlife officials believe that it might be a natural death or an encounter with another leopard.

"Killing a leopard isn't a cakewalk for a human being. The eye of the leopard was found damaged. But we are waiting for the post-mortem, that will clear the air," Ahmad told Kashmir Observer.

An official of the wildlife department said that the Leopard body parts are used in traditional medicine to treat various ailments, although there is no scientific evidence to support their efficacy.



He said certain beliefs and superstitions attribute special powers or qualities to leopard body parts like gaining strength, overcoming fear etc.

Ahmad also echoed the same opinion, saying that locals believe the leopard's body parts are utilized for black magic and enchantment.

The practice of black magic, locally known as 'sehar,' has persisted through the ages, casting a shadow over Kashmir's spiritual landscape.

In Kashmiri culture, black magic is often associated with superstitions, myths, and rituals passed down through generations. It is perceived as a potent tool for settling scores, seeking revenge, or gaining power and control over others.

Altaf Husaain Dentoo, Wildlife Warden, Wetlands told Kashmir Observer that cause of the death, according to the postmortem reports is the 'rupturing of the spleen'.

"Some body parts have been missing but it's not the case of poaching. We have started the investigation to ascertain the facts," Dentoo said.

It's worth noting that according to Sections 428 and 429 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, any act of killing, poaching, maiming, poisoning, or torturing an animal constitutes a cognizable offense, mandating the immediate filing of an FIR at the local police station.

Dentoo said that leopard is listed under Schedule I of the wildlife act and the trading of his body parts is a very serious offense.

The penalty for such offenses include rigorous imprisonment for up to five years, a fine, or both. In recent times, wildlife trade has surged in Jammu and

Kashmir, while officials have taken insufficient | More on P6

officials said. They said there was no casualty or damage on the Indian side. Last year, on the intervening night of November 8-9, a BSF

jawan was killed in Pakistan Rangers firing in Ramgarh sector of Samba district -- the first death on this side since February 25, 2021, when a renewed ceasefire was agreed upon by the two countries.

Earlier on October 26, two BSF personnel and a woman were injured in cross-border firing in Arnia sector of Jammu, while another BSF jawan was injured in a similar incident on October 17.

Officials said senior officers are monitoring the situation and the security personnel deployed all along the IB have been asked to remain on high alert.

The ceasefire violation comes at a time when Jammu and Kashmir administration is preparing for | More on P6



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### NOTICE

I Atif Ali Mir S/o Dr G.m. Mir R/o Jan Mohalla Lal Bazar am share holder of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited Folio No JKB042395 I have lost these Share Certificate while travelling from shiraz Chowk Khanyar to Babadam Srinagar On dated 13-2-2024. if any one has found it Kindly contact.

#### 9797978606. Media Line

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

My name has been wrongly written in my Jammu & Kashmir bank account as Badar Ahmad Malik while my correct name is Abdul Bari Malik which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the Office of the Branch Manager JK Bank Soibug within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Abdul Bari Malik Cell No: +91 88250 08281 pd

#### **Government Of Jammu & Kashmir** Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri

(Executive Magistrate 1st Class) Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed Birth/ Death certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar has submitted case file pertaining to Birth of SEHRISH ISHFAQ D/O ISHFAQ AHMAD KHAN R/O DOLIPORA Tehsil Kreeri Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth, as 24/04/2019 and event has been shown to be occured at home for issuance of delay order . In this connection . if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of birth certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertaine **Executive Magistrate 1st Class** kri

#### Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Tehsildar Kreeri (Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagoora)/ chokedar has submitted case file pertaining to Birth of AMIR ALI DEADER S/O MANZOOR AHMAD DEADER R/O BANDI BALA Tehsil Kreeri Distt. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth, as 15/02/2010and event has been shown to be occured at home for issuance of delay order .In this connection . if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of birth certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertaine

# SAVE PRECIOUS LIFE

Health is one of the major blessings of Almighty Allah. But when someone suffers health related issues he gets involved physically, mentally and financially. In one such case Kashmir's one of the senior journalists Tahir Ahmad Dar is suffering from prolonged liver disease due to which he and his family is deeply anguished. The doctors have advised Dar to go for liver transplant so that his life can be saved. Despite spending huge money on the treatment so far he requires an amount of Rs. 30 lakhs for the liver transplant which he can't bear anymore. Therefore it is an appeal for the general public, especially the media fraternity to donate some amount so that the life of senior journalist Tahir Dar can be

\*Narayana Health

saved

NSHG/LTP/2024/SGU108 Date: 27.01.2024 To Whom It May Co

Patient Name: Tahir Ahmad Dar J&K Bank: Branch Amira Kadal Bank account number: 0002040100019305 MICR No:190051003ST **IFSC Code: JAKAOSQUARE** Phone No: 9906569506

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I Tauseef Ahmad Mir S/O Ab Rashid Mir R/O Saloosa kreeri Baramulla hereby wants to apply for the DOB certificate of my daughter namely Aisha Tauseef whose DOB is 02-08-2022. If anybody has objection regarding the same, than he/she may entertain the same in the office of Tehsildar Kreeri/BDO wagoora within the period of seven days. No objection will be accepted after this

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

#### SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 12th session Annual 2013 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars



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Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the some before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is teated as cancelled.

Sd/ Assistant Secretary Board Of School Education Sub Office Bandipora

ازدفتر نائب تحصيلدار كرري الكنتره بااجلاس نائب بخصيلدركريرى اكلنتره درخواست منجانب عبدهميد دارولد سناولله دارساكنه ككوتفل ساكنه بمراد حصول

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The DOB in my passport bearing no J3558582 has been wronlgy written as 05-07-1944 while my correct DOB as per Aaadhar is 20-10-1964 which needs to be corrected. if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file the same in the office fo the Regional Passport Office Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Gh Mustafa Mir

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S/o Gh Mohd Mir R/o Danderpora Magam

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The DOB in my passport bearing no J3908213 has been wronlgy written as 10-10-1957 while my correct DOB as per Aaadhar is 25-05-1968 which needs to be corrected. if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file the same in the office fo the Regional Passport Office Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Fatima Bano

W/o Ghulam Mustafa Mir R/o Danderpora Magam

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I have lost the DOB certificate of my ward Khatiba Bint Parvaiz who was born on 09-08-2022. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file the same in the office of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Parvaiz Maqbool Rather F/o Khatiba Bint Parvaiz n

R/o Bagh-i-Firdous Parraypora Sanant Nagar Srinagar

#### From The Office of Advocate **Nassir Hussain Khan And Associates** In the case of:

- 1. Haji Abdul Rehman Ahangar S/o Gh Mohammad Ahangar
- 2. Mushtaq Ahmad Ahangar S/ Abdul Rehman Ahangar
- 3. Mohammad Ashraf Ahangar S/o Abdul Rehman Ahangar
- 4. Ferroz Ahmad Ahangar S/o Abdul Rehman Ahangar

R/o Hyder Colony Upper Soura Versus

> Public at large (NON-CAVEATOS)

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A The Caveator has reason to believe that Non-Caveators may file any Application, Petition, Appeal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hob'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrpresentation and cooked story and may seed in obtaining some relief/order at their back /in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveator be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order. Sd/advocate ni

ازعدالت ایڈیشنل ڈسٹر کٹ جج (بنک مقدمات) سرینگر بااجلاس:اروندشرما J&K Bank B/U Amira Kadal Sgr بنام

#### **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 1)**

2nd Floor SCO 33-34-35 Sector-17 A, Chandigarh Case No.: TA/153/2023 Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A)

of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993. Exh. No.: 20021

JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK LIMITED

VS **M/S SHALIMAR GARLICS** 

ABIDALI BAZAZ (1) S/O ALI MOHAMMAD BAZAZ R/O SHAMASABAD BEMINA SRINAGAR

SUMONS WHEREAS, TA/153/2023 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar

on 21/11/2023. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 6064487.16/- (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendant are directed as under:-

- to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why (i) relief prayed for should not be granted;
- (ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
- you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or (iii) such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
- you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the (iv) ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified o disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application withou the prior approval of the Tribunal;
- you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of (v) secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest ove such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 26/02/2024 at 10:30A.M failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absen Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 22.11.2023

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summor Note: Strike out whichever is no applicable

<b>PUBLIC</b>	NOTICE
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I have applied for the issuance of Pesticides License under name and style SR. Pesticides and Fertilizers Pinioora Shopian. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file the same in the office of the Plant Protection Officer Lalmandi Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Shafie Mukhtar S/o Mukhtar Ahmad Dar fko

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

R/o Pinioora Shopian

I have applied for the issuance of Fertilizer License under name and style SR. Pesticides and Fertilizers Pinjoora Shopian. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file the same in the office of the Chief Agriculture Officer Shopian within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Shafie Mukhtar S/o Mukhtar Ahmad Dar fko R/o Pinjoora Shopian

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AIRPORTS

## **CEO SSCL Reviews ICCC Functioning At** Zainakote HMT

#### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: CEO Srinagar Smart City Ltd. (SSCL), Dr. Owais Ahmed today visited the Integrated Command and Control Center (ICCC) at Zainakote HMT, Srinagar, to gain insights of cutting-edge urban technologies in Srinagar.

During the visit, the CEO engaged in productive discussions with officials of SSCL and all stakeholders, emphasizing the importance of leveraging technology to enhance urban living and address key challenges faced by the city. He expressed enthusiasm for the ongoing initiatives and expressed a commitment to support the vision of transforming Srinagar into a technologically advanced and sustainable city.

ICCC will act as a situation room of integrated city civic operations and creating opportunities for data-driven decision making. Srinagar Smart City aims to secure and increase livability, sustainability, efficiency for all citizens. The Smart City will help to achieve five goals viz. smart mobility. smart economy, smart environment, smart living and smart governance. Dr Owais emphasized

#### on continuous evaluation of the functioning of the Integrated Command & Control Centre for analyzing the impact of citizen centric services viz. Water, Electricity, Mobility, Education,

Healthcare, Environment,

Security and Emergency

Response Mechanism. ICCC enables collation of information and collaborative monitoring, thus helping in the analysis of data for quicker decision making. Intelligent operations capability ensures integrated data visualization, real time collaboration and deep analytics that will help different stakeholders to prepare for emergencies, coordinate and manage response efforts and enhance the ongoing efficiency of city operations.

