

## Modi Govt Committed To Welfare Of Farmers: HM

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New Delhi: The Narendra Modi government is committed to the welfare of farmers and till now more than Rs 3 lakh crore has been given directly to the peasants under the 'PM Kisan Samman Nidhi' scheme, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Wednesday.

The PM Kisan Samman Nidhi is a central sector scheme with 100 per cent funding from the government of India. It has become operational from December 1, 2018.

Under the scheme, an income support of Rs 6,000 per year in three equal installments is provided to all land holding farmer families. The fund is directly transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.

"Under the leadership of Honorable Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji, our government is committed to the welfare of farmers. Today Modi ji will provide an amount of more than Rs 21 thousand crore to more than 9 crore farmers through DBT under the 16th installment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi," Shah wrote on X in Hindi.

The home minister said till now, crores of farmers have benefited from the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme. | More on P6

# Dates Set: March 7 Marked For PM Modi's Visit to Srinagar

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New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit Srinagar in the first week of March, his second visit to the Union Territory in over two weeks, officials said.

During the visit to Srinagar ahead of the parliamentary elections, the prime minister is likely to address a public meeting, inaugurate or lay the foundation of several development projects and interact with beneficiaries of centrally sponsored schemes through virtual mode.

The officials said the visit, the prime minister's first to Kashmir Valley since the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, is likely on March 7.

The public rally is most likely to be organised at the



convention centre along the Dal Lake, they said.

The public address of the prime minister may be streamed live at various locations in the valley, especially in south Kashmir's

Anantnag district, the officials said.

The visit of the prime minister is part of his outreach programme ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, due in April-May.

He visited the Union territory's winter capital Jammu on February 20. In Jammu, Modi launched development projects worth over Rs 32,000 crore before addressing a public rally at the Maulana Azad Stadium.

## Modi: Next 5 Years Will Be Of Rapid Progress

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday asserted that the ruling BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) will cross the 400-seat mark in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls and said the next five years will see rapid development in the country. Speaking at a public rally in Yavatmal district, Modi slammed the Congress over pending irrigation projects in the country, especially in the Vidarbha region of eastern Maharashtra, where the district is located. "We (BJP-led NDA) will cross the 400-seat tally this time," Modi said ahead of the Lok Sabha polls which are | More on P6

## J&K To Immunise 19 Lakh Children On March 3

Agencies

Srinagar: Approximately 19 lakh children under the age of five are set to receive immunisation across Jammu and Kashmir on March 3, 2024 - the National Immunisation Day.

Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed, in a video message said the nationwide campaign is aimed at eradicating polio.

He said around 45,000 health-care workers, with some from hard geographical terrains, will ensure that no children below the age of five are left out.

Outlining the vaccination strategy, Dr Abid said March 03 will be designated as a booth day, where children will be brought to pulse polio booths. On March 04 and 05, healthcare workers will conduct door-to-door visits to reach every eligible child.

"The scourge of polio must be eliminated not only from India but also from the rest of the world, and India serves as a guiding beacon in this endeavour," he said. He sought active cooperation in maintaining a post-eradication status.

Underlining the commitment of the Health and Medical Education Department, Dr Abid urged collective action to ensure the success of | More on P6

## India Gets Indigenous Hydrogen Waterway Vessel

India's first indigenously developed and built hydrogen fuel cell ferry, launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday, has zero emission and zero noise and can reduce the impact of global warming. According to Cochin Shipyard here, which constructed the fuel cell ferry, the adoption of green hydrogen as a maritime fuel is at the forefront of India's commitment to a sustainable future that aims for net zero emissions by 2070. The inland waterway vessel, under the Harit Nauka initiative, is a pilot project to demonstrate the technology for the maritime sector, Cochin Shipyard said in a statement. "The fuel cell powered vessel has zero emission, zero noise and is energy efficient, which in turn reduces the effect of global warming," it said. In line with the Government of India's green vision, Cochin Shipyard took up the | More on P6

## Sonamarg Satellite Imagery Completion

# HC Gives Authorities One Month's Deadline

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Wednesday granted authorities month's more time for completing the process of satellite imagery for the Sonamarg, the golden meadow, in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.



Hearing a Public Interest Litigation, a division bench of Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal passed the orders after perusing status reports filed by Chief Executive Officer Sonamarg Development Authority in compliance to the court's order. The CEO informed

that the authority (SDA) promptly requested and sought assistance from the Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal Regional Director, Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing Department, J&K and Chief Town Planner, Kashmir for processing of Data on the Satellite Imagery and completion of the report as per the court order dated 31 August 2023.

In response, the CEO of SDA said, Chief Town Planner Kashmir has submitted a report, stating that Town Planning Organization digitized the Master Plan. | More on P6

## 'Discouraging Election Participation' After Jel, Centre Bans 2 Factions Of Muslim Conference J&K

# After Jel, Centre Bans 2 Factions Of Muslim Conference J&K

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New Delhi: The government Wednesday banned two factions of the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir for five years for their anti-India and pro-Pakistan propaganda, and asking people to refrain from taking part in elections.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is determined to uproot terrorism, and anyone involved in unlawful activities will face dire consequences.

"Striking terror networks with undiminished vehemence, the government has declared the Muslim Conference



Jammu & Kashmir (Sumji faction) and Muslim Conference Jammu & Kashmir (Bhat faction) as Unlawful Associations. "These outfits have been engaging in activities against the sovereignty and integrity of the nation," Shah wrote on 'X'. On Tuesday, the government extended the ban imposed on the Jamaat-e-Islami, Jammu Kashmir (Jel), by another five years for continuing activities that pose a | More on P6

## BJP Initiates 'Public Opinion Drive' In J&K

Agencies

Srinagar: In a significant move to engage with the public and gauge their opinions, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has launched an extensive campaign in Jammu and Kashmir.

Led by Tarun Chugh, the party's national General Secretary in-charge, BJP aims to incorporate public feedback into its resolution letters and election strategies.

Tarun Chugh revealed that BJP will deploy 370 suggestion boxes across Jammu and Kashmir, alongside establishing dialogue sessions in over 250 locations nationwide.

"These efforts aim to collect more than one crore suggestion letters from citizens, which

will directly influence the party's resolutions. In addition to physical suggestion boxes, BJP has introduced a dedicated mobile number, 9090902024, where individuals can submit their suggestions online. This initiative underscores BJP's commitment to ensuring that every citizen's voice is heard and considered," Chugh said.

He added that the launch of the Sankalp Patra Suggestion Campaign and the Vikas Bharat-Modi Guarantee Campaign programme marks a significant step towards fostering a dialogue between the party and the public.

Furthermore, BJP's national president Jagat Prakash Nadda inaugurated the resolution letter suggestion | More on P6

## J&K A Beautiful Experience Etched In My memory: Sachin

PM Modi Says Let's Build A Developed India KO Web Desk

New Delhi: Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar's admiration of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday drew concurring praise from Prime Minister Narendra Modi who said his visit to the Union Territory has two important takeaways for the youth.



Tendulkar posted a short highlight of his visit to the region and said it will remain a beautiful experience etched in his memory.

"There was snow all around

but we felt warm because of people's exceptional hospitality. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said there is so much to see in our nation. Couldn't agree more, especially after this trip," he said.

He added, "The Kashmir Willow bats are great examples of 'Make in India, Make for the World.' They have travelled across the globe, and now I recommend people across | More on P6

## Centre Amends Business Rules Governing Functioning Of UT Administration

Proposals For J&K Home Secretary Appointment Now Require 'Prior Reference'

Agencies

Srinagar: In a significant move, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Tuesday made it mandatory on J&K administration to send the proposal for appointment of the Union Territory's Home Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for "prior reference".

As per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) today amended the Transaction of Business of the Government of Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir Rules, 2019, to make

a prior reference to the Central Government in the Ministry of Home Affairs on the matter of the appointment of Union Territory's Home Secretary.

Earlier, Jammu & Kashmir administration was only required to make a prior reference to the Central government on the proposals of the appointment of chief secretary and director general police.

As per earlier rules, J&K Lieutenant Governor shall make a prior reference to the Central Government in the Ministry of Home Affairs or to the appropriate Ministry

with a copy to the Ministry of Home Affairs in respect of proposals affecting the relations of the Central Government with any State Government, the Supreme Court of India or any other High Court; proposals for the appointment of Chief Secretary and Director General of Police; important cases which affect or are likely to affect the peace and tranquility of the Union territory; and cases which affect or are likely to affect the interests of any minority community, Scheduled Castes or the Backward Classes—(KNO)

## LG Grants 'One Time Exemption' To JKPSC, JKSSB To Draw Up Wait Lists

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday granted one time exemption to Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) and Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board (JKSSB) to draw up the wait lists.

In a notification issued on February 28, the government notified that in exercise of the powers conferred by proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution, the Lieutenant Governor is pleased | More on P6

# Battling for Breath: Newborns' Struggle With Respiratory Distress In Kashmir

## C-section Deliveries Major Risk Factor: Study

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Amidst the hushed corridors of a private hospital in south Kashmir's Anantnag, a newborn baby girl fought her first battle for breath. Born through C-section into a world of uncertainty, her cries were muffled by the urgency of her rapid breathing. As her tiny chest heaved beneath the weight of a silent struggle, the newborn found refuge beneath the glass canopy of an oxygen hood.

As the clock ticked relentlessly, despair tightened its grip until the decision was made to shift

her to the Children's Hospital in Bemina, where she was admitted in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Diagnosed with Infant Respiratory Distress Syndrome, she was immediately put under oxygen therapy. As the steady chorus of beeping monitors filled the air, the newborn lay ensconced under the gentle grip of a nasal cannula.

Days turned into nights, until finally, the newborn emerged victorious from the clutches of life threatening disorder. Yet, as one story found its resolution, countless others continued to unfold within the confines of the hospital ward. Each newborn, a warrior in their own right, battled against the invisible foe that threatened to steal their breath away.

"The most frequent reason



for a newborn to be admitted to the intensive care unit (NICU) is respiratory distress which has various etiologies but similar clinical presentations," Senior Consultant Physician, Dr Suhail

Ahmad Naik said. Dr. Suhail added, "We cannot say how prevalent it may be, since the rate of any condition is determined by its denominators, which is impractical given



**THE MOST FREQUENT REASON FOR A NEWBORN to be admitted to the intensive care unit (NICU) is respiratory distress which has various etiologies but similar clinical presentations."**

that RDS is a frequent disorder in newborns."

A research on the morbidity profile and outcome of low-birth-weight infants conducted by Department of Pediatrics, Government Medical College Baramulla, found respiratory

distress as one of the major causes of morbidity and mortality.

Another study titled, "The epidemiology of neonatal respiratory distress in a tertiary care neonatal centre Kashmir India" conducted by the department of pediatrics, Government College of Medicine, Srinagar, revealed a significant rate of respiratory distress and NICU hospitalizations in Kashmir. However, the study shows that the risk of Newborn Respiratory Distress Syndrome (NRDS) was shown to be higher in neonates born via Lower Segment Cesarean Section (LSCS)—the most common mode of delivery—than in the babies delivered via normal spontaneous vaginal delivery (NSVD).

According to the study, Transient Tachypnea of Newborn (TTN) was the most

common cause of distress in term newborns, followed by perinatal asphyxia, meconium aspiration, neonatal sepsis, and congenital heart diseases (CHD).

Various studies conducted worldwide have pointed out that cesarean section is a risk factor for RDS because the fetus absorbs about one-third of the fetal lung fluid during vaginal delivery, whereas proper absorption of fetal lung fluid is not achieved in infants delivered through a cesarean section.

