

No Relief For Kejriwal HC Denies Urgent Listing



Agencies

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Saturday denied an urgent listing of the plea filed by Delhi CM and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal challenging his arrest and custody in the Delhi excise policy case. Earlier on the same day, an urgent mention was made by Kejriwal's counsel for an urgent listing. The HC has denied it, and

the matter will be listed for reopening on Wednesday. Earlier on Saturday, Kejriwal approached Delhi High Court against his remand order in connection with the money laundering case related to the alleged excise policy case. The Delhi CM was also seeking an early hearing of his plea against his arrest, preferably by Sunday. PTI had reported, citing sources. The AAP chief | [More on P6](#)

'Will Return Soon'

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal, in perhaps her first such public appearance, read out his message sent from Enforcement Directorate custody on Saturday in which the AAP chief said he cannot be kept behind bars for long and he will return soon to fulfil his promises to the people. The video statement by Sunita Kejriwal, | [More on P6](#)

Jitendra Singh's Wealth More Than Doubled In 10 Yrs

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Union minister Jitendra Singh, who is fighting his third Lok Sabha elections on a BJP ticket from Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur parliamentary constituency, recorded a growth of over 100 percent in his wealth over the past 10 years, according to his poll affidavit.

The moveable and immovable assets of Singh's wife Manju – a housewife whose source of income is interest from bank deposits – also increased from over Rs 65.42 lakh in 2014 to over Rs 1.54 crore, a comparison of his affidavits of 2014 and 2024 showed.

The 67-year-old Singh, a retired medicine professor, filed his nomination papers including the mandatory affidavit from the Udhampur-Kathua Lok Sabha | [More on P6](#)

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ECI Notifies Scheme For Kashmir Migrants

Observer News Service

Jammu: Continuing the past practice of facilitating the Kashmiri Migrant to vote through Postal ballots and Special Polling Stations set at Jammu, Udhampur, and New Delhi, the Election Commission of India announced a comprehensive scheme for the Kashmiri Migrants. The scheme is meant for all those electors of 1-Baramulla, 2-Srinagar, and 3-Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary

Constituency in the Kashmir valley of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir who had migrated because of compelling circumstances and have been temporarily residing in various places outside their place of ordinary residence. The Election Commission has issued two notifications categorizing the Kashmiri Migrants as the 'specified' and 'notified' elector. The first notification has been | [More on P6](#)



officials said. "The tulip garden has been thrown open to the public," the department's Commissioner Secretary Sheikh Fayaz Ahmad told PTI. The department plants the tulip bulbs in a phased manner so that the flowers remain in the garden for a month or more. "When the garden blooms fully, there will be a rainbow of tulips," department officials said. The department added that

Asia's Largest Tulip Garden Thrown Open For Public

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Enscenced between the Dal Lake and the Zabarwan Hills, Asia's largest tulip garden was thrown open to the public on Saturday, officials said.

The Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden, earlier known as Siraj Bagh, was opened for the public as tulips of different colours have started to bloom, Floriculture department

officials said. "The tulip garden has been thrown open to the public," the department's Commissioner Secretary Sheikh Fayaz Ahmad told PTI. The department plants the tulip bulbs in a phased manner so that the flowers remain in the garden for a month or more. "When the garden blooms fully, there will be a rainbow of tulips," department officials said. The department added that

five new varieties of tulips have been added to the existing 68 this year. It has also increased the area of the tulip garden by adding another two lakh bulbs.

A record 17 lakh tulip bulbs have been planted in the garden spread over 55 hectares, the officials said.

Other spring flowers such as hyacinths, daffodils, muscari and cyclamens will also be on

display to add to the variety of flowers and colours in the garden, they said.

The Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden was set up by Ghulam Nabi Azad, the then-chief minister of the erstwhile state, in 2007 to advance the tourist season in Jammu and Kashmir that was earlier limited to summers and winters.

The garden started on a small scale | [More on P6](#)



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JKP Sets-up Election Related Helpline

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In view of upcoming General Lok Sabha Elections 2024, J&K Police has established a 24x7 Election Related Helpline at Police Control Room Kashmir to ensure the smooth conduct of the electoral process.

"In order to address election-related queries and concerns, J&K Police Kashmir Zone established a dedicated 24x7 election helpline number 8899868589 at Police Control Room Kashmir," a police spokesperson said.

"Citizens can now reach out to the said number round the clock to seek information or clarification | [More on P6](#)

STRANDED IN J&K, LADAKH IAF Airlifts Over 300 People

Jammu: As many as 328 people who were stranded at various places in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh due to heavy snowfall were airlifted by the Indian Air Force on Saturday, an official said.

A total of 3,442 people have been airlifted so far under the 'Kargil courier' service by the IAF in coordination with the civil administration since its launch on January 22, he said.

Heavy snowfall has led to the closure of the 434-km Srinagar-Leh National Highway.

"Two aircraft of Kargil courier airlifted | [More on P6](#)

Army Cancels UCC Seminar In J&K Amid Political Backlash

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The Army in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday cancelled a seminar, which was aimed to raise awareness about the Uniform Civil Code and other topics after a backlash from the political parties here.

The Army late Friday sent invitations to the media houses for a seminar on the subject "Navigating legal frontiers: Understanding Indian Penal Code 2023 and the quest for Uniform Civil Code".

The seminar was scheduled for March 26 at the Kashmir University Auditorium.

However, there was a backlash from the regional political parties with former chief minister and



National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah questioning the Army's involvement in a "divisive" issue like the Uniform Civil Code in a "sensitive" place like Kashmir.

"Is it appropriate for the Indian Army to get involved in the divisive issue of the uniform civil code & that too in a sensitive area like Kashmir? There is a reason the | [More on P6](#)

Centre Empowers States, UTs To Act Against JKNF

Agencies

Srinagar: The central government authorised states and the Union Territories (UTs) to wield the powers outlined in the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, in relation to the proscribed Jammu Kashmir National Front (JKNF), an outfit which was banned for next five years earlier this month.

As per a notification, the Ministry of Home Affairs

(MHA) has issued a directive in which the states and the UTs can use section 7 and section 8 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 against the banned terror outfit JKNF.

The notification was issued days after the MHA declared the JKNF an unlawful association. "Whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), the Central | [More on P6](#)

Rs 200 Cr Road Macadamization Project Set For Kashmir Aims To Cover Approx 630 Kms: R&B Dept

Agencies

Srinagar: The Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department in Kashmir said it will launch a comprehensive road macadamization project across the valley after the Model Code of Conduct in view of the Lok Sabha elections comes to an end. Chief Engineer of the Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department, Kashmir, Sajad Ahmad Naqeeb, informed that the ambitious project, with an estimated | [More on P6](#)

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Book Throws Up The Many Similarities, Differences In Cuisines Across India

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Noted interior designer Sunita Kohli has come out with a book that collates recipes from her friends that highlight the immense variety of food in India as well as from across the border.

"The India Cookbook: From the Tables of My Friends" has recipes by the region they originated from - north, south, east, west and central India.

"And while Partition amputated India, I have included some subcontinental recipes from friends across the border because our syncretic culture cannot be contained within recently created political boundaries," says Kohli.

Some international-Delhi recipes have also been included in the book, published by Aleph.