In addition to the discussions, the CEO SSCL toured the facilities and witnessed firsthand demonstrations of the advanced technologies deployed at the ICCC. The visit provided an opportunity to exchange best practices and explore potential avenues for collaboration between Smart City initiatives and

the local administration.

Smart City's E-Bus Travel **Passengers Caught Without Ticket To Be Penalized** 

#### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: Srinagar City's e-bus transportation system has announced a measure to curb fare evasion and ensure a fair system for commuters, saying those travelling without a ticket or pass will now incur a penalty ten times the legal fare or a flat fine of Rs 500, officials said on Wednesday.

The penalty clauses outlined by the smart city authorities, specify that under Penal Action 178, passengers found travelling without a valid ticket or pass can face fines up to Rs 500.

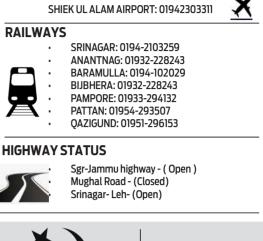
Additionally, penal action 178/1 addresses misbehavior, obstruction to checking officers in the discharge of their duties, and refusal to provide information also carry fines up to Rs 500.

Emphasizing the importance of adherence to fare regulations, officials clarified that the legal fare would be calculated from the originating point to the destination of the commuter's trip.

As per the Srinagar Smart City's intercity E-Bus fare matrix

the fare structure has been established as Up to 0-3 Km: Rs 10, 03-05 Km: Rs 15, 05-10 Km: Rs 20, 10-15 Km: Rs 25, 15-20 Km: Rs 30, 20-25 Km: Rs 35 and 25-30 Km: Rs 40.

The official said that these measures aim to ensure fair payment for transportation services and discourage fare evasion. "Commuters are urged to comply with these regulations to avoid penalties and support the city's efforts toward a reliable and equitable transportation system", said an official.



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#### long time.

**Observer News Service** Srinagar: Residents of Batwara, Srinagar on Wednesday staged a protest against the 'exorbitant' electricity bills, demanding the removal of smart meters or a sub-

stantial reduction in bills. The locals also blockade the National Highway, causing significant traffic disruptions for a

Anguished locals, expressing frustration, said their electricity bills for this month was nothing less than a shock for them as the bill is so high.

"I have never got such a huge electricity bill. The introduction of smart meters has only added to our woes. We demand immediate action from the authorities to

either remove the meters or revise our bills," said one of the protesters

Another resident. Saleema voiced similar concerns, stating, the sudden surge in electricity bills has left many families struggling to make ends meet. It's unfair to burden us with such hefty charges without any plausible explanation.

# In The Court Of Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kaprin

Subject: Application of Gh Mohd Dar S/o Gh Hassan Dar R/o Memnipora tehsil and District Shoplan for registration of event of Death (delayed entry) of his Mother namely Zaiba Begum

PUBLICATION NOTICE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC Whereas the applicant named above has filed present application for Issuance of death certificate of his Mother \_ with of death as 01-03-1969 date

As such notice is issued in the name of general public that in case anybody has any objections regarding the entry of death record of applicant's Sons 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 14-02-2024
Executive Magistrate
1st Class Kaprir

email; exenrajbaghsgr@gmail.com

#### PRAYERS FAJR 5:52 HIJRI ZUHR 12:45 CALENDAR ASR 4:35 04 Shaban 6:17 Magrib 1445 ISHA 7:39

### This Day In History

- 1563- Russian troops occupy Polotsk Lithuania 1637- Ferdinand III succeeds Ferdinand II as Holy Roman Emperor
- 1676- Isaac Newton writes to Robert Hooke "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants" (O.S. 5 Feb)
- 1677- King Charles II reports anti-French covenant with Netherlands
- 1763- Austria, Prussia & Saxony sign the Treaty of Hubertusburg, marking the end of the French and Indian War and of the Seven Years' War
- 1775- Angelo Braschi chosen as Pope Pius VI 1799-1st US printed ballots authorized,
- Pennsylvania
- 1804- New Jersey becomes last northern state to abolish slavery
- 1830- Beginning of the famous debate between French naturalists Georges Cuvier and Étienne Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire on animal structure
- 1842-1st adhesive postage stamps in US (private delivery company), NYC
- 1851- Black abolitionists invade Boston courtroom rescuing a fugitive slave
- 1852- Great Ormond St Hospital for Sick Children, London, admits 1st patient
- 1869- Charges of Treason against Jefferson Davis are dropped
- 1876- Historic Elm at Boston blown down
- 1898- USS Maine sinks in Havana harbor, cause unknown, 258 sailors die

# In The Court Of Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kaprin

Subject: Application of Mohd Yousuf Ganie S/O Gh Hassan Ganie R/O Zaipora tehsil and District Shoplan for registration of event of Birth (delayed entry) of his Daughter namely Seerat Yousuf

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**Executive Magistrate** 1st Class Kaprin

Phoen: 0194-2310283

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#### **EXTENSION NOTICE 6th**

Sub:- Construction of 125 mm machine drilled hand pump at New Colony Futlipora Nursery District Budgam.

Due to "No Response" for the above mentioned works advertised vide E.NIT No.49/JS-PHE/GWDS/Mech. of 2023-24, issued under No:- JS- PHE/GWDS/Corrs./8556-70, Dated: 21-12-2023.

Which was scheduled to be downloaded till 12-02-2024 (02.00PM) are extended as per the details given below:-

\$	S.No.	Item	Fresh Date
1		Period of submission of bids	20-02-2024 up-to 02.00PM
Z	2.	Date of opening of tenders	21-02-2024 11.00AM

NOTE:-

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#### All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the aforesaid e- NIT.

No: - JS-PHE/GWDS/Corrs./10136-45 DIPK-16419/23 Dated: - 14-02-2024

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Visit us at www.awhosena.in 6.3 6.4. A Demand Survey for Srinagar City (J&K) for 6.5. Group Housing project is being carried out by AWHO from 15 February, 2024 to 31 July, 2024. For more details please visit AWHO website www.awhosena.in. **AWHO Management** 

### **Office Of The Executive Engineer** (R&B) Division Rajbagh Srinagar.

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Lal Mandi, Near L.D. Hospital Srinagar- 190008.

#### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

#### E-NIT No.89/R&B/RAJ of 2023-24 issued under Endorsement No.7251-61 Dated:14.02.2024.

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

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Ru- pees in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees )	Earnest Money (In Rupees )	Time of comple- tion	Major Head	Class of Contractor
1	Upgradation of Seed Pathology Laboratory Lal Mandi Srinagar.	8.45 incl. Cost of Material +GST)	600/-	16900/-	30 Days	4401-Agriculture	CEE/DEE

Position of AAA: Accorded Order No. 139/P&S of 2023 Dated: 23.11.2023. Position of TS: `68 of 2023-24 Dated:02-2024 Position of Funds: Available/Committed/Budgeted

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	14.02.2024.
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	15.02.2024 from 10:00 AM
3	Bid submission Start Date	15.02.2024 from 10:00 AM
4	Bid Submission End Date	20.02.2024Upto 04.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	21.02.2024 at 11.00PM in the office of Executive
		Engineer R&B Division Rajbagh Srinagar.

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan under M.H-0059 in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division RajbaghSrinagar(tender inviting authority)(The Date of Treasury Challanshould be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division RajbaghSrinagar (Tender Receiving Authority)

At the time of tendering, all the bidders must upload Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)/Bid Security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the Tender Receiving Authority i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Rajbagh Srinagar (The date of Earnest money should be between Date of Start of bid and bid submission End date). The successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% of allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR/BGat the time of contract award. The Earnest Money/Bid Security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 5% of the total allotted cost which will be released under rules after successful completion of the DLP.

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 on 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 Division Rajbagh Srinagar (Tender Receiving Authority).

- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www. 6.1. jktenders.gov.into acquaint bid submission process.

- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can 6.2 get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
  - The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
  - Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
  - Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.
- The bid is liable to be rejected if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in the NIT.
  - All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double Agreement Form).

No.7251-61 DIPK-16444/23 Dated:14.02.2024

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- 1900- Boer War: Siege of Kimberley broken by British troops under Lieutenant-General John French after a 124 day siege. Kimberley defense led by Cecil Rhodes.
- 1906-British Labour Party founded
- 1918- US army troop ship torpedoed & sunk by Germany off Ireland
- 1922- Marconi begins regular broadcasting transmissions from Essex
- 1933 President-elect Franklin Roosevelt survives assassination attempt
- 1936 Hitler announce building of Volkswagens (the People's Car, aka the Kaefer/beetle)
- 1939 German battleship Bismarck was launched
- 1942 German U-boat shells Antillian oil refinery
- 1942 Japanese troops march into Palembang, South Sumatra
- 1942 -WWII: British ruled Singapore surrenders to the Japanese
- 1944 891 British bombers attack Berlin
- 1944 Attack begins at Monte Cassino monastery, Italv
- 1948 Mao Zedong's army occupies Yenan.
- 1955 1st pilot plant to produce man-made diamonds announced.
- 1956 Pirates & KC As cancel an exhibition game in Birmingham Alabama, because of local ordinance barring black from playing against white.
- 1959 Antonio Segni forms Italian government
- 1965 Canada replaces Union Jack flag with Maple Leaf
- 1965 Maple Leaf becomes official flag of Canada
- 1966 -KeesVerkerk becomes world champion allround skater
- 1967 1st anti-bootleg recording laws enacted
- 1970 Dominican DC-9 crashes into sea at Santo Domingo, kills 102
- 1970 Nationalists disrupt UN session on Congo
- 1971 After 1,200 years Great Britain abandons pence & shilling system for decimal currency
- 1973 USSR launches Prognoz 3 to study sun (589/200,300 km)
- 1977 Social-democrats win Danish parliamentary election
- 1984 500,000 Iranian soldiers move into Iraq
- 1985 STS 51-E vehicle moves to launch pad
- 1985 World chess championship match abandoned-Karpov 25, Kasparov 23.
- 1989 Israel attacks border strip Taba near Egypt 1989 - Soviet military occupation of Afghanistan ends

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1993 - Bombings by mafia drug lords kill 14 in Bogota, Colombia

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# Yet another farmers' march

housands of farmers from Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh are currently marching towards New Delhi, demanding the government address crucial issues affecting the agricultural sector. Spearheaded by the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM), and Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee, the protest seeks to draw attention to the challenges faced by farmers and the unfulfilled promises made by the government.