Head of the Department of Pediatrics at the Government Children Hospital, Dr. Khurshid Wani, endorsed the Government College of Medicines study and saying that caesarean section increases the risk of respiratory distress syndrome (RDS) because, in normal | More on P6






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#### From The Principal District Judge, Srinagar

Present: Mr. Jawad Ahmad

1. Mudasar Ahmad Bhat  
 2. Nadira 3.Salim Bhat  
 Son and daughters of late Zareena Begum and Late Ghulam Nabi Bhat All residents of Sonwar Srinagar

Petitioner's  
 Vs  
 Public at large Respondents

In the matter of  
 Application for issuance of Succession certificate in favour of the petitioner(s)

#### Notice to public at Large

Where the petitioner(s) FILED ABOVE TITLED PETITION BEFORE THIS COURT OF SUCCESION OF SUCCESSION certificate in favour of Petitioner(s) in respect of Rs. 21,44,366 as debits and securities in name of Deceased Name: Late Mst. Zareena Begum D/o Late Abdul Salam Sheikh W/o Late Ghulam Nabi Bhat R/o Sonwar, Srinagar who died on 12-12-2023. The petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed on 16-03-2024

Public Notice is hereby issued, informing all and sundry through the drom of this proclamation that at any anyone has any objection for issuance of succession certificate, he/she / they shall appear before this court either personally or through counsel or any authorized agent and file objections on or before 16-03-2024. Failing which the petition will be taken up and appropriate orders will be passed in the same

In case, the date fixed is declared as holiday the matter shall be taken on the next working day.  
 Given under my hand and seal of this court on

Jawad Ahmad  
 Principal District Judge, Srinagar

#### Office Of The Adv. Arfat Rashid Lone, J&K High Court Srinagar,

Office Near District Court Complex, Moominabad, Batamaloo Bypass, Srinagar.

#### Before The Hon'ble J&K High Court At Srinagar.

In the case of:-  
 1. Ishfaq Ahmad Zahgeer S/O Late Ghulam Hassan Zahgeer R/O Alampur Colony, Rawalpura, Srinagar  
 2. Ashiq Ahmad Lone S/O Late Khalil Mohammad Lone R/O Pamposh Colony, Natipora, Srinagar.

.....caveators  
 VERSUS  
 Public At Large  
 ....Non caveators

In the matter of :- Caveat petition on behalf of the caveators above named.

May it please your Lordship:  
 The caveat petition on behalf of the caveators is submitted as under.  
 1. That the caveators have reason to believe that the non-caveators are likely to prefer a writ or other proceedings before this Hon'ble Court against the caveators, challenging thereby the order/Judgment dated 13-04-2023, passed by the Hon'ble J&K Special Tribunal, Srinagar in favour of the caveators in Revision, filed by the caveators before the Ld. Tribunal, against the order of sealing bearing No. SMC/Enf/15872-BI dated 28-09-2021 titled "Ishfaq Ahmad Zahgeer & Anr. Versus Commissioner, SMC, Srinagar & Ors" and on the ground of distorted facts, misrepresentation and cooked up story may succeed in obtaining an order in ex-parte against the caveators. The said ex-parte order, if passed against the caveators, shall have a direct impact on the rights of the caveators. Copy of the order/Judgment supra is appended hereto and is marked as Annexure-1.

2. That through the medium of this caveat petition, the caveators pray that in case the non-caveators make any such motion before this Hon'ble Court against the caveators, then in that case, the caveators may be afforded a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the matter before any effective orders are passed by this Hon'ble Court.

3. That all the formalities required to be complied with for an effective and valid caveat have been complied with.

In the premises, it is, therefore, prayed that in case any motion in the nature of a writ or otherwise is made by the non-caveators in this Hon'ble Court on the subject, a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the matter may be afforded/ granted to the caveators before any ex-parte orders are passed in the matter by this Hon'ble Court in favour of the non-caveators. The order sought would meet the ends of justice.

Caveators through counsel  
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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in my school records as Shayda Shafi while my correct name is Fitash Shafi which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Holy Faith Model School Berthipora Shopian within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Fitash Shafi  
 Father's Name: Mohd Shafi Wani  
 R/o Berthipora Shopian fko

#### Office of the chairman Managing Body Of Allama Iqbal School Of Excellence Magraypora Pattan



S. No.	Name	Parentage	Residence	Qualification	Occupation	Designation
01	Riyaz Ahmad Bhat	Late Gh Ahmad Bhat	Magray pora Pattan	B.Tech	Private employe	Chairman
02	Shabnama Bano	Bashir Ahmad Malik	Magray pora Pattan	M.Sc. B.ed	Principal of the school	Principal
03	Nuzhat Maqsood	Maqsood Ahmad Yattoo	Gosh bugh Pattan	B.A	Teacher of the school	Member
04	Ghulam Mouhi	Ghulam Rasool	Magray pora Pattan	Middle	Zamindar	Member/parent
05	Saima Fayaz	Fayaz Ahmad Malik	Magray pora Pattan	B.A	Teacher of the school	Member
06	Mohammad Yaseen Malik	Mohammad Shabaz Malik	Magray pora Pattan	Graduate	Social Activist	Member
07	Mushaq Ahmad Malik	Late Dilawar Ahmad malik	Magray pora Pattan	Middle	Fruit Business	Member/Parent

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## Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Zonal Education Officer Qazigund

Behind Municipality Committee Office, Near PHE Division Qazigund  
 Email id: zoeqazigundsamagra@gmail.com

No:- ZEO/Q/SmS/796/24 Dated:- 26/02/2024.

Sub:- Engagement/Hiring of Helpers/AAYAs under ECCE for the year 2023-24 (Existing) and Invitation of applications thereof.

#### Advertisement Notification No. Of 01 of 2024 Dated: 26 /02/2024

In pursuance to the Project Director Samagra Shiksha's communication No: Edu/PD/SmS/ECCE/Helpers/1861-1905/2023-24 dated: 06-06-2023 and Chief Education Officer Anantnag's communication No: CEO/Ang/SmS/21030-45/23, dated: 08/06/2023, applications are hereby invited, from the eligible candidates, for the engagement/hiring of Helpers/AAYAs, under Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) for year 2023-24 in the below mentioned schools of the zone. The duly filled application forms, completed in all respects, along with all requisite documents shall reach to the office of Headmaster concerned by or before 05-03-2024. The application forms shall NOT be accepted after the expiry of the last date (05/03/2024). The AA YAs/Helpers shall be engaged as per the guidelines spelt out in Project Director's Order No: 07 of Chirag-2023, Dated: 09-01-2023 and Amendment No:- 150- Chirag of 2023, Dated 21/09/2023.

S. No	S.No of the (List of 6282 Schools Approved for the Year 2023-24)	Name of the School	UDISE Code	Total Pre Primary Roll
1	697	GPS Sadoora	01061300102	7
2	698	MS Gundijafar	01061300103	10
3	700	MS Sesman (SSA)	01061300202	13
4	701	GMS Vessu	01061300301	5
5	702	PS Nai Basti Vessu SSA	01061300302	6
6	707	GMS Nusoo	01061300902	16
7	708	MS Ladlijan	01061300903	12
8	709	MS Sheikh Pora	01061300904	10
9	712	PS Breinkhar Dawlatabad	01061300102	6
10	716	PS Kishgund	01061301203	13
11	717	MS Kuchi Pora	01061301501	10
12	718	GMS Won Pora	01061301602	12
13	721	MS Cher Pora (SSA)	01061301605	9
14	722	MS Bonpora	01061301607	7
15	723	MS Adcheck	01061301608	10
16	724	PS Nowgund	01061301609	12
17	725	PS Sransoo	01061301701	10
18	726	MS Salyaloo	01061301801	13
19	727	MS Watihal	01061301802	5
20	729	MS Checki Badwani	01061301804	8
21	730	PS Nagras (SSA)	01061301805	7
22	731	MS Kulli Bagh	01061301807	11
23	733	GMS Y K Pora	01061301902	8
24	734	MS Khoshi Pora	01061301904	16
25	735	MS Checki Muswani	01061301905	6
26	739	PS Wanpora Y K Pora	01061301915	18
27	741	MS Sheikhpura	01061302002	12
28	744	PS Check Amir Singh	01061302005	13
29	745	MS Guchan	01061302201	14
30	746	MS Wangund	01061302301	18
31	747	GMS Checki Wongund	01061302302	13
32	748	PS New Colony Checki-Wangund	01061302306	20
33	750	MS Taragam	01061302401	6
34	752	MS Tanjloo	01061302501	11
35	755	MS Malik Abad	01061302602	12
36	756	PS Gujar Patl Kewa (SSA)	01061302603	8
37	758	MS Chilmulla	01061302701	16
38	760	GMS Qazigund	01061302703	10
39	761	MS Dngowarl	01061302802	17
40	762	MS Gujarnard	01061302803	10
41	763	MS Checki Bakarwal	01061302804	20
42	764	MS TangtraJan (SSA)	01061302805	20
43	765	PS Faridabad (SSA)	01061302807	8
44	766	MS Srimarg	01061302808	13
45	768	PS Astan Check	01061302810	12
46	770	PS Janjoha Patl	01061302814	10
47	771	PS Dowlatabad	01061302815	12
48	772	PS Khainard	01061302816	8
49	773	MS Pranglam	01061302901	5
50	774	MS Gulab Bagh A	01061302902	4
51	775	MS Gulab Bagh B	01061302903	10
52	777	GMS Shampora	01061303301	10
53	778	BMS Kurigam	01061303401	15
54	780	PS Ganie Mohallah Kurigam Ward 1	01061303403	14
55	782	PS Doonwan	01061303503	15
56	783	PS Khazir Khandaypora Nepora	01061303505	11

The Application Form Is enclosed as Annexure "A" to this notification.

#### ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA OF HELPER/AAYA:

- Only female candidates can apply.
- The helper must be a domicile of the Village where approved School is located.
- Candidate must be belonging Jo BPL (Below Poverty Line) category.
- The candidate must be physically/mentally fit to carry-out her Job.

#### QUALIFICATION/PREFERENCE:

- Minimum Qualification of a Helper/AAYA Is 8th Class Passed. In case there is no eliqible . candidate available in Village/Ward, the candidate with lesser qualification shall be considered.
- preference shall be given to candidates from BPL Category in the below-mentioned Order of
- Widow
- Divorced
- Orphan

#### Age:

- The age of a candidate must be between 18-45 years as on 1st of January 2023.

#### Honorarium:

- Rs. 5000 (Five Thousand only) Per month, which may vary as per the approval in the subsequent year in PAB of Samagra Shiksha.

#### JOB CHART OF A HELPER/AAYA:

The Helpers/AAYAs for pre-primary sections of Government Schools shall have to perform below mentioned suggestive tasks:

- Escorting the children at their arrival, departure, between activities (for example while moving to outdoor areas, Play Ground and Toilet etc.).
- Maintaining the hygiene of the children— Toileting, hand washing, cleanliness of Children etc.
- Helping the teacher in preparing class for activities, like setting up the material, making arrangements for day-to-day activities.
- Assisting the children in taking food under the supervision of teacher, under PM POSHAN Scheme.
- Any other assignment given by Hol for the proper care of Children.

The engagement of a Helper/AAYA shall be purely terminus and shall conclude with the end of the academic session.

DIPK-17154/23  
 dated: 28-02-2024


Zonal Education Officer Qazigund

## 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 10th session Bi-Annual 2010 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

Name : Akeel Hussain Waza  
 S/O: Muzaffar Ahmad Waza  
 Roll No: 407522  
 Year & Session Bi-Annual 2010



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 tested as cancelled.

Sd/ Assistant Secretary  
 Board Of School Education  
 Sub Office Bandipora  
 bb

## The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education

### New Campus Bemina Srinagar

### Notice for General Public

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

Roll No: 27812  
 Class 10th  
 Year & Session April - May 1980  
 Registration: BPR 9912 GBP- M179  
 Name : Hameeda Banoo  
 Father's Name: Gh Qadir Lone  
 Mother's Name : Saja Begum  
 Date of Birth:- 14-04-1964  
 Residence:- Sonawari Bandipora

According to the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice.  
 (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 2608 be treated as "CANCELLED")  
 No: F( Cer is-I-DQC)/BJ/KD/24  
 Dated 28-02-2024

Assistant Secretary  
 Certificates, KD.

### SAD DEMISE

Mohd Maroof Lone of Gundpora Rampora Bandipora, a true beacon of Islamic knowledge passed away today. He was known for teaching Kashmiri translated Quran. He illuminated hearts of hundreds with Kashmiri Tafseer of Quran e Pak. For over three decades, he served as "Imam" in various Jamia Masjid in adjoining villages. His teachings were a guiding light. May his legacy of wisdom continue to inspire us. May Allah SWT Grant you Highest Place in Jannah.