The book features recipes from Kohli's friends right from her school and college days and from all walks of life, including Vinod and Chinna Dua, Nalini Singh, Shobita Punja, Shabana Azmi, Aruna Sairam, Shashi Tharoor, Shobhaa De, Nalini and P Chidambaram, Pheroza Godrej, Sharmila Tagore, William Dalrymple, Zarine and Sanjay Khan, and many others.

It features familiar



food, cooked and served in the homes of one's many friends throughout the length and breadth of India," she says.

The book is also an account of how culture most intimately expresses itself - there are dishes for all occasions and for all seasons. There are recipes that can be used for dinner parties with friends as well as recipes for relaxed family meals.

Among the recipes, Kohli writes how malpua has been passed down five generations.

"This is considered India's oldest dessert. Malpuas are small deep-fried pancakes that are soaked in honey. Interestingly, this dessert is first mentioned in the Rig Veda, the oldest of the four Vedas, where it is called apupa and its recipe is also included," she writes.

She describes north Indian cuisine as a culinary treasure trove that reflects the rich heritage of the region.

"It has been influenced by history and has evolved over centuries. It blends indigenous ingredients and cooking techniques with Persian, Mughal and Central Asian influences. This culinary heritage has a unique depth and complexity and is also visually appealing," Kohli writes.

comfort foods like Pakora Karhi, Pongal, Butter Chicken, Dhansak, Vangi Bhaat, and others as well as unusual, special dishes such as Sat Saag, Nimona, Santula, Mutton ki Karhi, Fesenjan, Mohan Maas, Baked Crabs, Yakhni, and more.

Kohli terms cuisine as an important cultural artifact which is an expression of place and personality. "The many friends who have contributed recipes to this book are all epicurean gastronomes. Many of the recipes are culinary word-paintings."

This collection of recipes straddles different narratives, she says.

"Each recipe is a small microcosm of a much larger macrocosmic world of that particular cuisine and region. The sense of pride is palpable in each of these

recipes," she adds.

"This collection has thrown up the many similarities and differences in the cuisines of different regions of India," Kohli writes.

She says the book is a personal culinary journey that celebrates the friendships and goodwill of well-wishers across India. "Many recipes from the homes of these friends and family members have been handed down through the generations, but they invite further culinary inventiveness."

According to Kohli, who has selected and edited the collection, "The India Cookbook" is not a panoramic overview of food in the Indian subcontinent; rather, it is about the pluralism of Indian food and the variety in home-style cooking.

"It is about artisanal

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

Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice

The registrar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Pattan) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Shamaila Shafi D/o Mohammad Shafi Mir R/o Achabal Watergam Tehsil Watergam District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 31/08/2020 occurred at SDH Pattan

In this connection, if anybody having any objection to the issuance of said registration may contact this office within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained.

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Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice

The registrar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Pattan) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Mohammad Anam Bhat s/o Imtiyaz Ahmad Bhat R/o Meripora Tangmarg Tehsil Kunzer District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 24/08/2020 occurred at SDH Pattan

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

Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice

The registrar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Pattan) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Anayaz Ashraf s/o Mohammad Ashraf Dar r/o Watwan pattan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 01/05/2020 occurred at SDH Pattan

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Public Notice

The registrar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Pattan) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Hafsa Javid D/O Javid Ahmad Sofi R/O Aalibagh Tarzoo Tehsil. Khole Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 08/12/2020 occurred at SDH Pattan

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The name of my son has been wrongly written on DOB certificate as Ubaid Hyder while his correct name is Hyder Ali which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Municipal Committee Magam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Mohd Maqbool Sofi F/o Hyder Ali (DOB: 01-01-2021) R/o Sofipora Magam bmg

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

Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice

The registrar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Pattan) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Nadeem Ali Dar S/o Mukhtar Ahmad Dar R/o Reshipora Hanjiwera Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 14/08/2022 occurred at SDH Pattan

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Executive Magistrate 1st Class Naib Tehsildar Pattan fko

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Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice

The registrar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Pattan) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Toyiba Jan D/O Aadil Hassan Dangroo R/O Hardishria Sopore Tehsil dangeroora District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 01/07/2020 occurred at SDH Pattan

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Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice

The registrar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Pattan) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Zainab D/O Irfan Ahmad Mir R/O Hanjiwera Bala Pattan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 13/03/2021 occurred at SDH Pattan

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از نیابت پھیلان

عنوان:- اجرائی اہل ذمہ داری کے لئے درخواستیں

اشتیہار ہر خاص و عام

معاہدہ مندرجہ ذیل کے صدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پتواری حلقہ سے پورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل موشع پھیلان کا سکونت دار ہے اور سائل ملازم پیشے سے تعلق رکھتا ہے۔ اور شخصیت ماسٹر

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از نیابت پھیلان

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اشتیہار ہر خاص و عام

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Sub: - Application for change in title of Guest House under name and style "Firdous" situated at Rajbagh, Srinagar.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Ms. Shakila Mushtaq D/o Gul Mohammad Kaloo R/o Firdous Manzil, Rajbagh, Srinagar has vide an application dated 16.03.2024 requested for change in title of Hotel from "Firdous" to "Gul-e-Firdous" situated at Rajbagh, Srinagar;

Whereas, the applicant has submitted the documents i.e, NOC from Bank, Affidavit and Original Registration Certificate; Whereas, change in title of registration certificate for the guest house is purely for the purpose of running operation management of the said guest house;

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on me under section 39 of J&K Registration Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12 before considering change of title of the guest house, the matter is hereby notified for information of General Public/ Financial Institutions/ Banks /Development Authorities / PHE Department/Electric Department that in case of any objections, the same should reach this office of undersigned within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice. No objections beyond period of 07 days will be entertained and the request of the applicant will be considered under rules, after submission of requisite documents.

Sd/- Assistant Director Tourism, Registration

No. Reg/GH/207/DTK/973 DIPK-18193/23 Dated: 23.03.2024

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR KREERI (Executive Magistrate 1st Class)

Subject: Issuance of Registration Orders in respect of delayed Birth/ Death certificate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Registrar Births and Deaths (Block Development Officer Wagooara)/ chokedar has submitted case file pertaining to Birth of INAM -UL-HAQ NAJAR D/O MOHAMMAD ASHRAF NAJAR R/O BANDI PAYEEN Tehsil wagoora Dist. Baramulla having verified the date of Birth, as 07/03/2022 and event has been shown to be occurred at SDH kreeri for issuance of delay order. In this connection .

if anyone have any objection to the issuance of delay order of birth certificate shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertained fko Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kreeri

از دفتر نائب تحصیلدار کریری

عنوان درخواست منانہ مندرجہ ذیل کے صدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پتواری حلقہ سے پورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل موشع پھیلان کا سکونت دار ہے اور سائل ملازم پیشے سے تعلق رکھتا ہے۔ اور سائل ملازم پیشے سے تعلق رکھتا ہے۔ اور شخصیت ماسٹر

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شعبہ ٹیکس 59 سال گھریلو کام والدہ سائل

نایابو 39 سال گھریلو کام زوجہ سائل

تلقنت بانو 30 سال -- بشیر سائل

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نہار فاروق 01 سال -- دختر سائل

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The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education

New Campus Bemina Srinagar

Notice for General Public

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

Roll No: 359201 Class 12th Year & Session Annual Regular 2006 Registration: 025M805163

Name : Mohmad Aslam Najar Father's Name: Mohd Afzal Najar

Mother's Name: Farneda Bano Date of Birth:- 03-03-1998

Residence:- Inderkote Sumbal Sonawari

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: 618B22 be treated as "CANCELLED")

No: F(Cer-is-1-DOCB)/KD/24 Dated 23-03-2024 fko



Assistant Secretary Certificates, KD.