The farmers' primary demands include legal guarantees for a Minimum Support Price (MSP), which acts as a safety net for the farming community. The MSP ensures farmers receive a fair price for their produce, providing financial stability amid market uncertainties. The farmers are calling for the MSP to be fixed at least 50 percent higher than the cost of production for any crop, a measure aimed at securing their economic well-being.

The protesters also oppose the planned privatization of the electricity sector, which currently provides subsidized electricity to farmers. Access to affordable electricity is crucial for reducing input costs and sustaining agricultural activities. Moreover, the farmers are demanding waivers of farm loans, a rollback of policies perceived as detrimental to their interests, and compensation for those who lost their lives during the 2020-2021 protests.

The farmers express discontent with the government's failure to address the longstanding issue of farmer suicides, driven by debt resulting from crop failures. Climate change-induced extreme weather and dwindling water sources further compound the challenges faced by the agricultural community.

Despite previous protests leading to the repeal of three controversial farm laws in 2021, farmers accuse Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government of reneging on promises made during the 2020-2021 demonstrations. The current protests also highlight concerns about attempts by BJP-ruled states to reintroduce similar laws through alternative means, raising fears among the farming community.

The government's response has been met with opposition, with negotiations yielding limited results. The fortification of Delhi and Haryana borders, coupled with the use of tear gas and other measures, has intensified tensions between farmers and authorities.

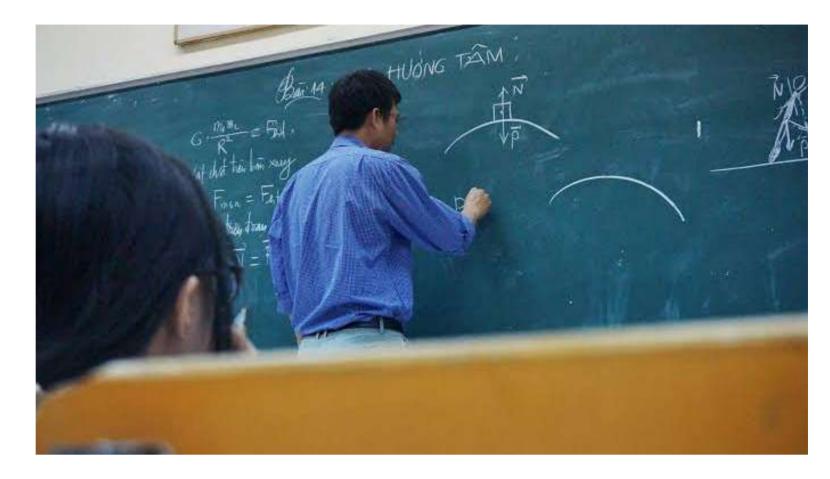
As the country approaches a general election, the protests could have political ramifications. Farmers, constituting a significant voting bloc, are disillusioned with what they perceive as anti-farmer policies. The BJP government, recognizing the political implications, recently conferred the nation's highest civilian honors on former Prime Minister Chaudhury Charan Singh and agriculture leader MS Swaminathan in an attempt to garner support.

The ongoing farmers' march is a poignant reminder of the deep-rooted issues plaguing India's agriculture sector. It underlines the urgency for comprehensive reforms to address the financial woes of farmers and ensure the sustainability of this critical sector that significantly contributes to the nation's economy. The government must engage in sincere dialogue, consider the farmers' demands, and work towards implementing lasting solutions to foster a sustainable agriculture production.

#### OTHER OPINON



# The Curse of Being Overqualified and Underpaid



Dr Mudasir Ahmad Gori

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#### **The colleges of** Kashmir, supposed bastions of learning and enlightenment, should ideally be the harbinger of progress and prosperity for the youth.

of progress and prosperity for the youth However, reality paints a starkly different picture. Despite their qualifications and dedication, these n the picturesque valley of Kashmir, where the mountains stand tall and the rivers flow with serenity, lies a silent struggle that often goes unnoticed amidst the beauty. It's the struggle of the educated youth, particularly those working in colleges, who despite their qualifications, are relegated to meager salaries and constant victimization.

These educated youth, armed with degrees and aspirations, find themselves trapped in a vicious cycle of underemployment and exploitation. Many of them have dedicated years to pursue higher education, often against the backdrop of conflict and uncertainty, only to find themselves undervalued and underpaid in their own homeland.

The colleges of Kashmir, supposed bastions of learning and enlightenment, should ideally be the harbinger of progress and prosperity for the youth. However, reality paints a starkly different picture. Despite their qualifications and dedication, these educators are offered paltry salaries that barely suffice to make ends meet.

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Many of these educators struggle to make ends meet, facing challenges in providing for their families and planning for their futures. The emotional toll of being undervalued and overlooked takes a heavy toll on their mental well-being, further exacerbating their plight.

Moreover, the underpayment and victimization of educated youth have broader implications for society as a whole. When the educators, who play a crucial role in shaping the minds of the future generation, are undervalued and demotivated, the quality of education suffers. This perpetuates a vicious cycle of underdevelopment, hindering the progress and prosperity of the entire region.

It is imperative for the concerned authorities to acknowledge the plight of these educated youth and take proactive measures to address their grievances. They deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, commensurate with their qualifications and contributions to education.

The followings things may be taken into consideration: Implementation of UGC Norms:

promotion processes is essential to recognize and reward the contributions of educated youth based on merit. Establishing clear criteria and procedures for recruitment and promotion can help mitigate issues of favoritism and nepotism.

Financial Assistance Programs: Introducing financial assistance programs, such as scholarships, grants, and low-interest loans, can provide relief to educators facing financial hardships. These programs can help cover expenses related to housing, healthcare, education, and other essential needs.

Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanisms: Implementing robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to oversee the implementation of reforms and ensure accountability is vital. This could involve establishing oversight committees, conducting regular audits, and soliciting feedback from educators and other stakeholders.

Collaboration with Academic Institutions: Collaborating with academic institutions, both within Kashmir and at the national level, can facilitate knowledge sharing

T cannot obviously procure the entire produce brought by farmers to the mandis. Nor can it enforce MSP on private trade. The latter will choose to not purchase at all if asked to pay more than the prevailing supply-anddemand determined rate. A third option could be the trade buying at the market-clearing price and the government transferring the difference between it and the higher MSP to farmers' bank accounts. But that requires generating data on how much of produce each farmer has sold and at what price. It, in turn, creates scope for market manipulation: The trade may convince farmers to sell at below normal equilibrium price and make the government foot the higher difference vis-à-vis the MSP.

Simply put, guaranteeing MSP through legislation will result in a logistical nightmare at best and fiscal disaster at worst. It's true that farming is a business with high price as well as production risks, more so with the growing vagaries of climate change. But the solution for production loss whether due to dry weather, unseasonal rain or pest attack - lies in crop insurance and timely payout of claims. Prices, on the other hand, basically reflect what the market wants. Cost-plus MSPs oblivious to demand conditions would only distort farmers' production decisions, leading to over-supply of some crops and under-supply of others. The net outcome is more, not less, price volatility. What farmers probably require is a minimum income support — MIS, not MSP. That can be given via per-acre or per-farmer direct benefit transfers. Assured of a minimum income, they can make informed market-driven decisions on what crops to grow. The current MSP regime is encouraging farmers to mainly plant wheat, rice and sugarcane. An MIS, in combination with a phase-out of water, electricity and fertiliser subsidies, will induce much-needed crop diversification.

The government must engage with the protesting farmers. The approach of confrontation — from sealing state borders with cement barricades and drilling iron nails into roads to deploying drones for dropping teargas shells — is not going to help. Farm agitations aren't new to India. The capital itself has seen much bigger mobilisations before, including Mahendra Singh Tikait's famous week-long rally of half-amillion cane growers at the Boat Club lawns in October 1988. Governments of those times could handle such demonstrations without over-reaction. The Narendra Modi government should learn from its own experience of the farm laws. If it had emphasised dialogue more, and not treated marchers as anti-national/criminals, it may not have had to repeal those well-intended laws. It should not repeat the mistake.

The Indian Express

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plaguing these educated youth is the lack of consideration from the concerned government or concerned officials. Instead of being recognized for their qualifications and contributions to education, they are subjected to constant victimization and neglect.

The disparity between their qualifications and their salaries is glaring, especially when compared to the standards set by the University Grants Commission (UGC). According to UGC norms, educators should be remunerated based on their qualifications and experience. However, in Kashmir, these norms are often disregarded, leaving the educated youth disillusioned and disheartened.

The consequences of this neglect extend beyond financial hardship.

The first step is to ensure that the salaries of educators in Kashmir's colleges are in line with the University Grants Commission (UGC) norms. This would involve conducting a comprehensive review of existing salary structures and making necessary adjustments to align with UGC guidelines.

Dialogue and Engagement: Facilitating constructive dialogue between educators, government authorities, and relevant stakeholders is crucial. This could be achieved through regular meetings, forums, and roundtable discussions to address concerns, exchange ideas, and work towards finding sustainable solutions.

Merit-Based Recruitment and Promotion: Ensuring transparency and fairness in recruitment and and exchange of best practices in education governance and management. This collaboration can lead to innovative solutions and strategies to address the challenges faced by educated youth in Kashmir.

The story of the educated youth in Kashmir is a tale of unfulfilled aspirations and untapped potential. It's a story that highlights the urgent need for reform and recognition in the education sector. Until then, the struggle continues for these educators who dream of a brighter future amidst the shadows of neglect and indifference.