Reyaz Ul Bashir Raina inf

#### Public Notice

This is to inform to general public that the electric connection bearing consumer code No. 0201040002233 which is in the name of my late father namely Gh. Mohammad Mir R/o Pan-dreathan Srinagar Kashmir. Now I want to transfer the same in my name i.e Barkat Ali Mir, if anybody has any objection please inform to Assistant Ex. Engineer PDD Sub Division Panthachowk, within seven days after that claim will not be entertained.

Barkat Ali Mir  
 S/O Late Gh. Mohammad Mir  
 R/o Pandreathan, Srinagar inf

### Before The Court Of Sub Judge / JMIC At Chadoora

#### Mohd Ashraf Bhat Vs Zahoor Ahmad Rather

Proclamation requiring the appearance of a person accused

WHEREAS a complaint has been made before Sub Judge Court that Zahoor Ahmad Rather S/o Abdul Wahab Rather R/o Hillow Tehsil District Shopian has committed the offence of Negotiable Instruments Act punishable under section 138 of the NI Act, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Zahoor Ahmad Rather cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Zahoor Ahmad Rather has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Zahoor Ahmad Rather S/o Abdul Wahab Rather of Hillow Tehsil District Shopian is required to appear Sub judge at Chadoora to answer the said complaint on the 02 of March 2024.

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#### Public Notice

I was reading in class 5th at Govt Boys High School Bagidedmari Srinagar in session 2005-2006. Now I have applied for the issuance of discharge certificate as I have not received it so far. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Govt Boys High School Bagidedmari Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Abidah Akhter  
 D/o Abdul Rashid Bhat  
 R/o Hasan Aabad Shunglipora Noorbagh Srinagar nj

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معالمدہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں درخواست سال دفتر مذکورہ میں زبکاردائی ہے اس نسبت پڑواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمول مطلوبہ نفاذات ریکارڈ طلب کے گئے جس سے عیاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل 1. عبدال غفار ولد محمد آکر بنجار 55 ترگهان 2. فاطمہ بیگم زوجہ عبدال غفار بنجار 50 گھرا لوکام 3. بیال احمد ولد عبدال غفار بنجار 34 ترگهان 4. عادل احمد ولد عبدال غفار بنجار 23 زیر تعلیم اسکے علاوہ کوئی بھی افراد کہ نہیں بتلایا گیا ہے سرٹیفیکٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یا شخص کو کوئی مذکورہ یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا اندر یا اعتراض ساتھ پیم کے اندر پیش کریں۔ میعاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی اندر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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## Over 12 Lakh Patients Treated At SKIMS Soura In One Year

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura, the valley's premier tertiary care health institute, has treated an impressive number of patients in the past one year, with over 12 lakh people seeking medical assistance at its Out Patient Department (OPD). According to data, SKIMS Soura witnessed a significant influx of patients, including Accident and Emergency (A&E) cases, totaling over 12 lakh visits to the OPD.

Among these, 387,088 were new patients, while 501,690 were revisits seeking medical attention.

In terms of inpatient admissions, SKIMS recorded 57,277 routine admissions, 25,384 emergency admissions, and 7,362

Gynae and Obstetrics admissions, totaling 89,973 admissions in the past year alone. Hospital performance indicators show an average daily admission rate of 246, with an impressive bed occupancy rate of 81 percent. The gross death rate was reported at 3.8 percent, while the net death rate stood at 1.83 percent.

Meanwhile, data spanning from 2014 to September 2023 reveals a total of around 28,000 deaths reported across all departments of SKIMS Soura. The highest number of deaths, amounting to 3,600, was recorded in 2014, followed by 2,572 in 2015, 2,186 in 2016, 2,695 in 2017 and 2,596 in 2018.

Details further reveal that 2859 deaths were reported at the institute in 2019, 2921 in 2020, 3415 in 2021, 3071 in 2022 and 2331 up to September 2023.

## 2 Houses Damaged, Firefighter Injured In Hawal Blaze

Observer News Service

Srinagar: At least two residential houses were damaged in a massive fire incident that broke out in Hawal area of Srinagar this evening, officials said.

Officials said that a leading fireman was also injured while the firefighting operation was underway.

They said that a fire broke out in the Hawal area of Srinagar, where one firefighter is said to be injured. He has been identified as Mushtaq Ahmed.

He added that the firefighting operation is ongoing in the area and the firefighter has been shifted to the hospital for treatment.

## 3rd Phase Of Vegetable Seedling Distribution At Kitchen Garden Inaugurated

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today inaugurated the third phase of vegetable seedling distribution at Kitchen Garden premises Lalmandi, Srinagar.

Under the third phase of vegetable seedling distribution drive, 8 lakh seedlings of cauliflower, cabbage, knol khol and saaf are being provided to the farmers from Kitchen Gar-

den Lalmandi Srinagar. Speaking on the occasion, Director Agriculture appreciated the efforts of the concerned officers/officials of Kitchen Garden and Hi-Tech Poly House installations and said that the department, to a great extent, has been successful in making vegetable seedlings available to the farming community round the year and this endeavor will continue till the set targets are achieved.

## Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan Executive Magistrate 1st Class

Subject: Order for registration of Date of Birth in the records of Municipal Committee Pattan

### Public Notice

The registrar Births and Deaths (Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Pattan) has submitted case file pertaining to birth of Hafsa Jaan D/o Mohamad Shafi Yattoo R/o Pahlallan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla having verified the date of birth as 27-07-2021 and the event has been shown to be occurred at SDH Pattan for issuance of Delay order. In this connection if anybody having any objection to the issuance of delay order of birth certificate shall submit his/hr claim to this office within seven (7) days after that no objection shall be entertained

Naib Tehsildar fko

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The DOB of my son Mohsin Mohi-u-Din Malik has been wrongly written in his school records as 23-02-2017 while his correct DOB is 23-05-2016 Which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Govt Middle School Aakhoo Zone Kunzer within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Ghulam Mohi-u-din Malik  
F/o Mohsin Mohi-u-Din Malik

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## از عدالت تحصیلدار صاحب فرصل

مضمون: درخواست منجانب: محمد الیاس لون ولد عبد الرحیم لون ساکن موضع بدر تحصیل فرصل برآمد حصول برتھ شیفٹ کی بجائے پسر محمد آواب لون (Mohammad Awwaab Lone)

### اشتہار

ماملہ مندرجہ عنوان صدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست عرض حصول برتھ شیفٹ کے لئے پیش کی ہے۔ اس ضمن میں رپورٹ فیڈ انجینی، QQ رپورٹ طلب ہوئی، جس کے مطابق سائل محمد الیاس لون کا پسر محمد آواب لون (Mohammad Awwaab Lone) مورثہ 19-10-2017 کو گھر میں ہی تولد ہوا ہے۔ اب سائل اپنے پسر کے لئے برتھ شیفٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہاں ہے۔ لہذا اگر اس ضمن میں کسی بھی شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو سات دنوں کے اندر اندر اپنا مندرجہ ذیل پتہ پیش کرے۔ بعد گزرنے میں کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔  
تحصیلدار فرصل



## Uniting Agriculture & Medicine SKUAST Hosts AGRI-MED Science Congress

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: The JK AGRI-MED Science Congress has commenced with great enthusiasm at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST). The event is being held at the Shalimar campus, with the theme 'Reshaping Bioeconomy towards One Health', marking a significant collaboration between various organizations including the Department of Science and Technology, J&K Government, SKIMS and JK Research Consortium.

The ongoing congress has a focus on reevaluating existing food production

systems and healthcare facilities, it endeavors to chart a course towards a more robust agri-economy and a resilient healthcare sector since both the sectors are interconnected.

Speaking to Kashmir Observer on the sidelines of the event the Vice-Chancellor SKUAST, Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, said that the congress serves as a pivotal platform for comprehensive discussions on the integration of agriculture and medical sciences and is aimed at fostering a futuristic approach to both sectors and ultimately, nurturing a healthier society.

He said that it is for the first time in Jammu & Kashmir and India that

agricultural and medical experts are coming on a single platform. The event involves SKUAST, SKIMS and the JK consortium of universities and researchers. The Jammu & Kashmir council for science and technology is supporting us in this venture.

"In recent decades, agriculture and medicine have made significant progress since independence. Farmer's economic conditions have improved and past diseases have declined. However, new challenges arise due to changing weather and other factors. Yet, we observe soil, water and environmental deterioration," Ganai said.

"Our food contains

toxic residues, contributing to disease escalation through the food chain. So, the collaboration between agricultural and medical experts is crucial. Improving animal health is essential for human health, as seventy percent of infectious diseases in humans stem from animals," he added.

Ganai said that the event marks the first establishment of the One Health institution in India, supported by a significant Rs 25 crore government project. "Additionally, we have secured another project. Our goal is to enhance people's health and well-being."

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

## Jammu And Kashmir Pharmacy Council Constituted In Terms Of Section (19) of Pharmacy Act 1948

Combined Drug & Food Lab, Patoli Mangotrian, Jammu).  
EMAIL: presidentikpharmacycouncil@gmail.com, Tele: 0191-2536043\_

ORDER NO: 08 -JKPC OF 2024.  
DATED: 233- .02.2024.

Subject –	Cancellation/Rejection of registration as Pharmacist of Mr. Ab Hamid Dar S/o Mr. Gh. Hassan Dar R/o Barsoo, Awantipora, District- Pulwama (under 32 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948-regarding).
Reference:	1. JKPC-VERF-PHAR006691-Estt-1843-55, Dated: 27.01.2024.

Whereas, the Pharmacy Council of Union Territory of J&K issued a Public Notice under endorsement no: JKPC-86/Estt/681-91, Dated: 16.12.2020 inviting therein applications for registration as Pharmacist under the Pharmacy Act, 1948;

Whereas, the above exercise was initiated in pursuance to the implementation of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir after the enforcement of J&K Reorganization Act, 2019;

Whereas, an application for registration as Pharmacist under Section 32 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 from your end was uploaded in the Online portal vide Form reference number PHAR006691, Dated: 12.08.2021 along with requisite documents as prescribed under the Checklist;

Whereas "a matter of practice and procedure, the eligibility certificate uploaded from the applicants end was referred to the concerned university/examining body for purpose of verifying as genuineness;

Whereas, a communication presumably originating from Bundelkhand University, Jhansi vide no: 2022/1573, Dated: 04.04.2022 and list/record dated: 20.03.2023 which has been taken on record & the application submitted was approved and the registration was granted in his favour on the basis of aforesaid communication as below details:

Registration number	Date of registration	Validity
JKPC/NRC/6691	06.06.2023	04.06.2028

Whereas, the staff dealing with applications uploaded through online portal informed that there is some evident suspicion about the credentials of applicants who claim to have obtained requisite eligibility from Bundelkhand University, Jhansi;

Whereas, the above inputs were taken on record and a confidential exercise was initiated with the competent authority of Bundelkhand University, Jhansi to verify the record being submitted to this office;

Whereas, the Controller of Examination, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi vide their communication no: 2023/4945, Dated: 20.12.2023 during physical verification has vehemently disowned the issuance of letter no: BL7Conf/Recd/2023/1260, Dated: 09.10.2023 from their side and therefore suggesting that the same be treated as fake.

Whereas, the response highlighted herein above clearly indicates that the claims of eligibility by the applicant are not bonafide & further the said person has indulged in unfair means;

Whereas, at the time of filing the application through online portal, the applicant has also submitted an affidavit duly sworn before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Srinagar with one of the below averments:

"That in the event, my eligibility for registration as Pharmacist is found to have been acquired through misrepresentation, impersonation or concealment of material facts and found false, the Pharmacy Council shall have a right to strike off my registration as Pharmacist ab-initio without providing me any opportunity for being heard".

Whereas, the above person was offered an opportunity to provide his response in the matter through show cause notice vide this office letter bearing no: JKPC7VERF-PHAR006691-Estt-1843-55, Dated: 27.01.2024;

Whereas, no reply was received from the applicants end;

Whereas, the applicant has failed to respond to the communications reflected in para supras and therefore the applicant has not availed of his right to be heard before a decision in the matter is taken.