Public Notice

My name and Parentage has been wrongly written in my school records as Simran Shameem D/o Shameem Ahmad Dar while the correct name and parentage is Simran Shamim D/o Shamim Ahmad Dar 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. Simran Shamim D/o Shamim Ahmad Dar R/o Berthipora Shopian fko

Lok Sabha Elections-2024

Henna Art Competition Under SVEEP Held At Women's College Nawakadal, Zakura

Observer News Service

Srinagar: As a part of ongoing Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation program (SVEEP) campaign, Henna Art Competitions were today organized at Women's College Nawakadal and Women's College Zakura to encourage the students casting their vote for the first time in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections-2024.

The Competitions were organized on the directions of District Election Officer (DEO) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat to spread awareness among people, particularly young voters, for participating in the upcoming General Elections with enthusiasm.

Speaking about the initiative of Henna Art Competitions, the District Election Officer (DEO) Srinagar, praised the students for their enthusiastic participation and lauded their creativity and talent displayed during the competitions.

The DEO also commended the efforts of the Principals and Staff of both the Colleges for mak-

ing events successful and highlighted the importance of Voting in democratic setup.

At Women's College Nawa Kadal, the event was organized by the Department of Home Science under the supervision of Principal, Prof (Dr) Mohammad Farooq Mir which saw an overwhelming and active participation of Students from different Departments of the College.

The Competition began with the orientation session of the participants wherein they were instructed about rules and regulations to be followed throughout the event.

During the Competition, the participants put a lot of effort in the hopes of generating awareness of voting and wrote slogans like "Hamara Vote Hamari Sarkar" and "Shape tomorrow by voting today".

After the culmination of the competition, valedictory session was held during which Trophies and merit Certificates were distributed among the first three Position and Participation Certificates were awarded to all other participants.



PIC: Abid Bhat/KO

Visitors Express Satisfaction With Arrangements As Tulip Garden Opens

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Situated in the foothills of Zabarwan Mountains, authorities on Saturday opened the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden in Srinagar to the public. On its opening a large number of visitors throng to the garden and expressed their satisfaction over arrangements made by the Department of Floriculture Jammu Kashmir.

This year's display boasts 1.7 million tulips, including five new varieties, promising a breathtaking spectacle for both local and international tourists.

As crowds gathered to marvel at the garden's beauty on opening day, officials anticipate full bloom in the coming days. The garden features a diverse array of tulip bulbs in shades of red, yellow, and pink, offering early and late blooming varieties.

Besides lauding the efforts of UT administration for establishing the garden in mesmerizing picturesque in the foothills of Zabarwan range, the tourists were seen praising the hospitality of Kashmiri's and their love towards guests.

Many tourists on the occasion

expressed happiness over being a visitor of the garden, and appealing to people outside J&K to not waste their time in travelling other than Kashmir when they have paradise in their neighborhood.

Ashish, from Kolkata said that as the garden was not opened earlier, he visited few destinations of the Valley but after visiting here today, the blooming Tulips erased all memories in me as the Garden is the best destination across the globe.

I feel that I have landed in heaven, it's beautiful all around, this has been our childhood wish to come here, it got fulfilled today, he added.

Another couple from Bangalore on their maiden visit to Tulip Garden expressed their satisfaction with the arrangements made by the UT demonstration.

We are experiencing a smooth visit to Tulip Garden, we feel that the government has made very good arrangements for visitors, we want everyone to come here at least once, they said.

Notably thousands of local and non-local tourists visited the Tulip garden on the first day of its opening and it is expected the number will

rise high and probably break records this year as the garden will remain open for a month this year.

On the sidelines of the opening, Commissioner Secretary Floriculture Sheikh Fayaz, talking to the media said that we added more new varieties this year, adding a total to 73, with 1.7 million tulips, which is record making. He also said that last year Tulip garden recorded footfall of around 3.77 lakh, and we are hopeful that this year we will move beyond this number.

"This year, we've expanded by an additional 4 Kanals, with officials now deployed round the clock to address visitor grievances," he added.

Commissioner Secretary Floriculture Sheikh Fayaz, was joined by Director Floriculture and other officials from the department.

Discussions centered on traffic management, parking facilities, sanitation, online ticketing, and other logistical arrangements to enhance the visitor experience.

With meticulous planning and the addition of new flower varieties, this year's Tulip Garden promises to captivate visitors with its scenic splendor and colorful blooms.

Awareness Camp On 03 Notified Criminal Acts Held At P.S Batamaloo

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to make the general public aware about the newly three notified Criminal Major Act viz. 'Bhartiya Naya Sanhita', 'Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha' and 'Bhartiya Saksha Adhiniyam' a camp was organized in the main lawn of Police Sta-

tion Batamaloo.

A total of 50 respectable people from the area participated in the camp.

On the occasion, Fayaz Hussain (SP) SDPO Shaheed Gunj Srinagar, Inspector Gower Ahmad SHO Police Station Batamaloo attended the camp and briefed the general public about the main aspects of the new criminal laws.

Amar Singh College Organizes Mehendi Art Competition

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Under the flagship program of Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP), the Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) of Amar Singh College, Srinagar today organized a Mehendi Art Competition themed 'My Vote My Pride' at Tasveer Hall of the college premises.

The event was organized under the guidance and patronage of Principal Amar Singh College, Prof. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir. In his message, he encouraged all students to actively participate in such initiatives and emphasized the importance of exercising their right to vote.

Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Rather, Convener of the Electoral Literacy Club, delivered a comprehen-

sive briefing about the activity, emphasizing the pivotal role of voter awareness in fostering a vibrant democracy. He urged the participants to actively engage in promoting voter education and empowerment, highlighting the importance of informed decision-making in the electoral process.

The event, attended by almost 100 students and some faculty members, was aimed at promoting voter awareness among the student community, emphasizing the significance of each individual's vote in shaping the democratic process. Students from various disciplines enthusiastically participated, showcasing their artistic skills while advocating for voter empowerment.

The competition wit-

nessed vibrant displays of creativity, as participants adorned their hands with intricate Mehendi designs incorporating elements symbolizing electoral participation, civic responsibility, and democratic values. The atmosphere was charged with energy and enthusiasm, reflecting the collective commitment towards fostering a culture of informed and active citizenship. In the end first position was bagged by Neha, a student of 1st semester Political Science, 2nd position was taken by Mehvish, a 4th semester student and 3rd position was taken by Sahiba of 4th semester.

Prof. Shafiya Mohi ud Din, Prof. Mudasir Roshan and Dr. Zubair Nazeer coordinated the event and acted as jury members in the program.

NIT Srinagar Inks MoU With NITTTR, Chennai

Observer News Service

Srinagar: National Institute of Technology (NIT), Srinagar has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chennai on March 21.