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# Prioritising Limited Screen Time for Children's Well-being

am writing to address an urgent concern that affects the well-being and development of our younger generation – the excessive screen time that children are exposed to in today's digital age. It is essential that we recognize the potential risks associated with unrestricted screen time and take proactive steps to ensure a healthier balance between technology use and real-world experiences. In recent years, the proliferation of screens in our lives has been remarkable, providing us with unprecedented access to information and entertainment. However, the impacts on children are increasingly worrying. Extended screen time has been linked to various issues, such as disrupted sleep patterns, sedentary lifestyles, and even negative effects on mental health. The potential consequences are not to be taken lightly, as they can have far-reaching implications for the physical, cognitive, and emotional development of our youth. To address this concern, parents, educators, and policymakers must work together to establish guidelines and

boundaries for children's screen time. Encouraging outdoor activities, physical play, and face-to-face interactions should be prioritized to promote healthy growth and social skills. Moreover, educational initiatives that teach children about responsible technology use can help them develop the necessary skills to navigate the digital world safely and thoughtfully. As a society, we must recognize that screens are a tool, not a substitute for genuine human interactions and experiences. By setting limits on screen time and offering alternative activities, we can empower children to lead more balanced lives and develop essential life skills that extend beyond the virtual realm. In conclusion, it is crucial that we address the issue of excessive screen time among children. By fostering a culture of balanced technology use, we can ensure a brighter future for our youth, one that promotes their holistic development and well-being.

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# A New Renaissance in Information Technology

#### Mohammad Hanief

Technology today is evolving at a rapid pace, enabling faster change and progress, causing an acceleration of the rate of change. However, it is not only technology trends and emerging technologies that are evolving, a lot more has changed, making IT professionals realize that their role will not stay the same in the contactless world tomorrow. And an IT professional in 2024 will constantly be learning, unlearning, and relearning (out of necessity, if not desire). What does this mean for you?

What does this mean for you? It means staying current with emerging technologies and latest technology trends. And it means keeping your eyes on the future to know which skills you'll need to know to secure a safe job tomorrow and even learn how to get there.

Generative AI, a cutting-edge technology, has revolutionized various industries by enabling machines to create content that resembles human-generated work. It encompasses a wide range of applications, from text generation to image synthesis and even music composition. After mastering generative AI, individuals can pursue exciting job roles in fields such as artificial intelligence research, data science, and creative industries. The ever-expanding applications of generative AI promise a bright future for those who master this technology, offering opportunities to shape how we interact and create content in the digital age.

Computing power has already established its place in the digital era, with almost every device and appliance being computerized. And it's here for even more as data science experts have predicted that the computing infrastructure we are building right now will only evolve for the better in the coming years. At the same time, we have 5G already; gear up for an era of 6G with more power in our hands and devices surrounding us. Even better, computing power is generating more tech jobs in the industry but would require specialized qualifications for candidates to acquire.

From data science to robotics and IT management, this field will power the largest percentage of employment in every country. The more computing our devices will need, the more technicians. IT teams relation-



ship managers, and the customer care economy will flourish. One essential branch under this field that you can learn today is RPA, i.e. Robotic Process Automation.

Artificial intelligence has played an essential role in making our world smarter and smoother. It is not just simulating humans but going the extra mile to make our lives hasslefree and simpler. These smarter devices are here to stay in 2024 and even further, as data scientists are working on AI home robots, appliances, work devices, wearables, and so much more! Almost every job needs smart software applications to make our work life more manageable. Smarter devices are another addition to the IT industry that is of high requirement and demand as more companies transform into digital spaces. Almost every higher-level job requires good IT and automation proficiency to thrive.

Datafication is simply transforming everything in our lives into devices or software powered by data. So, in short, Datafication is the modification of human chores and tasks into data-driven technology. From our smartphones, industrial machines, and office applications to Al-powered appliances and everything else, data is here to stay for longer than we can ever remember! So, to keep our data stored correctly and securely and safely, it has become an in-demand specialization in our economy.

Datafication leads to a higher need for IT professionals, data scientists, engineers, technicians, managers, and so much more. Even more useful is that anyone with a sound knowledge of technology can do a certification in data-related specializations to find a job in this space. Data jobs are more about skills than big-level qualifications.

Artificial Intelligence, or AI, has already received a lot of buzz in the past decade. Still, it continues to be one of the new technology trends because of its notable effects on how we live, work and play are only in the early stages. AI is already known for its superiority in image and speech recognition, navigation apps. smartphone personal assistants, ride-sharing apps and so much more.

Other than that, AI will be used further to analyze interactions to determine underlying connections and insights, to help predict demand for services like hospitals enabling authorities to make better decisions about resource utilization, and to detect the changing patterns of customer behaviour by analyzing data in near realtime, driving revenues and enhancing personalized experiences. With AI spreading its wings across sectors, new jobs will be created in development, programming, testing, support and maintenance, to name a few. On the other hand AI also offers some of the highest salaries today!

Machine learning the subset of AI, is also being deployed in all kinds of industries, creating a huge demand for skilled professionals. Forrester predicts AI, machine learning, and automation will create 9 percent of new U.S. jobs by 2025, jobs including robot monitoring professionals, data scientists, automation specialists, and content curators, making it another new techWith people being accommodated and tangled with devices and technologies, confidence and trust have been built towards digital technologies. This familiar digital trust is another vital trend leading to more innovations. With digital conviction, people believe that technology can create a secure, safe and reliable digital world and help companies invent and innovate without worrying about securing the public's confidence

nology trend you must keep in mind too!

Extended reality comprises all the technologies that simulate reality, from Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality to Mixed Reality and everything else in-between. It is a significant technology trend right now as all of us are craving to break away from the so-called real boundaries of the world. By creating a reality without any tangible presence, this technology is massively popular amongst gamers, medical specialists, and retail and modeling. Regarding extended reality, gaming is a crucial area for popular careers that don't require high-level qualifications but rather a passion for online gaming. You can pursue game design, animation or even editing programs to pursue a successful career in this specialization. With papale being accommo

With people being accommodated and tangled with devices and technologies, confidence and trust have been built towards digital technologies. This familiar digital trust is another vital trend leading to more innovations. With digital conviction, people believe that technology can create a secure, safe and reliable digital world and help companies invent and innovate without worrying about securing the public's confidence.

To create a safer space for digital users, cyber security and ethical hacking are the major specializations you can check out. In these two, there is an array of jobs you can discover from junior to senior levels. For ethical hacking, you might have to take up professional certifications, while for cyber security, a diploma or even a master's qualification is sufficient to aim for a high-salary role.

As we stand on the brink of 2024, the technological landscape is evolving at an unprecedented pace. Indeed, tech trends 2024 will not only shape our immediate future but also redefine the very fabric of society and business. Consequently, tech leaders are in a unique position to strategically lay down a roadmap where technology investments help their businesses sustain success amidst uncertainties and pressures.

Organizations need to evaluate the impacts and benefits of the latest technology trends to determine which innovation will have the most significant impact on their success. Consequently, staying abreast of the trends is crucial for anyone looking to maintain a competitive edge in an increasingly digital world.

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An Engineer Who Studies Airborne Particles Shares Some Quick And Easy Techniques

#### Suresh Dhaniyala

I f you live somewhere that gets cold in the winter, you've probably seen cars parked outdoors covered in a thin layer of ice on a chilly morning. But what causes this frost, and how can you get rid of it quickly?

I'm a mechanical engineering professor who studies how water vapor interacts with airborne particles under different atmospheric conditions. Frosty windshields are similar to some of the thermodynamic questions I study in the lab, and they're also a pesky issue that I deal with every winter on my way to work.

#### WINDSHIELD CONDENSATION

The air in Earth's atmosphere always contains a certain amount of water vapor, but there's only so much water vapor the air can hold. Scientists call that limit 100% relative humidity. The dew point refers to the temperature at which relative humidity reaches 100%.

Wet air has high dew point temperature, while dry air has a low dew point temperature. With each degree drop in temperature, the air gets closer to its dew point temperature – or its water vapor carrying capacity. Any cooling after the dew point temperature has been reached causes water to condense onto surfaces, or form into fog.

Overnight, car windshields facing the cold dark sky are radiatively cooled, meaning they release heat



out into their surrounding area in the form of visible and invisible light. As air comes in contact with the cold windshield, it can reach its we dew point temperature. Then, the water vapor condenses onto the the the the tag of tag

windshield. When this radiative cooling drops the temperature on the windshield's surface to below the freezing point, 32 degrees Fahrenheit (zero degrees Celsius), the layer of condensed water on the windshield turns to frost.

#### **DEFROSTING YOUR CAR**

To defrost an icy windshield, you can follow a few different approaches, some of which take longer and require more effort than others.

One option is to directly spray a small amount of warm liquid on the layer of frost to help melt it. For this approach to work, the spray liquid must be hot enough to raise the overall temperature of the frost layer to above the melting point. But the temperature can't be way hotter than the temperature of the glass or you'll crack your windshield.

A better way to melt the ice without damaging your car is to spray your windows with a warm liquid that has a lower freezing point than water, like a mixture of rubbing alcohol and water. This warm mixture will melt the frost layer without heating up the glass, and the resulting liquid layer on the windshield will have a lower freezing point than water. It will remain liquid, and you can wipe it away with your windshield wipers.

Similar alcohol and water mixtures – glycol, for example – are commonly used to maintain the icy surface of skating rinks.

This approach can melt the ice reasonably quickly and easily, without too much effort. You don't even have to turn on your car.

If you have a little more time, you can start the car and run the air defrost system to blow hot air – aim for above 80 degrees Fahrenheit – onto the inside of the windshield. This warms the windshield and will eventually melt the frost layer. Once you see some melting, you can use the windshield wipers to wipe the rest of the ice away.

This option consumes more energy, as your car will have to heat up the windshield, but it doesn't require you to do much.

Using the defrost system to blow warm air toward the windshield will also help to clear the inside of the windshield when it gets fogged up from condensation. Otherwise, if it's dry outside, you can also clear up windshield fog by opening the car window and letting in outside air.

If you are in a hurry or need some exercise, you can use an ice scraper to break up frost on your windshield, creating smaller islands of ice. The windshield wiper can then mechanically dislodge the chunks by moving them around and melting them. This requires more energy on your part, but it doesn't require much from your car.