Now, therefore the undersigned in exercise of powers vested under Section (36) of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 rejects the application of the applicant for registration as Pharmacist in terms of Section 32 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 and the name of the applicant is hereby removed from the register maintained by the J&K Pharmacy Council with immediate effect.

(The above action is being taken in pursuance to the communication forwarded by the Bundelkhand University, Jhansi reflected at para supra (Inter-alia disputing your eligibility claims for registration as Pharmacist).

(Lotika Khajuria)

(Ex-Officio)  
President  
Jammu & Kashmir Pharmacy Council.

No: JKPC-Estt-PHAR006691-2186-2204  
DIPK-NB-5867/23 Dated: 28-.02.24

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092, 2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488, 2452222, 2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
- Ambulance: Kashmir EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

**AIRPORTS**  
SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311 ✈

**RAILWAYS**

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BIJBERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

**HIGHWAY STATUS**

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



**HIJRI CALENDAR**  
18 Shaban  
1445

PRAYERS	
FAJR	5: 38
ZUHR	12:43
ASR	4: 45
Magrib	6:29
ISHA	7: 49

## This Day In History

- 1504 - Christopher Columbus uses a lunar eclipse to frighten hostile Jamaican Indians
- 1644- Abel Tasman sets out on his second exploratory expedition for the VOC to the southern Pacific from Banda, in the Moluccas, with three ships (will chart northern coast of New Holland / Australia)
- 1692 - First people are accused of witchcraft in Salem, Massachusetts - Sarah Good, Sarah Osborne and Tituba, a West Indian slave
- 1696 - English ex-premier Earl Danby accused of corruption
- 1704 - French & Indians attack Deerfield, Massachusetts, kill 50, abduct 100
- 1768 - Polish nobleman Casimir Pulaski joins the Bar Confederation to defend the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth against Russian influence
- 1892 - Britain & US sign treaty on seal hunting in Bering Sea
- 1904 - Theodore Roosevelt, appoints 7-man Panama Canal Commission to proceed with completing a canal at the Isthmus
- 1936 - US President FDR signs 2nd Neutrality Act
- 1940 - Finland initiates Winter War peace negotiations
- 1944 - 5 leaders of Indonesia Communist Party sentenced to death
- 1944 - US troop land on Los Negros, Admiralty Islands
- 1952 The island of Heligoland is restored to German authority.
- 1956 - Islamic Republic forms in Pakistan
- 1956 - US President Eisenhower announces he will seek a 2nd term
- 1960 - Agadir earthquake in Morocco kills a third of the population (12,000-15,000)
- 1964 - Cincinnati's Jerry Lucas and Oscar Robertson combine for a rare 40-40 performance as the Royals beat host Philadelphia 76ers, 117-114; NBA MVP Robertson has 43 points; Rookie of the Year Lucas, 40 rebounds
- 1964 - Australian swimmer Dawn Fraser records the fastest 100m freestyle of her brilliant career; smashes her own world record 58.9s in Sydney; goes on to win her 3rd straight gold in the event at the Tokyo Olympics
- flights with nuclear bombs
- 1968 - National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (Kerner Comm) reports against racism & demands aid given to blacks
- 1972 - Future Baseball Hall of Fame right fielder Hank Aaron becomes first player to earn \$200,000 average annual salary; signs 3-year deal with Atlanta Braves after one of his best seasons - .327 average, 47 HRs and 118 RBIs
- 1976 American driver Richard Petty wins the only Winston Cup race run on Leap Day, taking the Carolina 500 at Rockingham by 2 laps over Darrell Waltrip
- 1984 - Pierre Trudeau announces he is stepping down after 15 years as Canadian Prime Minister
- 1984 - Swedish center Patrik Sundström scores a goal and adds 6 assists as Vancouver Canucks beat the Penguins 9-5 in Pittsburgh; just the 3rd player in NHL history to record 6 assists in a road game
- 1988 - New Zealand cricket batsman Mark Greatbatch scores an unbeaten 107 on debut to rescue a draw in 2nd Test v England at Eden Park, Auckland
- 1988 - Nazi document implicates Waldheim in WW II deportations
- 1992 - Boston's Ray Bourque becomes just the 3rd defenseman in NHL history to score 1,000 career points with a goal and 2 assists in the Bruins' 5-5 tie with Washington Capitals at Boston Garden
- 1996 - Soyuz TM-23, lands
- 1996 - Serb forces withdraw from Sarajevo, ending the siege after 1,425 days, the longest siege of a capital city in the history of modern warfare
- 2004 - Jean-Bertrand Aristide resigns as President of Haiti following popular rebel uprising.
- 2020 - US and Taliban sign deal to end 18-year war in Afghanistan in Doha, Qatar. US and NATO allies will withdraw their troops after 14 months if deal kept.



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Thursday | 29-02-2024

## Snow Turnaround

The recurrent snowfall in February has brought much-needed relief to the region, marking a welcome end to a prolonged dry spell that adversely affected the tourism industry and boded ill for affected farmers, fruit and vegetable growers during the year ahead. The snow turnaround has changed all this and brought glad tidings for both tourism and agriculture.

The tourism sector, a vital component of Kashmir's economy, had been languishing due to a lack of snow. But snowfall has breathed new life back into this industry, with key resorts like Gulmarg and Pahalgam once again experiencing a massive tourist rush. All hotels in Gulmarg are once again booked until March. Significantly, snow is bringing foreign tourists to the Valley.

Last year, as per official figures, 55,000 foreign tourists visited Kashmir. Total number of tourists in the year was over one crore. This year, the administration in J&K is eyeing 2.50 crore tourist arrivals including record number of foreign guests as well.

Despite the challenges posed by cold wave conditions, the snowfall has kindled hopes for a revival in business. Hoteliers across the Valley, buoyed by the prospect of increased tourist footfall, are optimistic about better occupancy rates in the days ahead.

Snow has also brought one of the world's most celebrated cricketers, our very own Sachin Tendulkar. During his stay, he hasn't confined himself to hotels or restricted himself to spending time in the breathtaking snow-bound landscape but met the common people, fans, visited bat-manufacturing units and played crickets in the open grounds. His visit has been a great advertisement for the Valley's tourism industry and is certain to draw many more holidaymakers to the Valley.

To think that a month ago, the situation in the Valley looked quite bleak: Kashmir experienced an unexpected snowless 40-day period of chilla kalan with bright blue skies and sun-soaked days. While the warmth may have been welcome, beneath the surface, a quiet concern brewed, as the absence of snowfall threatened to cast a long shadow over the upcoming summer. It raised alarm for the local economy, as depleted glaciers would have led to diminished river flows, impacting, in turn, farming activities and power generation.

Heavy snow in winter helps in the glacier formation which in turn charges up the Valley's water bodies through summer. So a dry winter signals trouble. More so, at a time when the Valley's major glaciers have shown marked signs of depletion in recent decades. Biggest of them is the Kolahai glacier, whose area, according to a study, has retreated to 11.24 square kilometers from 13.87 sq kms since 1976.

As they say, all's well that ends well. Snowfall in February will hopefully go some way to plug the shortfall in December and January. We can optimistically look forward to a prospect of a bountiful tourism season and a bumper agricultural output during spring and summer.

### OTHER OPINION

## Burden of power

Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair, Ajit Krishnan, Angad Pratap and Shubhanshu Shukla — these Air Force pilots constitute the final shortlist of candidates from among whom India's astronauts for its human spaceflight mission, a.k.a. Gaganyaan, will be selected. The announcement, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during an official visit to Kerala, fills the last real unknown about the ambitious mission, which aims to send an Indian crew to low-earth orbit onboard an Indian rocket. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signalled that, setting aside the risk of unexpected delays, it expects to conduct two test flights of the human-rated Launch Vehicle Mark-3 rocket in 2024 and 2025 and the crewed launch in 2025. The Union Cabinet approved Gaganyaan in 2018 at a cost of 10,000 crore. Since then, the ISRO centres and their collaborators in industry and academia have worked to bring the mission's various components together while also negotiating delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic and ISRO's commercial commitments. Now, with the astronauts' names in the open, India is truly in the last mile.

It would be naive to believe an undertaking of this scale can be completely free of political capture, but Gaganyaan cannot be altogether politically motivated either. Among other things, the Indian Space Policy 2023 requires ISRO to "carry out applied research and development of newer systems so as to maintain India's edge in ... human spaceflight" and to "... develop a long term road-map for sustained human presence in space". ISRO has also flown a bevy of technological, research, and commercial missions with sufficient support from the Centre to render them immune to political accountability, and Gaganyaan has been no different. But going ahead, it should be different, with justification that is amenable to public scrutiny and debate while seeding a culture of space exploration that is truly democratic, rather than being motivated seemingly by geopolitical aspirations. Similarly, while a road map is being set — accommodating Mr. Modi's "directive" to ISRO to land an Indian on the moon by 2040 — the endeavour must be to give Gaganyans present and future an identity rooted less in "India's edge", which when maintained for its own sake becomes a vacuous thing, and more in the fundamental act of creating new scientific and societal value. Other countries, including China, may be technologically ahead, but India must keep the focus on scientific exploration and expanding human horizons, and not on achieving some 'space superpower' status.

The Hindu

RIYAZ WANI



**Going forward, it looks unlikely that India and Pakistan could go back to any engagement in the near future. Immediately, however, any further progress in the relations will be subject to the outcome of the general election in India in May-June. It is believed that the re-election of PM Modi, as looks likely, and Shehbaz Sharif as Pakistan prime minister would be more conducive to resumption of dialogue**

# A Sharif at the Helm in Pakistan

The new governing coalition in Pakistan will remain busy firefighting Imran Khan but on this side of the border, the interest will mainly be centered on how it will deal with India and vice versa

As the PML-N and the PPP coalition is set to form a new government in Pakistan, its policies are likely to be a reprise of their preceding stint in power. The primary focus is likely to be the country's deteriorating economic situation which could further be aggravated in the near future. The coalition may also continue to be dogged by the ongoing political turmoil in the country - more so, after the PTI, the incarcerated Imran Khan's party, was denied power despite winning the largest number of seats in an otherwise flagrantly rigged election. But on this side of the border, the interest will mainly be centered on how the new dispensation in Islamabad will deal with India and vice versa.

So, what does Shehbaz Sharif as Pakistan prime minister mean for India? More so, when this time round, Asif Ali Zardari will be the Pakistan president. On the face of it, there isn't room for any surprise here. In his last stint, Sharif ran a largely bland government devoid of any big domestic or foreign policy decisions. Most of its time was spent pushing back against surging mass protests led by Imran Khan, a challenge which lingers. But unlike the last time when the alliance had just sixteen months before the elections, this time it has a full term - that is, if it doesn't meet the fate of the Khan's government and that of many others preceding it. This would incline the government to think more long-term with a hopefully achievable end in view. And relations with India are likely to be one of the priority areas for the new government. And if media reports are to be believed, Pakistan Army is keen to improve ties with India, a desire that is expected to reflect in the policies of Sharif-Zardari combo. But the Indo-Pak relationship is too fiendishly complex to be easily amenable to such a desire or even an effort.

As is the case with India-Pakistan ties, nothing can be said with certainty until things actually turn around. This is because the conditions for engagement between the neighbours remain irreconcilable. Pakistan wants to place Kashmir at the

front and centre of its dialogue with New Delhi which is unacceptable to India. Pakistan also wants India to restore Article 370 that granted J&K its semi-autonomous status within India which again India sees as irreversible. More so, after the Supreme Court endorsed the Modi government's move, making the constitutional provision's abrogation a fait accompli. The unmistakable signal to Pakistan is to temper its expectation about the extent to which India can accommodate it on Kashmir.

and wants Pakistan to reconcile with the new status quo. But Pakistan seems unlikely to do so. More so, under a government that lacks legitimacy in the eyes of a large majority of its people following an election where Khan's PTI was the obvious choice of an overwhelming majority of the voters.