This MoU is aimed to promote collaboration in areas including faculty exchange, joint research projects, and sharing of academic resources and also seeks to leverage the strengths of both institutions to enhance the qual-

ity of technical education and research outcomes.

The MoU was signed by Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, and Director NITTTR Chennai, Prof. Dr. Usha Natesan.

Registrar NIT Srinagar, Prof. Atikur Rahman, Dean Research & Consultancy Prof. Roohi Naaz Mir, Prof. G A Harmain, among other faculty members of both institutions were present on the occasion.

In his address, Director NIT, Prof. Ravinder Nath, highlighted the

transformative potential of this collaborative venture, emphasizing its role in unlocking opportunities for joint research initiatives.

"The primary focus of this collaboration is to train the faculty members of NIT Srinagar seamlessly in the areas of Pedagogy, Curriculum Development, Question Paper Setting, Continuous Assessment Practices, Evaluation Methodology, Academic Audit, Accreditation, etc, Training, academic and research collaboration in the areas of mutual interest," he said.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
Jammu And Kashmir Services Selection Board
CPO Chowk, Panjirtirth, Jammu/Zamzam Complex Rambagh, Srinagar

NOTICE

Subject: Issuance of Admit Cards to the candidates for Urdu Written Examination for the post of Patwari scheduled to be held on 31-03-2024.

1. The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) is conducting the OMR based Written Examination as per the following detail:-

Department	Notification No.	Item No.	Name of Post	Date of Examination
REVENUE	02 of 2021	455, 458, 464, 468, 471, 475	PAWTARI	31-03-2024.

2. Admit Cards for the candidates, whose examination is scheduled on 31-03-2024, shall be hosted on JKSSB's official website (www.jkssb.nic.in) w.e.f. 24.03.2024 (05:00 PM) onwards.

3. Candidates can download their Admit Cards from the website using their E-mail ID and Date of Birth. They must read the instructions contained therein, carefully

4. In case of any difficulty in downloading/issues related to Admit Card, candidate(s) may contact the JKSSB Help-Desk at 0191-2461335 (Jammu)/0194-2435089 (Srinagar) or write to JKSSB at helpdesk.jkssb@gmail.com. Help-Desk will activate on 24.03.2024 to 31.03.2024 during office hours only.

5. The candidature of candidates claiming eligibility by misrepresentation/concealment of any material facts, impersonation, fraud, etc. shall be liable for cancellation and disciplinary action, as deemed appropriate.

6. The Board reserves the right to cancel the candidature of any candidate at any stage at which he/she is found ineligible.

7. The detailed criteria of Selection and Syllabi for the said posts has already been notified and are available on the official website of the Board, (www.jkssb.nic.in).

8. The candidates are also advised to be in touch with the JKSSB's official website (www.jkssb.nic.in) for the latest updates on the examinations and Admit cards will not be sent by post.

9. Stepwise procedure to download JKSSB E-Admit Card:

- To download E-Admit Card, first visit the official website of JKSSB, i.e., www.jkssb.nic.in.
- On the homepage, there will be an option to download E-Admit Card.
- On that page, click on the link/button - "LOGIN".
- Enter log-in credentials, i.e., E-mail ID and Date of Birth.
- Username will be your E-mail ID & Password will be your DOB in DDMMYYYY format.
- On successful completion of above step, your basic details will be shown, kindly verify the details, in case of any mismatch, please contact helpdesk via call or email.
- Click on the 'View and Print E-Admit Card' button.
- The JKSSB E-Admit Card will appear on the screen.

CANDIDATE MUST BRING THE PRINTED COPY OF E-ADMIT CARD ON THE DAY OF EXAMINATION.

- Download and Print your JKSSB E-admit card.

Reyaz Ahmad Malik (JKAS)
Controller of Examinations J&K Services Selection Board

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

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1445

PRAYERS

FAJR	5: 06
ZUHR	12:40
ASR	4: 59
Magrib	6:48
ISHA	8: 09

This Day In History

- 1379 - End of Gelderse war victory
- 1545 - German Parliament opens in Worms
- 1550 France & England sign Peace of Boulogne
- 1603 - Scottish King James VI son of Mary Queen of Scots, becomes King James I of England in succession to Elizabeth I, thus joining the English and Scottish crowns.
- 1765 - Britain enacts Quartering Act, required colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.
- 1837 - Canada gives its black citizens the right to vote
- 1878 - British frigate Eurydice sunk; 300 lost
- 1882 - German scientist Robert Koch discovers and describes the tubercle bacillus which causes tuberculosis (Mycobacterium tuberculosis)
- 1894 - 37 miners killed at Franklin, Washington
- 1905 - A group of Cretons dedicated to Crete's union with Greece led by Eleutherios Venizelos, meet at the village of Therisso and proclaim a union in defiance of the Great Powers
- 1913 - Netherlands soccer team's 1st victory over England
- 1916 - German submarines torpedo the unarmed French cross-channel packet 'Sussex'
- 1924 - Greece becomes a republic
- 1941 - British troops defeat British Somalia
- 1941 - German troops occupy El Aghella Libya
- 1945 - Largest one-day airborne drop, 600 transports & 1300 gliders
- 1959 - Iraq withdraws from the Baghdad Pact
- 1965 - US Ranger 9 strikes Moon, 10 miles (16 km) NE of crater Alphonsus
- 1972 - Great Britain imposes direct rule over Northern Ireland
- 1975 - Muhammad Ali TKOs Chuck Wepner in 15 for heavyweight boxing title

From KO Archives

Omar, Soz Asked To Vote For BJP's 'Consensus' Candidate

Observer News Service

New Delhi : National Conference has directed its two members in the Lok Sabha, Omar Abdullah and Saifudin Soz, to vote for Ganta Mohan C Balayggi, TDP candidate for the Lok Sabha Speaker. Balayggi happens to be the "consensus" candidate of the ruling BJP alliance.

Farooq Abdullah, sources said, has personally spoken to his son Omar and Soz, asking them to be present at the time of Voting, which is scheduled for tomorrow.

The decision to support the BJP government in New Delhi, has been taken by Farooq Abdullah, despite reservations by a section of the party, which says "this will ruin the popular base" of the party in the state, especially Kashmir and other Muslim dominated areas of Jammu, supposed to be party's vote bank.

Today's decision of Farooq Abdullah gives a clear indication that National Conference, in future, is all set to become a part of the BJP led alliance government at the center.

Abdullah who attended the swearing in ceremony of Vajpayee government, last week, held a series of meetings with senior BJP leaders on the post poll scenario. Defence minister George Fernandes, Urban Development minister Ram Jethmalani, Parliamentary Affairs minister Madan Lai Khurana, besides Home minister L K Advani and Prime Minister Vajpayee, had long discussions on this issue, when Farooq was in New Delhi. (Kashmir Observer, 24 March, 1998)

Saga of Kindergarten Admission and NEP Recommendations for ECCE

Dr. Mushtaq Rather



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Raising a child in the current circumstances is both an experience to cherish and at the same time quite demanding as well. Parents have to invest both time and finances to let their child realise their actualized potential. To hone the skills of their children as per demand and requirement, the first priority for a parent is to offer quality education.