If you have a relaxed start to your day, you can let the Sun warm the windshield and slowly melt the frost layer for you. This technique saves energy in every way imaginable.

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# KASHMIR OBSERVER® SRINAGAR | THURSDAY | 15.02.2024

#### Kashmir In Line

reaches of Ramban, Poonch, Doda and Kishtwar.

On February 21, he said, light to moderate snow/rain/thunder/lightning is expected over many places till late afternoon and evening and gradual improvement thereafter.

The MeT office also issued an advisory, saying that the system may lead to temporary closure of roads of higher reaches and important passes like Sinthan pass, Mughal Road, Sadhna, Razdan pass, Zojila etc.

"Travellers are advised to plan accordingly," the MeT official said, adding, "farmers are advised to withhold irrigation and fertilizer application and drain out excess water from Orchards and fields during the above period.'

He said a significant drop in day temperature is expected during the period.

Regarding temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of minus 3.0°C against previous night's minus 2.0°C and it was below normal by 3.2°C for the summer capital of J&K for this time of the year.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of minus 2.0°C against minus 1.2°C on the previous night and it was 1.0°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, the MeT official said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 5.2°C against minus 5.4°C on the previous night and it was 0.2°C below normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of minus 0.2°C against minus 0.3°C on the previous night and the temperature was above normal by 1.3°C for the place, the official said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of minus 3.4°C against minus 4.5°C on the previous night and it was 2.2°C below normal there, the official said

Gulmarg, the official said, recorded a low of minus 4.2°C against minus 4.5°C on the previous night and the temperature was above normal by 2.0°C for the famous skiing resort in north Kashmir.

Jammu, he said, recorded a minimum of 8.1°C and it was below normal by 2.0°C for the winter capital of J&K.

Banihal recorded a low of 4.2°C, Batote 0.6°C and Bhaderwah 1.6°C, he said.

As 'Chillai-Kalan', the 40-day harsh period of winter ended on January 29, Kashmir is presently in the middle of 20-day-long winter period called 'Chillai-Khurd' that ends on February 19 and is followed by a 10-day-long period 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold) which starts from February 20 to March 1.

#### Minimum Govt

only because we prioritised public sentiments,' he said.

"Bharat has seen a great transformation in recent times. Be it Bharat's sanitation drive, digital literacy campaign or girl education campaign, the success of each such big goal has been ensured only through people's participation," he added.

Modi said that as chief minister of Gujarat and as Prime Minister he has spent 23 years in government and his principle of 'minimum government, maximum governance'.

The prime minister said his government focused on women-led development, strengthening the financial, social, and political conditions of the Indian women.

Modi said social and financial inclusion has been his government's priority and over 50 crore people were connected to the banking system.

"Social and financial inclusion have remained our government's prime priorities. We have associated over 50 crore people with the banking system...these were the people who didn't have any bank account!'

"Terrorism in various forms is bringing new challenges before humanity every day. Today, climate challenges are becoming widespread with time. On the one hand, there are domestic concerns, on the other hand, the international system seems in disarray," Modi said.

The prime minister said that people need governments today that can provide - Ease of Living, Ease of Justice, Ease of Mobility, Ease of Innovation and Ease of Doing Business.

In his remarks, Modi also said Dubai is becoming the epicentre of the global economy, commerce and technology.

"The World Government Summit has become a great medium to bring together thought leaders from across the world on a common platform. The way Dubai is emerging is an epicentre of global economy, commerce and technology, it represents a splendid example before the globe," he said.

Hailing UAE President Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed, Modi said he is a leader with vision and resolve.

The World Governments Summit is taking place under the theme of 'Shaping Future Governments' with the conversation involving governments, international organisations, thought leaders, and private sector leaders from around the globe.

Ahead of his address at the summit, the PM met Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of UAE. The two leaders discussed a wide range of areas of bilateral cooperation including trade and investment, technology, education and people-to-people ties.

Prime Minister Modi who began his two-day visit to the Arab nation on Tuesday arrived in Abu Dhabi and was welcomed by United Arab Emirates president Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. He was also accorded the Guard of Honour.

On Tuesday night, the Burj Khalifa also lit up with the words - "Guest of Honor -the Republic of India" - ahead of Modi's address at the World Government Summit.

#### **Inaugurates First**

Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS).

Earlier, Modi met people from different faiths who contributed to the construction of the first Hindu stone temple here.

The prime minister also offered water in the virtual Ganga and Yamuna rivers at the temple before proceeding to inaugurate the temple built on a 27-acre site in Abu Mreikhah, near Al Rahba off the Dubai-Abu Dhabi Sheikh Zayed Highway, at a cost of around Rs 700 crore.

According to the temple authorities, the grand temple has been built as per an ancient style of construction and creation mentioned in the Shilpa and Sthapathya Shastras, Hindu scriptures which describe the art for mandir design and construction.

"The architectural methods have been clubbed with scientific techniques here. Over 300 hightech sensors have been installed at every level of the temple to measure temperature, pressure and movement (seismic activity). The sensors will provide live data for research. If there is any earthquake in the region, the temple will detect it, and we will be able to study," Swami Brahmaviharidas, head of international relations for BAPS, told PTI.

No metal has been used in the construction of the temple and fly ash has been used to fill up the foundation, replacing 55 per cent of cement in the concrete mix, reducing the carbon footprint of the temple

Madhusudan Patel, the temple's construction manager, told PTI, "We have used heat-resistant nano tiles and heavy glass panels, merging both traditional aesthetic stone structures with modern-day functionality. Considering the extreme temperatures in the UAE, the tiles will be comfortable for visitors to walk even in hot weather. Non-ferrous material has also been used in the temple." Constructed with 18 lakh bricks, seven lakh man hours and 1.8 lakh cubic metres of sandstone sourced directly from Rajasthan - Abu Dhabi's first Hindu temple has been made in the Nagara style of architecture, just like the recently inaugurated Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

temple, 20,000 tonnes of sandstone pieces were carved in Rajasthan and then shipped to Abu Dhabi in 700 containers.

"Not just the stone, many labourers who helped construct the temple over five years belong to Gujarat and Rajasthan. Even the marble mined from Italy was first shipped to India for carving and then back to the UAE to be used in the interiors," he said.

The work for the structure has been going on since 2019. The land for the temple was donated by the UAE government. The UAE has three other Hindu temples that are located in Dubai. The BAPS temple, spread over a large area with stone architecture, will be the largest of all in the Gulf region.

Prime Minister Modi is in the UAE on a twoday visit, his seventh visit to the Emirates since 2015 and his third in the last eight months.

#### PM, HM, LG Pay

lives for our motherland. Their supreme sacrifice will always be remembered. Nation will forever remain indebted to our bravehearts," Shah posted on X.

As many as 40 jawans were killed when a Jaishe-Mohammad suicide bomber rammed an explosive-laden car into a CRPF convoy at Lethpora-Pulwama on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway on this day in 2019.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha while paying tributes to 40 CRPF personnel on the fifth anniversary of the 2019 Pulwama suicide attack in the Union Territory wrote."Humble tributes to the bravehearts who sacrificed their lives in the 2019 Pulwama terror attack. The nation will forever remain indebted to their exemplary courage, supreme sacrifice and selfless service to the motherland."

Director General of Police R R Swain also paid tributes to the fallen jawans.

A police spokesman said Swain, on behalf of Jammu and Kashmir Police pariwar, paid heartfelt homage to the courageous souls who made the ultimate sacrifice in the 2019 Pulwama terror attack.

"The sacrifices of CRPF personnel will forever be etched in our hearts. As we remember these heroes, let us renew our commitment to securing peace," the spokesman quoted the DGP as saying. Kashmir Zone IGP V K Birdi took to social media to post his tributes.

"Today, we solemnly remember the heroes who made ultimate sacrifice in the 2019 Pulwama terror attack. Their bravery echoes through time, inspiring us to renew our commitment for establishing peace. Let us honour their valour and sacrifice by striving for violence-free nation," Birdi said in a post on X.

A function was organised by the CRPF at the martyrs memorial for paying tributes to the slain CRPF personnel but it was not open to media coverage.

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#### **Ex-J&K Cooperative**

be absolved from bearing the burden of medically attending the petitioner in custody."

While granting bail to Dar who was arrested by ED on 30 November last year, the court bail directed Dar to furnish personal bond to the tune of Rs ten lakh to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Jail concerned and surety

bond of two sure-

ties of like amount

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(CBI cases) Srinagar without due permission from the said court by making an application to the effect by show of reasons," the court said, adding, "The petitioner shall not in any manner influence or intermeddle with the investigation/trial of the case as may come to be set up by the ED against him."

Lastly, the court said, Dar shall be bound to present himself in person as and when called and summoned by the ED or the Special Court or Authority in connection with the case in reference.

An alleged registered cooperative society in the name of "River Jhelum Cooperative House Building Society", had come to approach the J&K Cooperative Bank Srinagar with an application for the purpose of availing a loan of rupees three hundred crores (Rs.300 crores) for the purported purpose of development of a housing colony upon 300 kanals of land situated at Shivpora, Srinagar meant to be a satellite township.

The loan case of the River Jhelum Cooperative House Building Society, the court said, is reported to have been sanctioned by the governing body council of the Bank in September 2018 wherefrom the Board of Directors had accorded its approval for the grant of loan in favour of the River helum Cooperative House Building Society by virtue of a decision taken in March, 2019.

Thus, as per the statement of facts in the present petition, the court said, the process of availing of loan by the River Jhelum Cooperative House Building Society from the J&K State Cooperative Bank, Srinagar had originated from the Registrar Cooperative Societies I&K's end before Dar becoming the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank and further that the approval for grant of loan of rupees 250 crore was not accorded by Dar in his own discretion and authority but by the Board of Directors of the J&K State Cooperative Bank, Srinagar's approval of which Dar was one of the directors.

The loan amount of rupees two hundred and thirty-three crores (Rs.233 crores) allegedly came to be loaned to the River Jhelum Cooperative House Building Society on 25 April 2019, the court observed.

#### **ED Arrests**

Code (IPC) against Bhat, Shah, Sheikh, Qazi Yasir, Syed Khalid Geelani alias 'Khalid Andrabi' and others involved in terrorist activity in Jammu and Kashmir," the spokesperson said.