Going forward, it looks unlikely that India and Pakistan could go back to any engagement in the near future. Immediately, however, any further progress in the relations will



In fact, New Delhi now wants Kashmir off the table in any future discussion with Islamabad. Only issue about Kashmir that is pending resolution, according to India, is the Pakistan Occupied Kashmir which New Delhi wants to be returned and even threatens to take it back through a military operation.

As for talks with Islamabad, India, as always, wants terrorism to be the central issue and wants Pakistan to stop supporting militancy in Kashmir. Pakistan doesn't accept it backs terrorism.

But it was with these irreconcilable positions intact that the two countries in February 2020 agreed to reinstate their 2003 ceasefire along the Line of Control and made positive noises signaling a return to dialogue. But they failed to build on the goodwill as any such effort was undone by New Delhi's refusal to concede on Kashmir. There have been no further measures, nor does it look likely there will be in the near future. New Delhi seems in no hurry to do this. If anything, this only goes on to show that India feels little need to relent

be subject to the outcome of the general election in India in May-June. It is believed that the re-election of PM Modi, as looks likely, and Shehbaz Sharif as Pakistan prime minister would be more conducive to resumption of dialogue. They could pick up where PM Modi and former Pakistan prime minister Nawaz Sharif - brother of Shehbaz Sharif - left off in 2017 when the latter was forced out of power. However, the regional situation has since transformed. And with the abrogation of Article 370, the complexion of the Kashmir issue too has altered. So, for the two countries to re-engage, they would need to evolve new terms of engagement. And it is easier said than done. This would call for a diplomatic leap of faith, more so, on the part of Pakistan.

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## Change Your Life and Personality

THERE'S no real "you". You're just a blueprint of the society in which you were born and one that made you. Your habits, hobbies, interests, religion, beliefs and actions are all mediated by society. What you are right now is not the actual you. However, there is a possibility to discover and rediscover yourself. You are the creator of your own story. However this change will hardly come overnight.

Consider this, in a village two children are born. One grows up in the village itself and another is raised in a developed country abroad. After twenty years, they both will have different personalities. The village boy will have his own set of hobbies

and dreams. On the other hand, the one raised abroad will have a different set of values mediated by a completely different society abroad. Therefore, it is obvious that you do not control your life, society does. One might mistake one's life as though luck directed it, however, things aren't that simple.

However, no matter what society has done, you can change it if you don't like your story that you are living. You can completely recreate it no matter how old and strong your story is. You have the power, because you are the author of your own life story. This is the highest power for a human being.

You have to first accept it deep

within by increasing your self understanding. Research on it, analyse your past. Listen and watch struggle stories of people who then become successful all over the world. One thought can change your life. Plant your thoughts deeply in your subconscious mind through gratitude affirmations. Do this until your belief in your abilities becomes stronger.

Then the next step is to destroy your fear of people. As they say, "sabe bada rogh, kya kahenge log". If you don't remove this fear then you can't unlock your true potential or inner voice. Listen to the inner voice not the outer voice. No matter how many failures you have faced, you become closer to success from every failure.

If you are so concerned about what people are thinking, then how can you make your decisions? You will act on their expectations of you and not on your inner voice.

Life is what you make it, it's your choice. Don't compromise in life, enjoy it to the fullest. Don't make excuses. Be patient, work hard. Keep a learning attitude, an open mind and do not see through the beliefs you hold but see things as they are.

Make a commitment that no matter what your boring story was in the past and that you will live life on your own terms and conditions.

Mohsin Nazir







## In Rajouri, J&K Bank Kalakote Branch Gets New Premises, CRM



### KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Carrying forward its plan to upgrade banking infrastructure for public convenience, J&K Bank on Wednesday dedicated new premises of its Branch Kalakote along with a new Cash Recycling Machine (CRM) to the residents of Kalakote and its adjoining areas in Rajouri. With the commissioning of new CRM today, the total CRM count of the Bank has gone up to 8 in the district and 13 in the Zone.

The Bank's General Manager & Divisional Head (Jammu) Sunit Kumar and Zonal Head (Rajouri) Satish Kumar inaugurated the spacious and adequately equipped new-premises that houses new CRM & the ATM amid a gathering of valuable customers, prominent citizens and local residents besides other officials of the Bank.

Speaking on the occasion, GM Sunit Kumar said, "As part of outreach to every nook and corner of the twin UTs of J&K and Ladakh, J&K Bank is extending world class banking services to the people of remote and rural places, which are at par with those provided to the customers of metro and urban areas. However, our thrust remains on digital banking services that

have brought ease in the lives of common people."

He urged the customers and public representatives to use Bank's state of the Art digital facilities like Mpay Delight+, QR code, POS Machine, CRM etc. for round the clock, seamless and safe banking services.

Responding to the customers demand for more Banking services at remote locations, he assured to strengthen the BC network in the twin districts of Rajouri zone in addition to the existing network of branches.

While interacting with the gathering, Zonal Head (Rajouri) emphasized upon the customers to avail the benefits under the ongoing Ghar-Ghar KCC campaign wherein the bank is striving for 100% saturation. Reiterating the Bank's commitment to serve and empower its customers, he exhorted the people to avail various facilities/services provided by the Bank that are tailored for their socio-economic development.

Pertinently, the Branch Manager was advised to provide handholding support to the customers regarding the use of CRM particularly in depositing cash. Now the customers can deposit and withdraw their cash during late hours and even holidays.

## Mall Management Maestro Nauman Thakur's Journey from Memoirs to Management

### Observer News Service

Srinagar: Mohammed Nauman Thakur, a trailblazer from Kashmir, has unveiled a quintet of instructive booklets, now available on Amazon, that collectively form the 'Handbook on Shopping Mall Management: Simplified.'

This compendium serves as a beacon for enthusiasts and professionals seeking to unravel the shopping center industry.

Thakur's second foray into literature follows his debut, 'My Memoir: Essentials of Mall Management,' offering readers an intimate glimpse into his formative years and the inception of his journey in the realm of shopping center management.

Anticipating a 30 trillion-dollar industry value by 2030, 'Handbook on Shopping Mall Management: Simplified' meticulously dissects future trends and challenges while underscoring the economic impact, growth factors, and evolving consumer preferences shaping this dynamic sector.

Thakur, with a successful career managing super-regional shopping centers in the Middle East, including the renowned Al Wahda Mall in Abu Dhabi, now endeavours to pass on his wealth of knowledge to investors and professionals involved in the burgeoning shopping mall scene in Kashmir.

"In the Middle East, I managed a number of super-regional shopping centers, including Al Wahda Mall, Mazyad Mall, and Al Raha Mall in Abu Dhabi," Thakur says.



However, a poignant moment during the COVID-19 pandemic, when he could not attend his mother's funeral due to travel restrictions, prompted him to refocus on his homeland. Thakur identified a shopping mall boom in Kashmir and founded 'Bricks and Clicks,' a mall management and retail advisory company. The venture aims to elevate the shopping mall experience in the region by providing

quality standards and services in development, leasing, marketing, accounting, and diligent mall operations.

Furthermore, he now imparts his three-decade expertise as a course instructor on shopping mall management at Udem, boasting a high rating.

Looking forward, Thakur envisions establishing a school on Shopping Mall Management in Kashmir, offering comprehensive professional training.

"The course will delve into every aspect of shopping mall management, from leasing to marketing, mechanical to plumbing, security to cleaning," he says.

Thakur is particularly keen on transforming shopping malls into vibrant community centers, akin to successful models in cities like Gurgaon and New Delhi.

He feels Sangarmaal Shopping Complex is the most aesthetically pleasing among all shopping centers in Kashmir while City Walk has relatively efficient management and Sarah City Mall has a smaller parking space.

## Entrepreneurship Training Program On Vermicomposting Held At SKUAST-K

### Observer News Service

Srinagar: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K) hosted a one-week long entrepreneurship training program on "Entrepreneurship Opportunities in Vermicomposting" at Division of Vegetable Science, SKUAST-K, Shalimar.

The training program was organised by the Division of Vegetable Science, Faculty of Horticulture, SKUAST-K under the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sponsorship.

The programme was designed to equip rural unemployed youth from various areas of Kashmir and from other parts of India with vital skills and knowledge in vermicomposting technology, the university said in a press release.

26 participants from various parts of India and various areas of Kashmir joined the programme to gain a comprehensive understanding of vermicomposting technology for sustainable agriculture.

Course Coordinator Dr. Baseerat Afroza, Professor & Head, Division of Vegetable Science, SKUAST-K, played a pivotal role in providing an overview of the training programme. She explained the critical role played by both the University and the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) in the development of enterprises focused on skill-based training.

"The participants don't have proper knowledge of the preparation and management of vermicomposting. Many

participants are unaware of the essential role the earthworms play in soil health. Lack of educational programs and outreach initiatives contributes to the under-appreciation of vermicomposting in sustainable agriculture," she said.

"As we navigate the challenges of modern agriculture, vermicomposting emerges as a cost-effective, low-tech, and easily adaptable tool that not only benefits individual farmers but also contributes to a larger global movement toward sustainable practices. By embracing vermicomposting, we not only reduce our dependence on chemical fertilizers but also play a role in waste reduction, promoting circular economies and fostering healthier ecosystems," she continued.

In addition to learning about the latest methods and best practices in vermicomposting, participants will be urged to look into the business prospects available in the industry. During one week theory lectures and practical sessions were conducted by various experts from the Division of Vegetable Science, Division of Soil Science, College of Agri-Engineering and Technology, Division of Plant Pathology, College of Agri-Economics and Horti-Business Management etc from SKUAST-Kashmir, as well as experts from College of Veterinary Sciences, Shuhama. As part of the Government of India's initiative to support self-sufficiency and entrepreneurship, SKUAST-K and MSME's partnership is a big step towards giving young people in rural regions access to chances for employment.

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### Modi Govt Committed

"An amount of more than Rs 3 lakh crore has been given to the farmers directly through the DBT. This is the largest payment scheme in the world given through the DBT.

"It has proved to be historic in making the lives of farmers easier and encouraging agriculture," he said

### J&K To Immunise

the immunisation campaign. He called upon everyone to prioritise the health and well-being of the youngest members of society.

Through collaborative efforts, a significant impact can be made on the nation's health landscape," he said, adding, "Let us unite in our endeavours and work together to make National Immunisation Day a resounding success."

### Modi: Next 5 Years

likely to be held in April-May. The Lok Sabha has a total of 543 seats. "The coming five years will see rapid development," the Prime Minister maintained.

He attacked former Union minister Sharad Pawar and said when he handled the agriculture portfolio (in the Congress-led UPA government from 2004 to 2014), financial packages would be announced for farmers, but the money would be siphoned off before it could reach the beneficiaries.

The PM said prior to 2014, the year when the BJP came to power at the Centre, of the 100 families, only 15 had access to piped water in the country.

"Whatever I am saying belongs neither to any political ideology nor to my own ideology, it only belongs to development."

Apparently targeting the DMK-Congress and pointing to a slew of development projects launched, he said: "I need to tell a truth to people of Tamil Nadu and the rest of the nation. Truth is bitter but it needs to be told...all these projects I have brought, they were demands of locals for decades."

In an indirect reference to the DMK, he said the Tamil Nadu's ruling party shared power at the Centre during the UPA regime.

However, they were not 'bothered about your progress.'

All the development initiatives have been delivered by the 'sevak,' he said in a reference to himself.

The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for a new launch complex of ISRO at Kulasekarapattinam near here, which is worth about Rs 986 crore and the facility is set to accommodate 24 launches per year.

The new complex includes 35 facilities, and features mobile launch structure (MLS) with checkout computers marking a significant stride in enhancing space exploration capabilities.

### India Gets Indigenous

ambitious project to design, develop and construct India's first fully indigenous hydrogen fuel cell catamaran ferry vessel to demonstrate the technology for the maritime sector.

Prime Minister Modi joined the ceremony in virtual mode from Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu.

Madhu S Nair, Chairman and MD of Cochin Shipyard, presided over the inaugural session.

Lok Sabha Member Hibi Eden, Sreejith Narayanan, Director-Operations, Cochin Shipyard, Jose V J, Director-Finance and Bijo

Bhaskar, Director-Finance, also participated in the function, the statement added.