Parents are ready to sacrifice everything to safeguard the education of their children. So, the first priority for a modern parent is to choose the right kind of school for their child which can cater to a diverse set of learning needs. To access quality driven educational institutions, a parent has to move from pillar to post to explore available options.

The author, like any other parent, was excited and at the same anxious to look for the best possible schooling options to get my child enrolled in kindergarten. I explored ample options in South Kashmir and finally zeroed in on certain viable options for which I had received positive feedback. Therefore, I made up my mind to get my ward admitted into one of these so-called innovation and futuristic driven schools. With excitement, I went along with my child for an "assessment" where they would deduce whether the child fits in their self created criteria of learning environment. In the school premises, I was given a time slot for the said assessment, an assessment which is otherwise strongly discouraged by the renowned educationists all over the world. Infact, the Honorable Supreme Court had passed clear directions and had abstained school authorities from putting children to any psychological discomfort in the name of assessments. Even the Ministry of Education and Literacy came up with detailed guidelines and issued instructions in this regard to do away with any kind of assessment in determining the admission especially at the pre-primary level.

At first, I thought the school authorities would hold a sort of informal interaction with parents to discuss the attainment of age-appropriate developmental milestones. But to my utter shock and disbelief, we were asked to hand over the child to the assessment team and the child was taken to solitary confinement in a locked room and we were not allowed to accompany the child and were left guessing outside the room.

Imagine the psychological discomfort a child had had to go through on being subjected to this torturous assessment by faces unfamiliar to him. When the child came out of the room, the author went to school authorities to discuss certain reservations he had in his mind. Why was there a need to assess the child even for admission to a pre-primary class? The authorities in a confident tone replied that it is integral to assess the child to gauge the level of attainment of developmental milestones and to check whether the child

is suffering from any kind of disability.

With eyes wide open, I asked if children with special needs would be accommodated in the school. Their response was literally a bolt from blue. The protested as to how they could enroll such children in an "elite" institution and such children are to be admitted in special schools. T

The landmark legislation enacted in 2016 titled Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act 2016 vociferously advocates enrolling children with special needs in mainstream education systems instead of establishing special schools. The act even makes it clear that if any school deprives any specially-abled child from his legitimate right to access quality education, the school can face de-recognition and hefty fine if found violating the provisions of the Act. However, the elitist private schools in our part of the world have taken these legislations and circulars for a toss. The modus operandi of these institutions is to access a desired lot of students through

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the assessment and they do not stop here: then they demand hefty amounts in the name of annual fee, franchise fee, school development fee, capitation fee besides the normalized tuition fee and transportation fee.

The elitist school, author is talking about is receiving a capitation fee to the

tune of Rupees 80,000. They are selling education rather than rendering it accessible to all. The circulars and orders from the school education department categorically ask to do away with any assessment at the time of admission and charging capitation fee of any kind but these instructions are hardly seen implemented by these elitist vendors of education.

NEP 2020 and ECCE:

The essence of NEP 2020 lies in shifting the paradigm of education from content memorization to attainment of competencies. The skill of hard memorization is now considered as a redundant and obsolete skill, as this skill is not sufficient enough to mitigate the challenges of the 21st century. The challenges posed by the 21st century are quite varied and complex as compared to the challenges encountered in previous centuries. The educational institutions therefore have to strive towards creating congenial learning atmosphere which in the longer run

fosters lifelong learning in modern day learners, who can in turn meaningfully contribute to society. Are our schools ready to embrace the provisions of NEP 2020? Or will our schools still stick to the traditional way of schooling? In that case, what will be the fate of such a meticulously crafted policy. The effective implementation of any ground breaking intervention is determined by the sincere will and commitment of all the relevant stakeholders. One of the standout recommendations of NEP 2020 is the conceptualization of Early Childhood care and education (ECCE) which was previously unheard of in earlier policies. ECCE is crucial to the overall development of children, with impacts on their learning. Evidence on Early childhood education suggests that children who engage in early and play based learning activities have better developmental outcomes than those who don't. According to National Curriculum Framework (2022) for foundational stage education of children in the three to eight years, research from across the world on education, neurosciences and economics demonstrates clearly that ensuring free, accessible, high quality early childhood care education is perhaps the very best investment that any country can make for its future. It further elaborated that brain development is most rapid in the first eight years of a child's life, indicating the critical importance of cognitive and socio-emotional stimulation in early years. The National Curriculum Framework for Foundational stage (2022) has listed the 'panchakosha' concept for education of children and its five integral domains are physical development, development of life energy, emotional and mental development, intellectual development and spiritual development. The ECCE model relies on play based, inquiry based learning with focus on cognitive, affective, psychomotor abilities and early literacy and numeracy. The design of teaching-learning instructional pedagogy therefore is to hone physical and motor development, cognitive development, socio-emotional ethical development, cultural/artistic development and at the same time acquisition of effective communication, language, early literacy and numeracy at the preparatory stage. The ultimate aim of ECCE is to attain optimal outcomes in different domains. Somehow early childhood education has remained both under invested and under explored over decades. The argument for increased investment in early childhood care and education is a basic one - human resources are the bedrock of a nation, and early childhood is the bedrock of a human being.

*Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer
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The Economic Consequences of Legal Behavior

KAUSHIK BASU

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The way people navigate traffic can tell us a lot about their respective cultures. Recently, while walking to my office in midtown Manhattan, I stopped at a red light when an elderly woman with a walking stick caught my attention as she cautiously looked both left and right. When she saw that no car was close enough to hit her - assuming they adhered to New York's speed-limit laws - she gave me a puzzled look and crossed the street. I must admit, I felt a bit foolish.

Such an incident would be unthinkable in Japan. Years ago, on the first night of a weeklong visit to Tokyo, my young, jet-lagged children, who had lived only in India and the United States, were amazed by the law-abiding Japanese. Peering out of our apartment window at midnight, they observed a man standing alone at a crosswalk. Even with no cars in sight, he waited patiently for the light to turn green.

While these normative differences may seem trivial, societal attitudes toward the law can significantly affect a country's economic performance. Whereas the New Yorker's actions could be interpreted as aligning with the spirit of the law, the Tokyo pedestrian adhered to its letter.

A system that emphasizes the spirit of the law gives individuals discretionary power, leading to potential misuse or abuse. When individuals have latitude to decide how to behave, they might, for example, choose to disrupt traffic. This is evident in the streets of New York and, to a greater extent, in my hometown of Kolkata (formerly

Calcutta). While the city is gradually adopting the Western model, during my youth Kolkata was a pedestrian's paradise, where crossing the street required no more than a simple hand gesture.

It is crucial to understand the strengths and weaknesses of both systems. Japan's remarkable transformation from a low-income economy to one of the world's richest countries can be partly attributed to its law-abiding culture. Adherence to the letter of the law fosters better organization, which fuels

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economic growth and overall development. Consider, for example, an orchestra: without a conductor to guide them, the musicians onstage may still make music, but it would not be the Salzburg Opera.