The ED said the arrested persons had received money in their personal accounts and in the bank accounts of the "Al-Jabar Trust".

The "Al-Jabar Trust", the agency said was a charitable trust but it was being used for receiving funds from students, which were further being ploughed into terrorist activities in India in various ways such as giving money to stone pelters, providing money to persons or terrorists based in J-K, according to the instructions of the Pakistani handlers.

Earlier, the ED had provisionally attached properties worth Rs 5 crore under the provisions of the PMLA in the form of various bank accounts and immovable properties

#### Man Gets 10-year

of six months. "The victim/prosecutrix was 13 years 4 months

#### and 11 days of age at the time of commission of offence as per the School record," the court said, adding, "(She) was a helpless child. The convict, who at the time of occurrence was the age of 18 years 3 months and 4 days, shattered the dignity of prosecutrix; she has to bear the burden of the act committed by the convict throughout her life."

The physical scar may have healed up, but the mental and emotional scar will always remain, the court said.

"When a woman is ravished, what is inflicted is not merely physical injury but the deep sense of some deathless shame," the court said, adding, "Child sexual abuse is a serious and heinous offence against the society and humanity."

To show mercy in child sexual abuse case would be a travesty of justice, the court said.

"The socioeconomic status of the convict in child sexual abuse case is not a relevant consideration in awarding punishment. The convict shattered the basic human right of the victim to live with honour and dignity," the court said, adding, "Judicial response to human rights cannot be blunted by legal jugglery. No special and adequate circumstances exist which may warrant the awarding of sentence less than ten years rigorous imprisonment to the convict".

#### After 17 Years

the earthquake that occurred on October 8, 2005 and was left uninhabitable.

The property in question was insured by National Insurance Company Limited for a sum of Rs.13 lakhs against such eventualities but the company failed to fulfill its contractual obligation to compensate the complainants for the incurred losses.

The judgment passed by the bench presided by the President DCDRC Baramulla, Peerzada Qousar Hussain and other Member Judge, Nyla Yaseen found the insurance company guilty of unfair trade practices under section 12 of consumer Protection Act 1985, and hence directed them to compensate the complainant according to the set terms within 4 weeks time.(KNS)

#### Pak Rangers

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the Union Territory on February 20.

Modi is scheduled to address a public rally in Jammu during his visit.

#### **Mutilated Leopard**

measures to protect the animals.

According to a report, over 43 leopards have been poached in the union territory from the last nine years.

In 2021, the wildlife department along with I&K police arrested one person and recovered a number of leopard and other forest animal hides and body parts from his possession in Anantnag district of south Kashmir.

The officials recovered forest animal parts including eight leopard hides, four musk deer pods and 38 bear gallbladders, including the gallbladder that seems to be about eight years old.

Similarly, in the Manwal area of Jammu region, the officials recovered 05 Leopard pelts, 07 leopard nails, 08 canines, 02 molars, 02 leopard skulls and leopard bones (04 Jaw bones, 140 bones pieces), 01 musk teeth were seized from another accused.

### **Office Of The Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV**

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"It is the result of our consistent efforts that India is shining on the global stage in the fields of fintech and digital payments, he said.

The world today needs governments that are inclusive, take everyone along, and are clean and free from corruption, he asserted.

"On one hand the world is progressing towards modernity, on the other, the challenges from earlier centuries are intensifying," he said.

Today, technology is proving to be a key disruptor be it positive or negative, he said.

According to Umesh Raja, a volunteer at the

court. petitioner "The (Dar) shall not leave the territorial jurisdiction of Special Judge Anti-Corruption

### Government of Jammu and Kashmir Directorate of Skill Development, J&K

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Sub: Final selection List for the post of Driver/driver-I/Driver-II & Tractor Driver, advertised vide Notification No. 04,05,06 & 07 of 2020 and 01,02,03 of 2021.

### NOTICE

Pursuant to the selection and recommendation made by the Administrative Department vide Letter No. DSD-Poly/35/2023-02(7198831) dated 13.02.2024, all the selected candidates who have been recommended for the post of Driver/driver-I/Driver-II & Tractor Driver vide Notification No. 04,05,06 & 07 of 2020 and 01,02,03 of 2021 are hereby informed through medium of this notice to submit their Verification Rolls (in triplicate) in Directorate of Skill Development, J&K, Srinagar/Jammu within a period of 07 days positively from the date of issuance of this notice in terms of Government Order No. 528-Jk(GAD) of 2021 dated 21.06.2021.

The verification roll is annexed herewith and can also be downloaded from the official website of General Administration Department www.jkgad.nic.in

No: DSDD/Poly/101/2604-08 DIPK-16391/23 dated: 14-02-2024



#### NIT No: TLMD-IV/e-NIT/26 of 2023-24 Dt.13-02-2024 **TENDER NOTICE INVITING e-BIDS**

The Executive Engineer, TLMD IV Pampore Kashmir, JKPTCL J&K, for and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir invites e-tenders from (Class-DEE/) Civil contractors registered with Government of J&K for following.

S No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Document	Earnest Money	Class of contract	
01	Concreting of yard portion at 220/132KV grid station Pampore.	Rs.4.11	Rs. 200.00 The cost of tender documents may be deposited in treasury against the MH 0801 power & same should be uploaded along with tender documents	@2% Estimated Cost. Rs.8220.00	Registered (Class DEE/) Civil Contractors	
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01. Date of issue of Tender Notice 02. Period of downloading of bidding documents						
			14-02-2024 from 10AM to 28-02-2024 to 02PM			
		•			02PM	
	03. Bid submission start date	-	14-02-2024 from 02PM		02PM	
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Bids must be accompanied with EMD and cost of tender documents fees in favour of "Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV Pampore" (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money / Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV Pampore for the works mentioned in the E-NIT(tender receiving authority).

The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.inand conveyed bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened on same website in the office of the Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV Pampore for the works mentioned in the E-NIT(tender receiving authority)

> sd---**Executive Engineer TLMD-IV** Pampore

No: TLMD-IV/ 3579-80

06. Date & time of opening of Bids (online)

DIPK-NB-5684/23 dated: 14-02-2024

29-02-2024 at 02PM

# STATE



#### **Press Trust of India**

**DELHI:** The Delhi NEW High Court was informed on Wednesday that separatist leader Yasin Malik, who is serving life sentence in a terror funding case, was examined by doctors at AIIMS and has been provided necessary medical treatment.

The counsel for the central government and the Director General of Prisons (Tihar Jail) also submitted that requisite medical treatment will be provided to Malik as and when required.

Malik has claimed that he suffers from serious cardiac and kidney problems.

Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta recorded the statement made by the counsel and disposed of Malik's petition in which he sought a direction to authorities to produce the record of his treatment and refer him to AIIMS or any private super-specialty hospital here or in Jammu and Kashmir for proper and necessary treatment as he was suffering from serious cardiac and kidney ailments.

Rajat Nair, representing the Centre and DG (Prisons), submitted that Malik was taken to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), examined by doctors and discharged. He said necessary medical treatment has been accorded to the inmate. He said the status report has

been filed in pursuance to the court order and added that authorities are duty bound to provide necessary treatment to inmates. The high court also said that the copy of the order be sent to the jail superintendent concerned for infimation and

compliance. The high court had on February 2 directed the Superintendent of the Tihar Jail to ensure proper medical treatment to Malik.

The counsel for the authorities had earlier submitted before the court that the petition suffered from serious suppression of facts and that Malik was refusing treatment being given to him by authorities.

# Waqf To Rent Out Vacant Spaces Soon: Andrabi

#### **KO NEWS SERVICE**

AKHNOOR: Chairperson of J&K Wakf Board, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi on wednesday inspected many Waqf managed properties at Akhnoor area in Jammu.

She paid obeisance at several shrines and took stock of the facilities at these shrines. Dr Andrabi met some devotees at the shrine of Baba Ghulam Shah and Balla Da Bagh to get the on the spot feedback regarding facilities and arrangements and improvements required.

During her tour, Dr Andrabi said that the Waqf Board has upgraded facilities at all major shrines throughout J&K where many works are still going on. She said the board is now planning to reach out to remote places also & formulate a work plan for upgrading facilities there also. 'Now the properties of Waqf

Board are being looked after in every area by the Board and streamlining of records and the usages are being ensured strictly as per the Waqf Act in vogue", said Waqf Chairperson. She said that all abandoned vacant spaces will be rented out soon through public auctions.

Dr Andrabi also met some public delegations at Jiya Pota Ghat, Hari Ghat & Hari Mandir Park.Jiya Pota Ghat, Hari Ghat & Hari Mandir Park.

She was accompanied by the Administrator Aabid Hussain, Tehsildar Waqf Board Fareed Ahmad and other concerned.

### **BJP Ready For Any Election In J&K: Raina**

#### **Press Trust of India**

JAMMU: BJP's Jammu and Kashmir president Ravinder Raina on Wednesday said that the party was ready for elections in the Union territory. "Announcing polls in Jammu

and Kashmir is the prerogative of the Election Commission but we are ready for any election," he said while addressing a press conference in Jammu.

Raina said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address a massive rally in Jammu during his visit to the Union territory on February 20. "Modi opened the coffers for

the development of J&K. The restoration of peace and brotherhood is his biggest gift to the people. He has ensured sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas' and provided justice to all sections of society," he added.



Asked about speculations welcome

from Dandesar village of Nowwelcomed into the BJP by Raina and other senior leaders, including former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta and MP Jugal Kishore.

Rajouri district.

## ROAD SAFETY MONTH **MVD B'la Enhances Driver** Safety With Eye Checkup

#### **KO NEWS SERVICE**

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BARAMULLA: As part of Road Safety Month, 2024 and the ongoing efforts to enhance road safety and prioritize driver well-being, Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) Baramulla on wednesday organized an eye checkup and first aid training session for the driver community at the Sumo Stand, Baramulla.

Recognizing the importance of ensuring drivers are both physically fit and equipped with essential skills to handle emergencies on the road, MVD Baramulla collaborated with the health department to conduct the eye checkup and first aid training session.

The event aimed to address two critical aspects of driver safety: visual health and emergency response.