### HC Gives Authorities

Land use Plan and after overlaying it on the procured Satellite imagery from NRSC, the digitization of land use features building footprints have been done for generating comparative statistics (Draft stage) on category wise land use achieved on ground with respect to the land use earmarked proposed in the Master Plan.

The CTP Kashmir said that Sonamarg Master Plan 2005-2025 was prepared by the Town Planning Organization Kashmir in AutoCAD Software. "A certain degree of error both in terms of area and location/shift is bound to occur while analyzing the master plan with that of ground conditions/reality, the reason being that a high precision satellite data /high resolution imagery and GIS mapping was not available during the preparation of the Master Plan."

"The exercise is still likely to take a month or so for carrying out the necessary ground validation of the image interpretation and with respect to master plan preparation," the CTP Kashmir said, adding, "After cross validation of the data, the final report shall be submitted to the Hon'ble High Court."

### After Jel, Centre

threat to the security of the nation. In a notification on Wednesday, the Union Home Ministry said the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir-Sumji faction (MCJK-S), chaired by Ghulam Nabi Sumji, is known for its anti-India and pro-Pakistan propaganda and its members have been involved in supporting terrorist activities and providing logistical support to terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir.

The leaders and members of MCJK-S have been involved in raising funds through various sources including from Pakistan and its proxy organisations for perpetrating unlawful activities, including supporting terrorist activities and sustained stone-pelting on security forces in Jammu and Kashmir, the notification said.

Besides, the home ministry said, the MCJK-S has constantly asked the people of Kashmir to refrain from taking part in elections and thereby targeted and hampered the very basic constitutionally recognised fundamentals of Indian democracy.

The MCJK-S and its members by their activities show sheer disrespect towards the constitutional authority and constitutional set up of the country, it said, adding they have been indulging in unlawful activities, which are prejudicial to the integrity, sovereignty, and security of the country.

The MCJK-S is also involved in promoting, aiding and abetting secession of Jammu and Kashmir from India by involving in anti-national and subversive activities; sowing seeds of dis-affection amongst people; exhorting people to destabilise law and order; encouraging the use of arms to separate Jammu and Kashmir from the Union of India; and promoting hatred against established government by giving clarion call to boycott elections on multiple occasions in Jammu and Kashmir.

The home ministry said the central government is of the opinion that if there is no immediate curb or control of unlawful activities of the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Sumji faction), it will use this opportunity to continue with the anti-national activities

which are detrimental to the territorial integrity, security and sovereignty of the country.

The group will also continue advocating the secession of Jammu and Kashmir while disputing its accession to the Union of India and continue propagating false narrative and anti-national sentiments among the people there with the intention to cause disaffection against India and disrupt public order, the notification said.

"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 Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Sumji faction) (MCJK-S) as an unlawful association," it said.

The ban will continue for five years, it said. In a separate notification, the home ministry said Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir-Bhat faction (MCJK-B), chaired by Abdul Ghani Bhat, have been indulging in unlawful activities, which are prejudicial to the integrity, sovereignty and security of the country.

The home ministry said the MCJK-B has linkages with banned terrorist organisations and has supported terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and its members have been indulging in generating feelings of hatred and disaffection against India to separate Jammu and Kashmir from Union of India.

The leaders and members of the MCJK-B have been involved in raising funds through various sources including from Pakistan and its proxy organisations for perpetrating unlawful activities, including supporting terrorist activities, sustained stone-pelting on Security Forces in Jammu and Kashmir.

The MCJK-B by giving clarion call to boycott elections on multiple occasions, has also attempted to subvert the will of people and democratic process in Jammu and Kashmir, the notification said.

It said the group is also involved in promoting, aiding and abetting the secession of Jammu and Kashmir from India by involving in anti-national and subversive activities; sowing seeds of dis-affection amongst people; exhorting people to destabilise law and order; encouraging the use of armed struggle to separate Jammu and Kashmir; and promoting hatred against established government.

Considering these facts, the central government declares the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir (Bhat faction) (MCJK-B) as an unlawful association for five years, the home ministry said.

### BJP Initiates

campaign and the Modi Rath Yatra in Delhi, highlighting the party's nationwide focus on public engagement and development.

Under the guarantee of Developed India-Modi, BJP pledges to deliver public welfare and development initiatives to all Lok Sabha constituencies through 1000 chariots. This ambitious plan aims to bridge the gap between the government and the aspirations of the people, ensuring their fulfillment over the next five years.

Reports inform that in order to facilitate this objective, BJP is deploying video vans to connect with citizens and encourage their participation in the party's initiatives. The party's resolve is to ensure that the hopes and aspirations of the people reach the government, and concerted efforts will be made to fulfill these aspirations.

In Jammu and Kashmir specifically, BJP is

launching the Akanksha campaign, deploying 10,000 suggestion boxes across the region. This campaign will span all 20 administrative districts, organizing 370 programs in 285 blocks to ensure comprehensive public engagement and feedback collection. (KNO)

### J&K A Beautiful

the globe, and India, to come and experience Jammu & Kashmir, one of the several jewels of @incredibleindia."

Tendulkar shared a short video of his 'Kashmir Diaries' on social media platforms on Wednesday.

Tendulkar recently went on a Valley tour with his wife Anjali and daughter Sara. While the Master Blaster has already shared several pictures and videos of his trip with his fans, he revealed his 'top moment' of the whole trip today.

"Jammu and Kashmir will remain a beautiful experience etched in my memory. There was snow all around but we felt warm because of people's exceptional hospitality," the cricket icon wrote on the X platform.

The Mumbai-based player added, "PM Narendra Modi said there is so much to see in our nation. Couldn't agree more, especially after this trip".

In a roughly two minutes long video Tendulkar's favourite moments from Jammu and Kashmir trip were--an aerial view of the Himalayas from aircraft, snow-clad mountains, a brief visit to a willow bat factory, hang-out with artisans of Pashmina shawls, savouring of Kashmiri tea and food, a visit to temples, snowfall in the region, meeting Indian Army soldiers, a playful interaction with locals, Shikara ride and his meeting with specially-abled cricketer Amir Lone. Tendulkar gifted a bat to Amir which has a personalised inspiring message that read "To Amir, the real hero. Keep inspiring," with his signature.

Tendulkar arrived in Jammu-Kashmir last week and visited a cricket bat manufacturer in the Sangam area in South Kashmir before heading to Palhalgam where he stayed at the Pine and Peak hotel.

Tendulkar visited the Aman Setu bridge -- the last point on the Line of Control in Uri sector of Jammu and Kashmir.

The God of Cricket interacted with soldiers at the Kaman Post, near Aman Setu, during his visit that lasted around one hour. The Little Master also played roadside cricket with a bunch of boys in Uri. The 50-year-old did not hesitate to loft the ball over the head of the bowler and play a few drive shots.

After the short cricket session, Sachin clicked a few selfies with the local cricket fans who were playing on the road.

In his post on Wednesday, Tendulkar has urged people across the globe and India to experience "Jammu & Kashmir-one of the several jewels of Incredible India".

Modi responded, "This is wonderful to see! Sachin Tendulkar's lovely Jammu and Kashmir visit has two important takeaways for our youth: One - to discover different parts of Incredible India. Two- the importance of 'Make in India.' Together, let's build a Viksit and Aatmanirbhar Bharat!".

### LG Grants 'One Time Exemption'

to grant one time exemption to the recruiting agencies namely Jammu and Kashmir Public

Service Commission and Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board to draw up the wait list(s), in respect of those select list(s) which have been issued after 07.09.2023, within a period of six months.

"The extension is granted subject to the conditions that such wait list(s) are drawn within the validity period of the select list; and that the resultant vacancies on account of non-joining of selected candidates have not been re-advertised," the notification reads.

### Battling for Breath

mode of delivery, the fetus absorbs approximately one-third of the fetal lung fluid, but in an elective caesarean operation, normal fetal lung fluid absorption is not attained.

"Since their lungs are undeveloped, pre-term infants are more likely to have transient tachypnea in their newborns," Dr Khurshid told Kashmir Observer.

He added that the task is made more difficult by the fact that fluid in the fetal lungs needs to be quickly removed in order to allow for gas exchange. Failure to remove fetal lung fluid frequently results in respiratory morbidity, which can be especially troublesome for some newborns delivered via LSCS.

Notably, there's a surge in C-sections in Jammu and Kashmir. While C-sections can save lives during childbirth, there are worries about their increasing rates worldwide, including in Kashmir. In May 2022, J&K administration admitted to the rise in C-section surgeries, promising a C-section audit.

In 2023, J&K's C-section deliveries were reported as 42.7%, the second highest in the country. This rise continues in Kashmir, with official data showing 22,146 C-sections out of 42,737 deliveries in district hospitals from April 2022 to March 2023.

This alarming surge in cesarean sections has increasingly worried medical experts about the implications for infant health.

"Early diagnosis of specific causes for respiratory distress is very important as different etiologies have different specific treatment and require altogether different ventilatory strategies. Therefore, timely diagnosis and management of these conditions is very imperative to discharge an intact neonate from the NICU," Dr Suhail said.

"Newborns can have a variety of breathing issues, including pneumonia, apnea, meconium aspiration syndrome, bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD), chronic pulmonary hypertension of the newborn and transitory tachypnea of the newborn," Dr Naik added.

Another possible cause of neonatal RDS is genetic lung development issues. The majority of RDS instances affect newborns delivered before 37 to 39 weeks. The likelihood of RDS after birth increases with the baby's preterm.

Long-term developmental abnormalities, such as learning challenges, mobility issues, hearing impairments, and visual impairments, can result from brain damage caused by bleeding or oxygen deprivation during Newborn Respiratory Distress Syndrome (NRDS) in babies.

"Newborns experiencing respiratory distress benefit from ventilators and oxygen-based respiratory therapy. However, prolonged usage can harm the lungs of a preterm infant. A long-term requirement for oxygen assistance is experienced by certain prematurely born newborns, which can result in bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD), commonly referred to as chronic lung disease," Dr Naik added.



## Homestays Introduced Near IB To Boost Border Tourism

### Agencies

**SAMBA:** Former Sarpanch Mohan Singh Bhatti is ready to receive tourists at his homestay near the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, a visible change in the ground situation after the renewed ceasefire between India and Pakistan came into effect in this month three years ago.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration has recently given its nod for the construction of homestays in the close vicinity of the famous Baba Chamliyal shrine in Ramgarh sector to boost border tourism amid prevailing peace on the borders.

Considered a symbol of Indo-Pakistan bonhomie in the past, the famous shrine of Baba Chamliyal on the zero line attracts thousands of devotees from across the country, especially on the occasion of the annual fair in the middle of the year.

Delegations from Pakistan used to come to pay obeisance at the shrine during the annual fair but the practice was stopped after cross-border firing left four BSF personnel including an Assistant Commandant dead on June 13, 2018.

Last year, a BSF jawan was killed in Pakistan Rangers firing in Ramgarh

sector during the intervening night of November 8-9, the first loss of life on this side after the renewed ceasefire was agreed upon by the two countries on February 25, 2021.

Bhatti, who has come up with a double-storey homestay at his Dagh Channi village of Fatwal, has also constructed a well-furnished underground bunker with a twin objective to make the visitors feel living on the borders and as a safety measure to prevent any damage in case of shelling from across the border.

"On your visit to the border, you will see everything but not the bunker, which we are using during cross-border shelling. The one who had not seen this bunker (during the border visit) has seen nothing," Bhatti told PTI.

He said they have constructed the underground bunker also to ensure the safety of the visitors in case there is firing or shelling from the other side. "As former Prime Minister A B Vajpayee had said, we cannot change our neighbour but we have to remain prepared to avoid getting caught in unwanted situations."

Samba Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma said there are many locations along the 55-km International Border in the district which

have the potential to attract tourists in large numbers like Chamliyal shrine, 300-year-old temple Bamuchak, Baba Bali Karan and Baba Sidh Gorla shrines.

"Both the centre and J-K administration are focusing on the promotion of border tourism. Last year, visitors to Chamliyal shrine faced accommodation problems and to bridge this gap, we are promoting homestays," Sharma said.