The same is true for many other aspects of daily life. In a 2002 paper I co-authored with Jürgen Weibull, we argued that punctuality is not a genetic trait but a behavior cultivated through coordination. Sticking to a fixed schedule becomes valuable when everyone is expected to do so. It is reminiscent of the stag hunt game described by Jean-Jacques Rousseau in his Discourse on Inequality, in which two hunters could kill a stag by cooperating but only a hare if they go it alone. Contemporary

Japan is known for its fastidious culture of punctuality. What is overlooked is that, barely a hundred years ago, Japan was known for its sloppiness with respect to time. Japan's ascent coincided with normative transformation from tardiness to punctuality.

Sociologists have emphasized the crucial role of social and institutional embeddedness in driving economic development. Simply put, in addition to its trade, fiscal, and monetary policies, Japan's remarkable rise over the past

century has been facilitated by a social transformation which enabled its economy to grow at an unprecedented rate.

Nevertheless, the New York model, where individuals are given leeway to interpret the law, has its merits. After all, pedestrian traffic lights are designed to facilitate the smooth flow of traffic and occasionally allow pedestrians to cross. When the road is empty, ignoring the red light does not run counter to the law's purpose. It facilitates what economists refer to as a Pareto improvement, whereby some people are better off without hurting anybody else's well-being.

While enacting laws that accommodate every individual's unique circumstances and preferences is not feasible,

leaving laws open to some degree of individual interpretation can encourage creativity and enhance efficiency. This approach, which cultivates a culture conducive to technological and artistic innovation, has enabled the United States to become the world's growth engine and magnet for talent.

To be sure, attempting to bring about a normative transition from adherence to the letter of the law to realizing its spirit could backfire, producing cacophony in the proverbial orchestra pit. Economists and legal scholars can play a crucial role in facilitating such a shift while mitigating potential risks. This cannot be achieved through precise policy prescription - that would in fact be self-contradictory. The key to achieving this is in the realm of ideas that John Maynard Keynes emphasized. We need to be aware of the two distinct modes of law enforcement and, despite the risks, the surprising advantages of moving from following the letter of the law to the spirit.

As the British conductor Charles Hazlewood observed, for good music you need individual musicians to follow the conductor's instructions exactly. Great music, however, relies on "trust" and "personal freedom from the members of the orchestra." They need space for judgment and creativity.

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A Guide to Ibadah During the Last Ten Nights of Ramazan

AMALIAH TEAM

As we come into the last ten nights of Ramazan, many of us will be reflecting on how our Ramazan has gone so far, possibly asking ourselves the following questions:

Have I made the most of my Ramazan? Did I reach the goals I set out before Ramazan? Have I prayed every Salah? Have I made the most of my time? And the list goes on.

And dependent on what the answers are to those questions, some may be humbly content with the progress they have made whilst others may feel they could have done more.

What is beautiful about the blessed month of Ramazan is that Allah (SWT) gifted us a special night in the last ten nights of Ramazan, the Night of Power which is 'greater than a thousand months [of worship]' (Surah Al-Qadr, 97:3).

What is the reason for this gift? The Prophet (ﷺ) was shown the lifespans of the previous nations which were hundreds to thousands of years, and the ones of his Ummah were such that they would pass away in their sixties and seventies. Upon learning this, he was concerned that his Ummah would not be able to compete with the previous nations, so Allah (SWT) gifted the Night of Power to his (ﷺ) Ummah for him.

Ziyad related to me from Malik that he had heard a man he trusted of the people of knowledge say, "The Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, was shown the lifespans of the people (who had gone) before him, or what Allah willed of that, and it was as if the lives of the people of his community had become too short for them to be able to do as many good actions as others before them had been able to do with their long lives, so Allah gave him Laylat al-Qadr, which is better than a thousand months." (Malik)

Abu Hurairah (ra) narrates, "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, 'The lifespan of my nation is between sixty to seventy, and the least of them are those who surpass that.'" (Ibn Majah)

If we were to ponder on the magnitude of the verse 'greater than a thousand months [of worship]' then this could be interpreted as more than 83 years of worship, and in essence more than a lifetime. With these abundant blessings gifted to us from Allah (SWT) for the taking, there is no question as to why Muslims strive to find this blessed night, which is placed on one of the odd nights in the last ten days of Ramazan.

From this, we know Allah (SWT) wants us to succeed when the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) used to say, 'Do as many deeds as you are capable of doing, for Allah will not become weary (of giving you reward), but you would be tired (of doing good deeds).' (Muslim)

He (ﷺ) also used to say, 'The most beloved deed to Allah is one to which the doer adheres constantly even if it is small.' [Muslim]

On knowing about this incredible gift, a renewed sense of purpose should be back on the cards again. A Muslim still has hope that it is not too late to finish Ramazan strong, to push hard to the end like a race.

On the authority of 'Aishah (ra) who said, 'When the last ten days (of Ramazan) started, the Prophet (saw) would tighten his waist belt (i.e. work hard), he would give life to its nights (i.e. pray all night) and he would awaken his family (for prayers).' (Bukhari)

In light of this beautiful narration, you will find below ten tips on how to elevate your worship during the last ten nights of Ramazan, so that when these 30 days pass, you will rejoice in knowing you tried your best insha'Allah.

1. DON'T WASTE TIME

The Night of Power is better than a thousand months of worship, which means each second is equal to more than 24 hours of worship! Subhan'Allah! This includes limiting the amount of time you are spending on social media and being intentional with your goals.



The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, 'There is no intelligence like planning.' (Ibn Majah)

To give you a heads up on important dates in your planning, this year the final ten nights are estimated to begin at Maghrib on Saturday 30th March. Interestingly, in the UK the Easter school holidays begin on Friday 29th March (Bank Holidays: Good Friday and Easter Monday is 1st April) and the summer term begins Monday 15th April. Alhamdulillah, this means the last ten nights are all in this year's Easter holidays, which is great especially for families with school children.

2. GIVE CHARITY

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) was the most generous of people and was described in Ramazan as being, 'more generous in giving charity than the blowing wind.' (Muslim)

Muslim Hands Best Ten Nights donation tool ensures that you don't miss out on the rewards of donating on the Night of Power. You can split your donations in the following three ways: (1) evenly across all ten nights, (2) give double on the odd nights and (3) even give double on odd nights and triple on the 27th night.

The reason the Best Ten Nights tool puts emphasis on donations towards the odd nights, especially the 27th is from the following hadith narrations:

On the authority of 'Aishah (ra) that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, 'Search for the Night of Power in the odd nights of the last ten days of Ramazan.' (Bukhari)

On the authority of Mu'awiyah ibn Abu Sufyan (ra) that the Prophet (ﷺ) said concerning the Night of Power, 'The Night of Power is the twenty-seventh (night of Ramazan).' (Abu Dawud)

If it is the Night of Power, donating £10 would be like donating £10 for over 83.3 years or over 29,500 days (83.3 x 355 lunar days of an Islamic year) – or if we are talking figures, it is as though you have donated over £295,000! So splitting your donations to ensure you don't miss this blessed night is a must! You can also diversify your donations by choosing from the following five funds: (1) Gaza Emergency Fund, (2) Zakat Fund, (3) Where Most Needed Fund, (4) Water Fund and (5) Iftar Fund.

3. BEFRIENDING THE QUR'AN BY LISTENING AND READING

Ramazan is the month of the Qur'an and other scripture revelations like the Scrolls of Ibrahim (AS), the Torah and the Gospel were also revealed in Ramazan [Ahmad] to serve as guidance for mankind.