The eye checkup provided drivers with the opportunity to assess their vision and address

any potential issues that could impact their ability to operate vehicles safely.

Additionally, the first aid training equipped drivers with essential knowledge and skills to respond effectively to emergencies, thereby enhancing overall road safety.

On the occasion, Assistant Regional Transport officer (ARTO) Muazzam Ali said that promoting driver safety is a top priority for us, and initiatives like the eye checkup and first aid training are integral to achieving this goal.

By addressing both physical health and emergency preparedness, our aim is to create safer roads and reduce the risk of accidents, he added.

The event received positive feedback from the driver community, with participants expressing appreciation for the opportunity to prioritize their health and safety.

### **Committed To Reduce Carbon** Footprint Annually: Airtel

**KO NEWS SERVICE** 

SRINAGAR: Nxtra by Airtel, one of India's leading data centre companies, on wednesday, announced a power-wheeling agreement with Ampln and Amplus Energy to procure an additional 140,208 MWh of renewable energy. With this, Nxtra has enhanced its existing commitment of reducing its carbon footprint through renewable energy sources annually by ~ 99.547 tCO2e

As per the agreement, Ampln Energy and Amplus Energy will set up captive solar and wind power plants of 48 MWdc and 24.3 MW, respectively for Nxtra's data centres in TamilNadu, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha. The 25-year agreements are in line with Nxtra's commitment to achieving its net-zero target of 2031 and further strengthen its credentials as India's largest chain of green data centres in the country. This is in addition to Nxtra's multiple

other interventions to reduce absolute scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across its operations by 100% by FY2031. As part of these interventions, Nxtra has accelerated the adoption of green energy across all its operations, put in place energy efficient infrastructure and processes and implemented sustainable business practices at its workplaces.

Ashish Arora, CEO - Nxtra by Airtel, said. "These new partnerships reflect our commitment to lead India's green data centre space and fulfill our commitment to achieve Net Zero emission by 2031. The additional clean energy supply will increase

our renewable energy share to approximately 70% in the overall energy mix for our core data centers. As we work towards building more capacity in coming years and gear up for Generative AI powered loads, we are fully cognizant of our responsibility towards the environment and are prepared to mitigate the impact on climate".

**OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES (PREVENTION)** TRIBUNAL, 'A' BLOCK BASEMENT, DELHI HIGH COURT,

SHER SHAH ROAD, NEW DELHI - 110003.

No: 3424-1/MLJK/DHC

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Dated: 3rd February, 2024

Through Special Messenger

And, whereas, the leaders and member of the MLJK-MA have been involved in raising funds through various sources including Pakistan and its proxy organisations for perpetrating unlawful activities, including supporting terrorist activities, sustained stone-pelting on Security Forces In Jammu and Kashmir;

And, whereas, the MLJK-MA and its members by their activities show sheer disrespect towards the constitution authority and constitutional set up of the country.

realize the merger of Jammu and Kashmir with Pakistan and establish Islamic rule in Jammu and Kashmir. And, whereas, the members of the MLJK-MA have been indulging in the secessionist Activities in

And, whereas the MLJK-MA and its leader and members, particularly its Chairman Masarat Alam Bhat, have been indulging in unlawful activities, which are prejudicial to the Integrity, sovereignly, security and communal harmony of the country:

And, whereas, there had been a number of inputs showing linkages of the MLJK-MA with harmed terrorist organisations; And whereas, the MLJK-MA and iss members have been involved In supporting terrorist activities with an talent to create a reign of terror in the country, thereby endangering the security and public order of the State, and is anti-national activities also show disrespect and disregard to the constitutional authority and sovereignty of the State, hence an immediate and prompt action is required against the organisation; And whereas, the Central Government is of the opinion that if there is no immediate curb or control of unlawful activities of the Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masrat Alam faction), it will use this opportunity to i) continue with anti-national activities which we detrimental to the territorial integrity, security and sovereignty of the country; ii) continue advocating the secession of Jammu and Kashmir form the Union of India while disputing its accession to the Union of India; and (iii) continue propagating- false narrative and anti-notional sentiments among the people of Jammu and Kashmir with the intention to cause disaffection against India and disrupt public order, And, whereas, the Central Government for the above-mentioned reasons is firmly of the opinion that having regard to the activities of the Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam faction), it is necessary to declare the Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam Faction) as an 'unlawful association' with immediate effect; Now, Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of the section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. 1967 (37 of 1967), the Central Government hereby declares the Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam faction) as an unlawful association; The Central Government, having regard to the above circumstances, is of firm opinion that it is necessary to declare the Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam fiction) as an 'unlawful association' with immediate effect, and accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to sub-section (3) of section 3 of the said Act, the Central Government hereby directs that this notification shall, subject to any order that may be made under section 4 of the said Act, have effect for a period of Five years from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. [F. No. 14017/17/2023-NI-MF0] PRAVEEN VASHISTA, Addl Secy.

## **Murder Accused Undertrial Commits Suicide In Jail**

#### **KO NEWS SERVICE**

JAMMU: A man facing trial for allegedly killing his mother and a minor daughter in October last year has committed suicide inside his jail here, officials said on Wednesday.

Jagdev Singh (37), alias Michael, was found hanging with his trousers inside his cell at the Amphalla district jail on Tuesday evening, the officials said.

Singh had attacked his 60-year-old mother Kamla Devi and three-month old daughter with a sharp-edged weapon at their home in Morchapur village of Bishnah on the outskirts of Jammu on October 31 last year.

He was arrested the next day and was lodged at the district jail, the officials said. A judicial inquiry has been ordered into the incident.

#### around some senior political leaders joining the BJP in the presence of the prime minister, Raine said, "We will whole-heartedly anyone who comes."

On the occasion, former Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party leader Arshid Mehmood Khan Wednesday joined the BJP along with a number of his supporters.



unsuccessfully contested the 2008 assembly elections from the Nowshera constituency of

the Jammu and Kashmir.

The former PDP leader had

RE: Notification S.O. 5462 (E) datad 27th December, 2023 issued by the Central Government under sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 declaring Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam Faction)/MLJK-MA as an 'Unlawful Association'

#### **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**

#### Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam faction)/MLJK-MA along With its leaders, members, factions, wings and front organization as well as that of their principal office bearers.

WHEREAS the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub- section (1) of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") has declared the Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam faction)/MLJK-MA as an 'unlawful association' vide Notification S.O. 5462 (E) dated 27th December, 2023 [published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part-II, Section 3, Subsection (ii)].

AND WHEREAS by Gazette Notification No. S.O. 167 (E) dated 15th January, 2024 [published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part-II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii)], in exercise of powers under sub-Section (1) of Section 5 read with sub-section (I) of Section 4 of the Act, the Central Government has constituted the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal) comprising Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sachin Datta, for the purpose of adjudicating whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring the Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam faction)/MLJK-MA as an unlawful association.

NOW THEREFORE, a notice is hereby given to you under sub-section (2) of Section 4 of the Act and you are hereby called upon to show cause in writing within 30 days from the date of service of this notice as to why your association should not be declared as unlawful and why the order should not be made confirming the declaration made in the above mentioned Notification.

The objections/reply/written statement, if any, may be filed 1 delivered within the statutory period of 30 days from the date of service to the undersigned at this office in the Room situated in the basement of 'A' Block, Delhi High Court. In case objections / reply / written statements and documents are in regional language, true English Translation thereof be also attached.

You are required to appear before the Tribunal on 04th March, 2024 at 04.00 p.m. in Court No. 32, Delhi High Court, New Delhi for further proceedings. Appearance can also be caused through a duly authorized and instructed Counsel / Advocate.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal, High Court of Delhi, Sher Shah Road, New Delhi, this the 03rd day of February, 2024.

(Sanjay Pokhriyal) REGISTRAR Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal Delhi High Court Building Sher Shah Road, New Delhi

#### **MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS** NOTIFICATION

#### New Delhi, The 27th December, 2023

S.O. 5462(E).—Whereas, the Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masrat Alam Faction) (herein after referred to as the MLJK-MA) chaired by Masarat Alam Bhat is known for its Anti-India and Pro-Pakistan propaganda:

And, whereas, the objectives of MLJK-MA are to get freedom of Jammu and Kashmir from India so as to

### MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

#### **NOTIFICATION**

#### New Delhi, the 15th January, 2024

S.O. 167(E).—Whereas, Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam faction) (MLJK-MA) has been declared as an unlawful association, vide, notification number S.O. 5462(E), dated the 27th December, 2023, published in the Gazette of India. Extraordinary. Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii)

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 5 read with subsection (I) of section 4 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), the Central Government hereby constitutes the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal consisting of Justice Sachin Datta, Judge, High Court of Delhi, for the purpose of adjudicating whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring the Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam faction) (MLJK-MA) as an unlawful association.

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# SPORTS

# **Rohit Sharma To Lead India In T20 World Cup 2024**

#### Press Trust of India

RAJKOT: India will be playing the T20 World Cup 2024, to be organised in the Caribbean and the USA, under the captaincy of Rohit Sharma, said BCCI secretary Jay Shah at an event in Rajkot on Wednesday.

India have had Hardik Pandya as their full-time skipper in the shortest format but the heartbreaking loss in the final of the 2023 World Cup to Australia have reignited the murmurs of senior batters Virat Kohli and Rohit returning for the T20 showpiece in June.

"In 2023 (final) at Ahmedabad, even though we did not win the World Cup after 10 straight wins, we won hearts. I want to promise you that in 2024 (T20 World Cup) in Barbados (venue for the final), under Rohit Sharma's captaincy, ham Bharat ka jhanda gaadenge (we will hoist the Indian flag)," Shah said at the end of his speech.

Shah was present at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Khanderi, which was renamed after veteran cricket administrator Niranjan Shah, as the chief guest.

Shah made a speech in front of a gathering of several dignitaries including former India captains Sunil Gavaskar and Anil Kumble and IPL chairman Arun Dhumal

The event also featured current chief selector Ajit Agarkar, incumbent head coach Rahul Dravid, Rohit, Mohammed Siraj, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel and a few members of the Indian team support staff.