He said there is an encouraging response from the border residents, especially young entrepreneurs who are ready to convert their homes into homestays.

"The district administration, Municipal Committee and Central University have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide a hand-holding to the owners of 40 identified homestay owners, both in online and offline mode, to guide them and promote their business," the deputy commissioner said.

He said the people like to visit international borders and the government has come out with a border tourism promotion strategy to enhance the economy of the local population.

"The BSF has a strong coordination and communication with

the administration. The BSF is also happy about people visiting border villages as it generates nationalistic fervour among the visitors as well," Sharma said.

The visitors can also witness farming along the zero line, while the administration is planning to turn community bunkers at Ramgarh and Samba into model bunkers by setting up a gym or a library as part of the campaign to ensure proper usage of the structures.

"We are seeing that the bunkers constructed for the protection of the border residents are not properly used or maintained and utilised for other purposes. We have started a campaign so that the space is properly used," the deputy commissioner said.

Om Prakash, a resident of Chamliyal, welcomed the government scheme and lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for ensuring peace on the borders.

"Earlier, cross-border shelling was a routine but now peace is prevailing on the borders and new opportunities are opening for the villagers," he said, adding that the border residents want everlasting peace so that the people, who are mostly farmers, can tend their land on both sides without any fear.



ZAROO GUN FACTORY IN RAINAWARI area of Srinagar, Kashmir's one of the last surviving gun factories is facing a bleak future and gun makers are struggling for their survival.

KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

## Bhatnagar Reviews Progress of Schemes in SDD

### KO NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU:** Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Wednesday chaired a meeting to review the physical as well as financial progress of various ongoing schemes of Skill Development department (SDD) at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Secretary SDD, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan; Director SDD, Sudershan Kumar; Mission Director, Skill Development Mission, Leena Padha; Director Finance SDD, Principals and Superintendents of Polytechnic colleges and ITIs, executive engineers and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, the Advisor took a detailed analysis of schemes like PM Vishwakarma Yojana, PMKVY, SANKALP, STRIVE and others besides he also took assessment of CAPEX



2023-24 of the department. During the meeting, Advisor Bhatnagar emphasized on the importance of effectively utilizing the allocated resources to ensure successful implementation of each scheme. He called upon the officers to monitor these schemes on a regular basis so that the desired objectives are met.

The Advisor further remarked that the Skill Development institutes have the main role in creating employability chances for youth. He called upon the officers to create awareness among the youth regarding the courses and trades available in

technical institutions so that they get employment avenues in the current growing technological world.

While reviewing the performance of Polytechnic colleges and ITIs, the Advisor emphasized on the officers to organise awareness programmes and other initiatives in higher secondary schools and colleges so that the admissions can be augmented. He also asked them to familiarize the students with emerging trades and courses offered by the technical institutions so that they are attracted towards it.

## CS Directs NHPC To Start Implementation Of Solar Scheme



### KO NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Wednesday took stock of the measures being taken for implementation of different solar power schemes here in the UT.

Besides the Commissioner Secretary, Science & Technology the meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, PDD; Principal Secretary, Finance; Secretary, Planning; DG, Planning; MD JPDCL/KPDCL; Representatives from NHPC and REC besides other concerned officers.

On the occasion the Chief Secretary impressed upon all the stakeholders including NHPC, which has been designated as a project implementation agency for the solarisation here, to start implementing the schemes on ground.

Regarding the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, he directed the concerned to create ample awareness among the public about this beneficiary oriented scheme. He impressed upon JPDCL and KPDCL

to assist and encourage people to register themselves for this scheme to reap the benefits and called for weekly reports about the registrations made in each division.

The Chief Secretary remarked that such schemes are highly attractive for commoners as they bear a major subsidy component provided to them under DBT. He asked for empanelment of the genuine agencies in each district for installation of solar rooftops for public. He impressed upon them to give people multiple options to choose best for them and avail the benefits under this PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.

He advised the Department to go about smoothly by having coordination between them to complete the solarisation of government buildings in the UT. He told the NHPC to finalize the plan for solarisation of such identified government infrastructure being the implementing agency through REC under Resco model.

## Drug Peddler's Property Worth Rs 60 Lakh Attached In Baramulla

### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Property of drug peddler was attached in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Wednesday, police said.

Continuing its action against drug peddlers, police in Baramulla attached properties, a single-storey residential house and double-storey shopping complex, worth about Rs 60 lakh, a police spokesperson said.

He said the properties belong to notorious drug ped-

dlers Mohammad Ayoob Shah and Ghulam Mohammad Shah alias Gulshah -- both sons of Abdul Khaliq, resident of Ladoora Rafiaband area of the north Kashmir district.

The property was identified as illegally acquired property during the course of investigation. The property was prima facie acquired from illicit trafficking in narcotic drug and psychotropic substances by the drug peddlers, the spokesperson said.

### OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER BUDGAM.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE.

Through the medium of this notice all those Specially Aabled Persons of District Budgam, who have not registered/availed Unique Disability Identity Certificate/Cards (UDID) from Chief Medical Officer Budgam are hereby requested to attend the Sheikh Ul Alam Hall Budgam on 02-03-2024 (10:30 am) for the same.

NO :- DS WOB/Estt/2024/1405  
Dated:-24-02-2024.

District Social Welfare Officer,  
Budgam

DIPK-17162-23  
DT: 28/02/2024

## BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE, SRINAGAR

In the case of:

Presentation Convent Hr. Sec. School, Rajbagh, Srinagar

...Caveator

Vs  
Public at Large

...Caveatee

#### CAVEAT NOTICE

Be it known to the public at large/ public in general / interested persons, having locus, that the Presentation Convent Hr. Sec. School, Rajbagh, Srinagar had initiated the process for admission to class nursery. The Caveator now plans to issue the selection list for class Nursery for the Session 2024-2025. The School being private unaided has complete right and prerogative to decide who to admit or not to maintain its standard, as per the Apex Court of India. The Caveator now fears and apprehends that some persons might approach this Hon'ble Court and succeed in seeking some interim order by stating false facts by filing a suit or other proceedings. Therefore, under such circumstances, the instant caveat is being filed and it is prayed that in the event of any suit or other case being filed by any member of public at large in the circumstances narrated above, it is humbly prayed from this Hon'ble Court that no interim order or any protective order be passed without granting the caveator an opportunity of hearing. The address for notice to the caveator is being given here in below.

"Principal, Presentation Convent Hr. Sec. School, Rajbagh, Srinagar" Srinagar

Dated 29.02.2024

TK

Sd/-Principal

## OFFICE OF THE ZONAL EDUCATION OFFICER ANANTNAG

Email: zeoangsouth@gmail.com

Dated:- 28/02/2024

No:-ZEO/A/SmS/3908-3910/2024

**Subject:-** Recruitment of Contractual Staff or Hiring of Services for KGBV Type (I) & Type IV Girls Hostels.  
**Reference** 1.State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, J&K order No:- 193 CHIRAG of 2023 Dated:- 04.12.2023.  
2. Chief Education Officer Anantnag's No: CEO/Am/IMW/84909/24 Date: 04.01.2024.

#### ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION

Applications on a prescribed form are invited from the eligible qualified females having a minimum qualification as 8th pass for their engagement/ hiring as Assistant Cook. In KGBV Hanji Danter Zone Anantnag.

- The female candidate shall be selected for Assistant Cook on vacant post purely on Contractual Salary approved by the Ministry of Education in AWP&B i.e. from time to time purely in a free & transparent Manner.
- The selection criteria shall be made on the basis of Revenue Village level of KGBV where it is situated. The village means "Revenue Village" as clarified vide GO No:- 288-Edu of 2009 Dated:- 08.04.2009
- The minimum Qualification of the candidate should be 8th pass. In case two or more candidates shortlisted for the same post, then the merit in the qualification shall be considered in Class 8th.
- The age of the candidate should be between 18-45 years on the 1st of January of the deployment year.

The Last date for submission of the applications is fixed 10 days after the publication of the Notification in news papers

Zonal Education Officer  
Anantnag

#### APPLICATION PROFORMA FOR ENGAGEMENT OF ASSISTANT COOK AT KGBV HANJI DANTER ZONE ANANTNAG

- Full Name of Applicant(in Capital letters) : \_\_\_\_\_
- Father's/Husbands' Name (in capital letters): \_\_\_\_\_
- Mother's Name (in capital letters): \_\_\_\_\_
- Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Village/Ward: \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach valid proof).
- Panchayat/Halqa/Municipality Ward: \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach valid proof).
- Tehsil: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date Of Birth: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach valid proof)
- Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach valid proof)

Affix recent passport size photograph duly attested by HOT of the concerned school

Signature of Applicant

#### Declaration

I hereby declare that the particulars furnished are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed therein. I understand that, if at any stage it is found that the information furnished is false or incorrect or I do not satisfy/fulfill the eligibility criteria, my candidature is liable to be cancelled besides disciplinary action as per rules. I have read the contents of the notification and agree to abide by the Rules, regulations and procedure prescribed for hiring of Helpers/AAYAs. I shall accept the selection to be made by the selection committee which will be binding on me.

I also hereby declare that I have never been arrested/prosecuted or involved in any criminal case.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DIPK-17137-23  
DT: 28/02/2024

Signature of Applicant

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION TANGMARG.

**FRESH TENDERS NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS/EXPRESSION OF INTEREST(EOI) FOR EMPANELMENT OF DPR CONSULTING AGENCYS**  
Fresh NIT No: - 67/R&B/ Tangmarg of 2024 Dated: 27/02/2024

#### FRESH SHORT TERM

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT of J&K, EOI/e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited for empanelment as DPR consultants for Preparation of Structural-design and drawings and complete soil investigation with third party vetting from NIT or DIQC for construction of buildings within the jurisdiction of this division from reputed Registered Architect/Structural consultant firms

S No.	Name of work	Cost of Tender/ document (in Rupees)	Earnest Money	Major Head
1	Preparation of Detailed Project Report, with BOQ Detailed Estimates Detailed Drawings structural/ Plumbing/ Sanitary/ Electric including detailed soil investigation vetted by NIT/DIQC for construction of G, G+1, G+2 & G+3 storied buildings with Roof Truss for Construction of New Office complex cum accommodation at town hall Tangmarg. (On Percentage Rate Basis)	Rs.1000/-	Rs.5000/-	FC Grants

#### Relevant Information

- The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and Reference and other can be seen/downloaded from the Department website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).
- The successful Bidder has to produce Performance Security Deposit @ Rs. 15000/- in the shape of CDR/ FDR within 07 days after opening of Bids which shall be released after successful completion of work. This will replace the EMD @ 5000.00 in the shape of CDR/ FDR pledged to the Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg (tender receiving authority)
- The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities, set of terms of reference and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Department website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).
- The Technical bids uploaded on the website shall be opened on the due date. In case of holiday or office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- Critical dates:

1. Date of issue of Tender Notice	27/02/2023
2. Period of downloading of bidding documents.	From 28/02/2024 to 07/03/2024 up to 4:00 PM
3. Bid submission Start Date	28/02/2024.
4. Bid submission End Date	07/03/2024 up to 4:00 PM
5. Date & Time for Opening Technical Bids Online	08/03/2024 at 10:00 AM Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg
6. Date & Time for opening Financial Bids Online	09/03/2024 at 10:00 AM Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg

- Note: Bids must be accompanied with the cost of Tender Document in shape of Treasury Challan under M.H-0059 in Favour of the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Tangmarg. (Tender Inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan Should be Between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date).
- Instructions to bidders regarding e-tendering process:
- The bidder should be an established Architect registered with the Council of Architecture for a minimum period of 10 Years OR a Firm/Company having permanent Architect employee on payrolls for a minimum period of 5 years and who is registered with CoA for a minimum period of 10 Years and shall be having extensive experience in the similar field.
- The bidder should have a structural engineer with minimum qualification of M-tech in structural Engineering with minimum 5 years of experience. The structural Engineer should either be on payrolls for a minimum period of 5 years or the bidder should have joint venture with any other firm having structural engineer with minimum qualification of M-tech in structural Engineering and the structural Engineer should be on payrolls for a minimum period of 5 years.
- The bidder should have extensive experience in preparation of DPR, Master plan/ site plan, architectural details and drawings, structural design and drawings, services details and drawings, cost estimates and all other related services for different categories of buildings under Government/ Public Sector Undertaking/ other reputed organizations for at least 10 years. The consultant must have completed at least one of the following projects.