A person gets ten rewards for reciting each letter of Arabic in the Qur'an (Tirmidhi) and there are approximately 327,792 letters in the Qur'an – which means massive rewards are on offer! Beautifully, the Qur'an is divided into 30 Juz, correlating with the 30 days that Ramazan is made up of, making it possible to aim to read one Juz a day. Each Juz is divided into two Hizb and each Hizb is divided into quarters to make the Qur'an easier to read so you can reach the milestone of completing the Qur'an.

You may ask, is there a pre-

ferred time to read the Qur'an? Yes, especially at the time of Fajr as Allah states,

'Establish prayer from the declining of the sun to the darkness of the night; and hold fast to the recitation of the Qur'an at Fajr (dawn), for the recitation of the Qur'an at Fajr is witnessed.' (Surah Al-Isra 17:78)

4. PRAY TAAHUJUD BEFORE SUHOOR

When you wake up for Suhoor



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(the pre-dawn meal), wake up early enough to also pray the Tahajjud prayer (which literally means 'avoiding sleep') – minimum 2 x 2 rak'ahs nafl prayer before Fajr.

It is a unique blessing for this Ummah that we have a pre-dawn meal before we commence fasting and the Prophet (ﷺ) said, 'Take the pre-dawn meal (Suhoor), for indeed there is a blessing in it.' (Bukhari)

The last third of the night before Fajr is truly a blessed time, the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said,

'Our Lord, Blessed and Exalted be He, comes down every night to the nearest Heaven when the last third of the night remains, saying, 'Is there anyone to invoke Me, so that I may respond to him? Is there anyone to ask Me, so that I may grant him his request? Is there anyone seeking My forgiveness, so that I may forgive him?' (Bukhari)

Seeking forgiveness from Allah at this blessed time is further emphasised in the Qur'an that Allah's true servants are those who '(those) who are patient, truthful, obedient, and charitable, and who pray for forgiveness before dawn' (Surah Ali 'Imran 3:17)

5. PERFORM THE NIGHT PRAYERS

These are called Taraweeh, which literally means to take rest and take pauses between each two units of prayer. There is immense barakah associated with performing qiyam al lail (night prayers) during Ramazan. Praying in the Masjid in congregation multiplies your reward by twenty-seven times (Bukhari). Additionally, one is encouraged to engage in Dhikr between each set of four units of prayer.

The blessing of Ramazan this year is that the fasts are shorter

and the nights are longer than previous years. Hence, you can make the most of the nights in worship by doing a variety of worship as it is difficult to sustain one act of worship.

6. PERFORM ITIKAF

Try to perform Itikaf in your local masjid in the last ten nights or a few days that you are available to do so. Women have the option to do this in their homes in a specified room.

On the authority of 'Aishah (RA) who said, 'The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) used to practise 'itikaf in the last ten nights of Ramazan and used to say, 'Search for the Night of Power in the last ten nights of Ramazan.' (Bukhari)

7. DON'T EAT TOO MUCH AND KEEP HYDRATED

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, 'A human being does not fill any container that is worse than (his) stomach. It is sufficient for the son of Adam to eat what will support his back. But if this is not possible, then a third for his food, a third for his drink and a third for his breath.' (Tirmidhi)

Try to opt for wholesome foods including fruit and vegetables and keep hydrated with plenty of water. Movement is also key so we can look after our bodies as they are an amanah, a trust placed in us by Allah (SWT), and caring for our bodies and our health is a beautiful way to please our Creator. The Prophet (ﷺ) advised us that,

'Indeed, your body has a right over you.' (Bukhari)

For ideas for engaging in exercise and earning great rewards, you can check out Muslim Hands event Walk For The Children Of War.

8. MAKE DU'A AND DHIKR

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, 'Du'a is the essence of worship.' (Tirmidhi).

Making du'a during the last ten days should not be taken lightly and therefore preparing a list is important, even jotting these down with a notepad and pen.

Du'a is like a conversation with Allah (SWT) in which we put our needs before Him and ask His help in resolving our problems. Du'a not only allows us to submit to Allah (SWT) but it is also a form of worship and a way to build our relationship with our Creator.

The benefit of making du'a is famously mentioned in The Noble Qur'an,

'When My servants ask you (O Prophet) about Me: I am truly near. I respond to one's prayer when they call upon Me. So let them respond to Me and believe in Me, perhaps they will be guided.' (Surah Al Baqarah 2:186)

It is profound to note that this verse appears directly after the verse that commanded the fasting of Ramazan. Scholars therefore have said there is a direct connection between fasting and making du'a and we should use every opportunity to make du'a during this blessed month, especially in the last ten nights.

The Prophetic Du'a for these nights is,

Allahumma! Innaka 'Afuwwun Karimun tuHibbul-Afwafu'anni
'O Allah! Indeed, You are the

Generous and Pardoning One. You love to pardon, so pardon me!' (Tirmidhi)

The Prophet (ﷺ) also advised us in Ramazan to make the following du'a, 'You should ask Allah for Jannah and ask for refuge in Him from Jahannam.' (Ibn Khuzaimah)

9. WORK ON YOUR CHARACTER

The primary mission of the Prophet (ﷺ) was to teach us how to be people of good character, 'I have been sent to perfect good character.' (Muwatta'). The traits of good character include modesty, courage, forgiveness, generosity and kindness.

Tools to improve your character can include studying the Seerah of the Prophet (ﷺ) and the life of the Sahabah (RA) to understand how they lived a life of righteousness. Being conscious of the types of people you surround yourself with as they can have a huge influence on you either positively or negatively.

The Prophet (ﷺ) said 'Verily, the parable of good and bad company is that of a seller of musk and a blacksmith. The seller of musk will give you perfume, you will buy some, or you will notice a pleasant smell. As for the blacksmith, he will burn your clothes, or you will notice a bad smell.'

So in the last ten nights, reflect on how you dealt with certain situations, did you strive to be more patient, avoid anger, and lend a helping hand, among other virtues.

10. FINISH STRONG

The Prophet (ﷺ) split Ramazan into three equal parts,

'And it is a month, the first of which is mercy, its middle is forgiveness and its last (part) is freedom from the Fire.' (Mishkat al-Masabih)

We want to finish strong to attain this eternal freeing from the hellfire insha'Allah. Even if we have had a poor start to Ramazan we must push ourselves down to its last week as the Prophet (ﷺ) advised,

'Seek it in the last ten (nights), i.e. the Night of Power. If one of you shows slackness and weakness (in the earlier part of Ramazan), it should not be allowed to prevail upon him in the last week.' (Muslim)

Imam Ibn al-Qayyim al-Jawzi (RH) said, 'When the race horse knows that it is nearing the end of the track it exerts all of its effort to win the race. Do not allow the race horse to be more clever than you. For verily deeds are judged by their conclusions. So if you didn't do so well with welcoming Ramazan then perhaps you will do better in bidding it farewell.'

This is based upon the advice of the Prophet (ﷺ) who said, 'Indeed, deeds are only (judged) by their endings.' (Bukhari)

We pray for a good end as we strive for Paradise and its delights, 'whose seal is musk, so let those who want to compete for that, compete!' (Surah Al-Mutaffifin 83:26)

We pray that Allah (SWT) accepts all our worship this Ramazan and that we emerge with all our sins forgiven, Ameen!