# **IND v ENG 3rd Test:** Exciting Debuts Await Sarfaraz Khan & Dhruv Jurel

#### **Press Trust of India**

RAIKOT: An injury-hit India could well go into the third Test against England with two debutants in domestic runmachine Sarfaraz Khan and hard-hitting keeper-batter Dhruv Chand Jurel on a track that will be quite similar to the first two Test matches.

Last match's centurion Shubman Gill however did not attend the optional training on Tuesday. It must be noted that Gill had hurt his right index finger while fielding in the second Test in Visakhapatnam. He didn't field during the England second innings and also said that the injury isn't too serious.

With Shreyas Iyer being dropped and KL Rahul yet to recover, doors have opened for Sarfaraz, who has been one of the most prolific performers in Ranji Trophy.

In case of Jurel, it is his superior batting quality that could get him the nod ahead of Kona Bharat, who has failed to score a single half-century in seven successive Tests.

With Rajat Patidar, Sarfaraz and Jurel batting between Nos 4 to 7, three of the four middle order players (other being Ravindra Jadeja) will go into the Test match with a collective experience of solitary game.



sakhapatnam.

With a transition phase looming large, a glimpse into the future of India's Test side became apparent here on Tuesday when the team hit the ground running to prepare for the third Test. Usually spoilt for choices when it comes to selection and perennially dominant at home, India have had to make do with a mix of experienced and rookie players against England in the first two Tests of the five-match series in absence of the regular stars.

Patidar and Sarfaraz were both part of a new-look slip

their training here at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium.

While Patidar, positioned at gully and Sarfaraz at first slip did attract attention when the training session got underway, it was also the sight of a lean and bubbly young keeper Jurel taking some sharp catches which sparked a lot of interest. Accompanying them at the

second slip was the dashing opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, who at times celebrated taking catches as if he was playing a game, throwing the ball high in the air in jubilation.

Having had a look at the pitch upon arrival, Rohit Sharma and coach Rahul Dravid watched the proceedings from a distance for a while before the Indian skipper decided to join the catching session for a brief period of time.

The coach, meanwhile, was again spotted having a long chat with the local groundsmen close to the end of the session

Rohit then headed into the nets where he was joined by Patidar and Sarfaraz, who both had extended sessions facing local bowlers, Indian spinners and throwdown specialists.

"We came to know yesterday



### Winter Games: Secretary JKSC **Meets Officers At Srinagar Airport**

#### **Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: With the 4th edition Khelo India Winter Games 2024 just a week away, J&K Sports Council Secretary Nuzhat Gull called upon Javeed Anjum, Director Airports Authority, Srinagar International Airport; Ravi Kumar, Deputy Commandant CISF and other senior officials here on Wednesday.

The meeting was conducted which authorities responded in to ensure necessary steps taken to proactively implement all possible measures to facilitate a smooth and time-saving travel experience for athletes, dignitaries and other guests, and their onward journey to the Winter Games venue at the Gulmarg. Nuzhat Gull apprised the authorities that with the upcoming Khelo India Winter Games peak travel period approaching, a hassle-free arrival, luggage collection and boarding of transport facilities for onward journey by the participants be ensured by

# Shopian Boy, 10, Wins Gold In **Tri-Nation International C'ship**

To play Martial Arts World Championship in Iraq next month



International Agencies

SHOPIAN: 10-vear-old

"Over the past three years, I have competed at district, state, national and now international

son's achievements. He credited the local academy, particularly coach Owais Ahmad, for

## Wrestling Row: Malik, Punia **Threaten Fresh Protest**

#### **Press Trust of India**

NEW DELHI: Olympic medal-winning grapplers Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia on Wednesday alleged that national federation chief Sanjay Singh used devious means to get the suspension on WFI lifted by United World Wrestling (UWW) and threatened to restart their agitation against the body.

The UWW on Tuesday lifted the provisional suspension on India but directed the national federation to provide written guarantees that there would be no discriminatory action against the protesting trio of Punia, Malik and Vinesh Phogat.

The suspension was imposed by



that Sanjay Singh had done some setting with UWW to get the suspension lifted. Brij Bhushan and Sanjay Singh have left no stone unturned to show that they are above the law," said Sakshi in a video posted on 'X'. Sports Minister Anurag Thakur, when asked about the latest developments on the sidelines of the Chess Olympiad Torch hand-off ceremony here, said, "We will let you know what we will do."

Sakshi stressed that if the BIP MP's loyalists are allowed to run the affairs of the WFI, the protesting wrestlers will be left with no choice but to restart the agitation. "Our protest has only been

A traditional Kashmiri welcome drink shall be also served on the arrival to all the participants, the Secretary added.

adopting all possible measures

besides optimal operations for

the convenience of other routine

She also requested the au-

thorities to allocate separate

check-ins and entry gates for

swift participant movement

during the games period be-

sides allocation of the desig-

nated parking lots for the par-

ticipant pick-up and vehicles to

passengers as well.

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Even as the scheduled date of one of the most exciting sports events is approaching, the J&K Sports Council has geared up for the event with almost all the officials glued to their tasks 24/7. Several road shows are being organised on a daily basis to inform the public about a sports extravaganza slated to be held next week.

boy from south Kashmir has

achieved a remarkable feat by clinching a gold medal at the Tri-Nation International Championship 2024 held in Kathmandu, Nepal. Samiullah Aashiq, son of

Aashiq Hussain Thoker from Ramnagri, Shopian, emerged victorious in the international championship. Samiullah said he was in-

clined towards martial arts since childhood and joined a local academy three years ago.

levels," he said.

Samiullah said winning a medal at the international level is a recognition of one's hard work and dedication, which instills even greater confidence to excel whenever an opportunity arises.

"I have been selected for the Martial Arts World Championship, scheduled to take place in Iraq next month, and I am diligently preparing to perform well there too," he added.

Samiullah's father, Aashiq Hussain, said he is proud of his

nurturing Samiullah's talent.

"I am overjoyed by my son's success in the Tri-Nation championship, and I am optimistic that he will continue to shine in the upcoming World Championship," he said.

Encouraging parents to support their children's interests and engage them in sports, Aashiq Hussain said such activities are important to promote physical and mental well-being and keep youth away from social evils. (KNO)

suspended. I might have retired UWW in August last year after the WFI failed to hold elections in time. from wrestling but I not will tol-Punia, Malik and Phogat have erate Brij Bhushan or his people been protesting for more than running the federation and haa year, demanding the arrest of rassing women," she asserted. former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Punia echoed the sentiment in Sharan Singh for allegedly sexuhis video message on the same ally harassing women grapplers. platform.

# Lewis Hamilton Reflects On Entering His Final Season At Mercedes

#### Agencies

SILVERSTONE: Seven-time Formula 1 champion Lewis Hamilton said Wednesday it feels "surreal" to be entering his last season with Mercedes before joining Ferrari for 2025.

Speaking as Mercedes unveiled its 2024 car at Silverstone, home of the British Grand Prix, Hamilton said it has been a privilege to work with the team.

Hamilton has driven for Mercedes since 2013, winning six of his seven titles with the team, but is leaving at the end of the season to join Ferrari. The move has shaken up F1 and surprised Mercedes team principal Toto Wolff.

"It has obviously been emotional," Hamilton said. "It's very surreal to be here, given I came here in 2013, so 11 years with the team, starting my 12th, and it is such a privilege to work with a group of people where you see the work they're doing over the winter." Mercedes was due to do a brief "shakedown" run at Silverstone on Wednesday before heading to Bahrain for

three days of pre-season test-ing next week. The focus will be on "getting the team back to where we once were," Hamilton said. "I think we've had this difficult couple of years, which I think has been really grounding for us. It's helped us regroup."

Wolff said the 2024 Mercedes car, the W15, represents 'a complete relaunch" of the design. The livery brings back a flash of Mercedes' traditional silver on the nose after last year's mostly-black look.

"It's very different, not only on the aerodynamic surfaces,

but mainly underneath," Wolff said. "There are so many mechanical changes that we have done which we hope are going to translate into more performance, more predictability, a car that the drivers can really push, and we should be seeing next week in Bahrain."

When the rules changed for 2022 to reintroduce groundeffect aerodynamics, Mercedes struggled to adapt. The team did not win a race last season as Red Bull and its driver Max Verstappen dominated all year.

"We know it's difficult, we know it's a big mountain to climb because, if a team's far ahead like the Red Bull was last year, that's not easy," Wolff said. "We have a superb driver combination, hopefully a fast car, the best people in the factory that are giving it all to succeed. I think there's some very good

ingredients to be back in the front again.' Ferrari team principal Fred Vasseur said Tuesday that Hamilton's arrival would be a "huge opportunity" for the Italian team, which has not had one of its drivers win the world title since Kimi Raikkonen beat Hamilton in 2007. Hamilton will team up with Charles Leclerc at Ferrari in 2025, leaving Leclerc's current teammate Carlos Sainz Jr. to seek out a new team for next year.

### Son Injured Finger In A Quarrel With South Korea Team Mates

Agencies

Tottenham Hotspur and South Korea captain Son Heung-min injured his finger in an altercation with team mates on the eve of the country's exit from the Asian Cup.

The players quarrelled during a team dinner ahead of their 2-0 semi-final defeat by Jordan last week, which extended their 64-year wait for another Asian Cup title. "It happened when some

young players went up to play table tennis, and Son



Heung-min and other older players took issue with it," a Korea Football Association (KFA) official told Yonhap News Agency on Wednesday.

"The players exchanged a few words and Son hurt his finger in the process." The KFA were not immediately available for comment regarding the incident, but midfielder Lee Kang-in apologised on Instagram on Wednesday.

'We have caused great disappointment to the soccer fans who always support our national team. I'm really sorry," Lee said. "I should have taken the lead and followed my brothers' instructions, but I'm just sorry for showing soccer fans a bad image. I apologise to the many people who were disappointed by me.

'From now on, I will try to help my brothers become better players and people."

After returning from the tournament in Qatar, Son came off the bench in Tottenham's Premier League match against Brighton & Hove Albion on Saturday with his right index and middle finger strapped together.

The 31-year-old helped Spurs secure a 2-1 victory with a 96thminute assist for goalscorer Brennan Johnson.