- At least one projects of similar nature costing not less than Rs.5.00 Crores OR
  - At least two projects of similar nature costing not less than Rs. 1.75 Crores (Each).
- The criteria for second joint venture firm shall be 30% of above.

- All the documents relating to the bid shall be in English language.
- Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. No document(s) which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.
- The bidder is required to have an office at Kashmir Province with sufficient technical manpower in service. (Details of office location, address in Kashmir must be furnished).

No: R&B/Dwn./T/5257-68  
Dated: 27/02/2024

DIPK-17142-23  
DT: 28/02/2024

Sd/  
Executive Engineer  
R&B Division Tangmarg.



# BCCI Central Contracts: Rohit, Kohli Remain In Top Bracket; Kishan, Iyer Dropped

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Skipper Rohit Sharma and star batter Virat Kohli retained their place in the top bracket but the out-of-favour duo of Ishan Kishan and Shreyas Iyer were excluded after ignoring the directive to play Ranji Trophy as the BCCI unveiled its centrally-contracted players for this year on Wednesday.

Rohit, Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah and Ravindra Jadeja figured in the A plus category, the highest bracket of the BCCI's central contracts list.

"The BCCI has recommended that all athletes give precedence to participating in domestic cricket during periods when they are not representing the national team," the statement added.

Six cricketers feature in the A category, including R Ashwin,



Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, KL Rahul, Shubman Gill and Hardik Pandya. Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel and Yashasvi Jaiswal have got B

category contracts.

As many as 15 have been handed C category contracts including Rinku Singh, Tilak Verma, Ruturaj Gaekwad, Shardul Thakur, Shivam Dube, Ravi Bishnoi, Jitesh Sharma, Washington Sundar, Mukesh Kumar, Sanju Samson, Arshdeep Singh, KS Bharat, Prasidh Krishna, Avesh Khan and Rajat Patidar.

Akash Deep had impressed on debut in the recent fourth Test against England, which India won to seal the series.

In a departure from the norm, the BCCI this time has not mentioned the remuneration of the players across the four categories.

Cricketers are normally paid Rs 7 crore per annum in A plus bracket, Rs 5 crore in A, Rs 3 crore in B and Rs one crore in C category, over and above their match fees.

# Meet Faheem Zahoor – The Teenager Inspiring Excellence in Martial Arts

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Thirteen-year-old Faheem Zahoor from Wanipora Saloora, Ganderbal, has become a beacon of dedication, resilience and passion in the world of martial arts. His recent accomplishments highlight not only his talent but also his unwavering commitment to excellence.

Faheem's journey to success reached new heights when he participated in the All India selection trial held at Sheri Kashmir Indoor Stadium, Srinagar, on February 7. His stellar performance secured him a spot in the 1st All India National level competition held in Maharashtra on February 18 and 19, where he once again showcased his remarkable skills and clinched the Gold medal.

In reflecting on his achievements, Faheem expresses deep gratitude to his coach, Murtaza Bhat, and his parents for their unwavering support and encouragement. Their belief in his abilities has been instrumental in his success.

Beyond his athletic feats, Faheem shares a powerful message with the community. He advocates for the importance of sports in leading a healthy lifestyle and urges individuals to steer clear of drugs while limiting excessive mobile phone use. Through his own example, Faheem emphasizes the holistic benefits of regular exercise for both physical and mental well-being.

Faheem Zahoor stands as a



shining example for aspiring athletes everywhere, proving that with determination and a supportive community, one can overcome obstacles and reach extraordinary heights in the world of sports. His journey serves as a testament to the power of perseverance and the limitless potential within each of us.

Inspirational figures like Faheem remind us that greatness knows no age and that with passion, dedication, and the right mindset, anything is possible.

Still a teenager, Faheem Zahoor has already left an indelible mark on the world of martial arts, and his journey is only just beginning. (GNS)

# Yashasvi Jaiswal And Dhruv Jurel Make Big Leaps In ICC Rankings

Press Trust of India

**DUBAI:** India's latest batting sensation Yashasvi Jaiswal advanced towards a top-10 spot in the ICC rankings for Test batters by climbing three spots to 12th while his compatriot Dhruv Jurel leapfrogged 31 places to 69th on Wednesday. Jaiswal, who started the series in 69th position, continues his ascent to the top after scores of 73 and 37 in the fourth match of India's ICC World Test Championship series against England in Ranchi.

Jasprit Bumrah to 21 rating points at 846 after the fast bowler was rested for the Ranchi Test.

Wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav moved up 10 places to the 32nd spot and England's Shoaib Bashir, who climbed 38 places to 80th, have also attained career bests.

Opener Zak Crawley entered the top 20 for the first time after scores of 42 and 60, while a bunch of spinners have also prospered in the latest weekly update.

The T20I Rankings see Austra-



Player of the Match Jurel's scores of 90 and 39 has jumped a whopping 31 places while former England captain Joe Root is back in the top three.

Root, a formerly top-ranked batter, struck an unbeaten 122 in the first innings in Ranchi to move up two places to third position. He also moved up three spots to fourth among all-rounders.

Senior spinner Ravichandran Ashwin's five-wicket haul in the second innings has helped him narrow the gap with top-ranked

lia batter Travis Head move into the top 20 for the first time after scores of 24, 45 and 33 in the series against New Zealand.

Tim David's quickfire 31 off just 10 balls in the first match see him move up six places to 22nd and past the 600-point barrier for the first time in his career.

The top six bowlers are unchanged, with Josh Hazlewood the only new one in the top 10 after finishing with figures of 4-1-12-1 in Auckland.

## Short TAKES

### IVPL: Chhattisgarh Warriors Beat Rajasthan Legends

The Chhattisgarh Warriors registered a convincing seven-wicket victory over the Rajasthan Legends in the tenth match of the Indian Veteran Premier League (IVPL) at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex in Greater Noida on Wednesday. Former Indian pacer Munaf Patel was the star of the show, claiming a five-wicket haul and effecting a crucial run-out to dismantle the Rajasthan batting line-up.

Rajasthan Legends, electing to bat first, were bundled out for a meagre 110 runs in their allotted 20 overs. Chasing 111, the Chhattisgarh Warriors never looked troubled and cruised to victory in just 12.3 overs.

### Reliance, Disney To Merge India Media Assets

India's top conglomerate Reliance Industries and Walt Disney on Wednesday announced the merger of their India TV and streaming media assets, creating an \$8.5 billion entertainment juggernaut far ahead of rivals in the world's most populous nation.

Reliance, led by Asia's richest man Mukesh Ambani, will inject \$1.4 billion in the merged entity, with the company and its affiliates holding a more than 63% stake, with Disney owning the rest, the companies said in a joint statement.

### Chinar Open Winter Games 2024 Held At Gulmarg

The Chinar Open Winter Games 2024, an initiative by the Indian Army held, concluded on Wednesday 2024 at Gulmarg with 676 athletes participating. The event was organised by Dagger Division of Chinar Corps and included skiing races, snowboarding competitions and other winter sports.

### Sub Junior Kabaddi Probables Selected For Coaching Camp

The Jammu & Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association on Wednesday announced that J&K Kabaddi Team in boys and girls section will participate under the banner of Jammu & Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association and J&K Sports Council at the 33rd Sub-Junior National Kabaddi Championship for boys which is will be held at Motihari East Champaran, Bihar from 16th to 19th March. The girls event will be held in Patna from 31st March to 3rd April.

### Haaland Scores 5 As Man City Rout Luton 6-2 In FA Cup

Erling Haaland looks determined to make up for lost time. The Norway striker scored five goals to power Manchester City into the quarterfinals of the FA Cup in a 6-2 win against Luton on Tuesday. It was his eighth hat trick in a season-and-a-half with City and the second time he has scored five in a single game for the club.

"My fitness is getting back to its best finally," he said. "I feel good. It's an amazing feeling."

Haaland had scored only three goals in seven appearances since making his comeback on Jan. 31.

### ATP Signs Multi-Year Partnership With Saudi Arabia's PIF

The ATP Tour and Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF) have signed a multi-year strategic partnership, the governing body of men's tennis said on Wednesday in a move highlighting the growing influence of the Gulf nation on global sport.

The PIF will now become the official naming partner of the men's rankings as well as partner ATP tournaments in Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, Beijing, the season-ending ATP Finals in Turin and the Next Gen ATP Finals staged in Jeddah. Saudi Arabia has invested heavily in various sports like soccer, Formula One, boxing and golf in the last few years.

# Zaheer Khan Was Someone I Used To Watch: England Pacer James Anderson

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** James Anderson, England's greatest fast bowler with an unparalleled longevity and nearly 1000 international wickets, says he has learned a few elements of pace bowling, including reverse swing, from Indian great Zaheer Khan.

At 41, Anderson continues to lead the England attack and is two short of becoming the first fast bowler in the history of the sport to breach the 700-wicket mark.

Spin legends Muttiah Muralitharan and the late Shane Warne are the only bowlers with 700 plus wickets in Test cricket.

"For me, Zaheer Khan was someone I used to watch a lot to try and learn from. How he used the reverse swing, how he covered the ball when he ran into bowl, that's something I tried to sort of develop on the back of playing against him quite a few times here," Anderson told JioCinema.

Zaheer, one of India's finest seamers, played his last Test in 2014 when Anderson was at the top of his game.

Among the current lot of Indian pacers, Anderson is most impressed by Jasprit Bumrah's ability, calling him a "great exponent" of reverse swing.

Asked about Bumrah's match-winning performance in the second Test against England, Anderson said, "With someone of his quality you expect that standard from him. You know that reverse swing can play a big part in India and he's a great exponent of it. He's got good pace and is very accurate, very consistent."

"That yorker we saw to Ollie Pope, he's got that up his sleeve as well. It's not a fluke that he's got to number one in the world. He's a world-class bowler and from our point of view we weren't surprised that he put up a performance like that."

The seasoned Englishman added, "There are not many better bowlers than Bumrah, Shami and Siraj. They're world-class bowlers. You put Ishant Sharma in there as well, and that's a really strong bowling attack."

Anderson's longevity in the game can be ascertained by the fact that his current Eng-



land teammates such as Shoaib Bashir and Rehan Ahmed were not even born when he made his Test debut way back in 2002.

Having played 186 Tests and 194 ODIs over the last 22 years,

Anderson's desire to be competitive remains intact.

On comparing his longevity to other sporting legends, Anderson said, "Yeah, I guess you do look at things like that, but to be honest, I just go with the

feel of me and my body. I don't feel like I'm 41 years and 200 days old. You know, I still feel young."

"I can keep up with the young guys in training. I can still bowl the speeds that I want

### India Star Doubtful For 5th Test Against England: Report

Star batter KL Rahul has missed the last three Test matches in the ongoing series against England due to injury and according to Cricbuzz, he may end up missing the final game in Dharamsala.

The report claimed that Rahul has not recovered completely from the quadriceps injury he suffered in the first Test and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has sent him to London for an expert opinion.

to, I can still deliver the skills that I want to. So, for me that's the most important thing. Age is just a number and it's pretty irrelevant from my thought process."

When the discussion turned to reverse swing, Anderson said

the art remains relevant even in an age dominated by T20 cricket.

"I don't think it's dying. Because of the growth of white-ball cricket in recent times, the focus has moved to change of pace and different deliveries like yorkers, and things like that."

"But for me, in Test cricket, we've seen throughout this series already that swing can play a big part."

"The way Bumrah's bowled, I think, has been amazing to watch. That reverse swing spell in the second Test was one of the best you'll see. For me, I think there's still people out there wanting to learn the skills and it's not easy to do."

With star batter Virat Kohli skipping the ongoing Test series due to personal reasons, Anderson said he missed bowling to the Indian maestro with he had had some fascinating duels.

"You always want to play against the best players. And it's been a shame that he's not been a part of the series. We have had some great battles over the years."