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A Woman is Always Uprooted

Tooba Towfiq

Women are in permanent exile – from their roots, from their desires, from their sense of self, from their own morality, from a control over self, from the freedom to just be who they truly are and want to become.

God had not put women on this earth to see who best serves the values of society. We were created to breathe, thrive and prosper as full humans. With our achievements and our mistakes. With our own stories.

Women have had to shrink into places, expectations, relationships and roles to be considered worthy participants in a race that the society put us on.

Being a woman is betraying your own self every day. We are thrust into an organised people pleasing exercise for life. This is why we feel so disconnected in every role. We don't cherish being any single one of the roles we play because none of them have been embraced by us through our own will.

Perhaps this is why we so ardently crave for love because so much of self deprecation for others sake makes us feel like we deserve some applause after all. But the trick of womanhood is that you'd never be a perfect woman and you'd only come closest to being one when you are suffering the most.

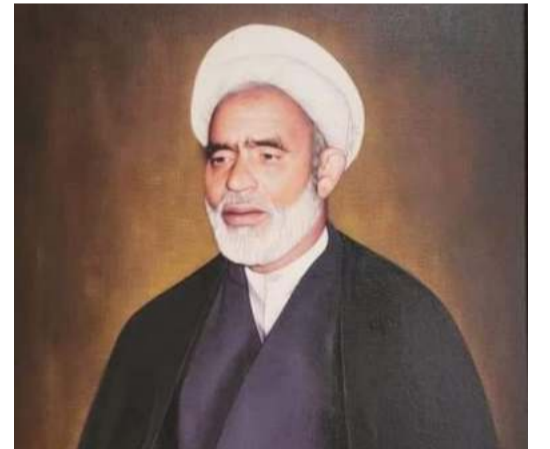
If women are so incapable of taking their decisions, why are we expected to carry so much weight of the world on our shoulders? If we are so incapable, why are we then suddenly expected to run the world around us?

It is an anomaly. Being a woman is an anomaly.

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ALLAMA MIR SHEIKH MEHDI HUSSAIN HAMDANI

A Tribute to a Spiritual Luminary



Syed Nayeem Hamdani

Late Allama Mir Sheikh Mehdi Hussain Hamdani Najafi was not just a scholar but a beacon of spirituality and wisdom, whose teachings continue to illuminate the path of many.

Born in 1937, he dedicated his life to serving the community and imparting the knowledge he acquired through years of study and contemplation. He completed his schooling in Sultanul Madaras in Lucknow. His 25th death anniversary falls on 24th March Sunday 2024.

Sheikh Mehdi Hussain's journey of seeking knowledge took him to Najaf Ashraf in Iraq, where he studied under the guidance of esteemed teachers such as Ayatullah Abol Qasim Khoie and Imam Ruhullah Khomeini. His dedication to learning and his deep understanding of Islamic teachings earned him recognition and respect both in Kashmir and Iraq.

Returning to Kashmir, Allama became the principal of Jamia Miftah-ul-Uloom Yachgam, one of the oldest religious schools in Budgam. His tenure as principal was marked by his commitment to excellence in education and his unwavering dedication to the spiritual and moral development of his students.

Sheikh Mehdi Hussain was not just a scholar in the traditional sense; he was a spiritual guide whose simplicity and piety were an inspiration to all who knew him. His teachings emphasized the importance of humility, compassion, and devotion to Allah, and his students remember him not just for his knowledge but for the kindness and wisdom with which he imparted it.

Today, as we commemorate the 25th anniversary of Allama Najafi's passing, we are reminded of the profound impact he had on our lives and the legacy of wisdom and spirituality he left behind. May Allah grant him the highest place in paradise and grant his family the strength to bear this loss. His teachings and his students continue to be a source of guidance and inspiration, keeping his memory alive in our hearts.

Sheikh Mehdi Hussain's influence extended beyond the walls of the classroom. He was actively involved in community service, always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. His generosity knew no bounds, and he often went out of his way to assist the less fortunate. His life was a testament to the values of compassion, generosity, and selflessness, and his legacy continues to inspire us to strive for excellence in all that we do.

In honoring Allama Hamdani we not only pay tribute to a great scholar but also to a true humanitarian whose life was dedicated to serving others. As we reflect on his teachings and his example, let us strive to emulate his virtues and carry forward his legacy of knowledge, compassion, and service to humanity. May Allah bless his soul and reward him abundantly for his good deeds. His teachings and his students continue to be a source of guidance and inspiration, keeping his memory alive in our hearts.

KISS University Granted 'A' Grade Accreditation By NAAC In First Cycle

Observer News Service

Bhubaneswar: The KISS Deemed-to-be-University has been awarded the prestigious 'A' grade accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in its first cycle of accreditation. The university is the first institution in the country to achieve this feat in its first attempt at accreditation by NAAC.

The recognition by NAAC as an 'A' grade institution is a testament to the quality of education and the dedication to academic excellence at KISS University. The Ministry of Education granted deemed-to-be-university status to KISS in 2017, acknowledging its significant contributions to the field of education.



"Happy to announce KISS Deemed to be University got NAAC A grade in its first cycle since 2017 recognition of DU status. A unique feat, adding to accolades like the UNESCO Literacy Prize 2022. This marks an academic pinnacle for our fully free, residential school for tribal children," Dr Achyuta Samanta, founder of KIIT and

KISS said. Educational stakeholders and the academic community have expressed their happiness and pride in achieving this milestone, giving the credit for the recognition to Dr Samanta, his dedication and perseverance. KISS is the only university in the world that offers education to tribal students free of cost. The accreditation underscores the university's commitment to providing quality education. The timely application

and successful accreditation by NAAC as an 'A' grade institution are considered a major achievement for KISS University. Dr Samanta extended his heartfelt thanks to the teachers, staff, students, and supporters of KISS University for their hard work and dedication, which played a crucial role in achieving this accolade. This success has sparked a wave of happiness among the students, faculty, staff, and the tribal communities associated with the university.



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No Relief

was on Friday remanded to the custody of the Enforcement Directorate for seven days, i.e., until March 28, a day after he was arrested by the probe agency.

An immediate hearing has been sought from the Acting Chief Justice, preferably on Sunday, March 24.

The ED, which was given the custody of Delhi CM till March 28 by the court, has alleged that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is the major beneficiary of the proceeds of crime generated in the alleged liquor scam.

The Rouse Avenue Court on Friday remanded Kejriwal to six days of ED custody in the money laundering case related to the alleged liquor policy scam case till March 28. (ANI)

'Will Return

a former IRS officer who has so far maintained a distance from active politics, was streamed live by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), a day after a court here remanded Kejriwal in ED custody till March 28 "for his detailed and sustained interrogation" regarding his role in the alleged Delhi excise policy scam.

"Whether inside or outside, every moment of my life is dedicated to serving the country. Every drop of my blood is dedicated to the country," Kejriwal was quoted as saying by his wife.

"Aisi salakhein nahi jo aapke bhai, bete ko zyada din andar rakh sake (No jail can keep your brother, your son inside for long). I will soon come out and fulfil my promise," he said in the message in Hindi.

Kejriwal said that he was born to wage struggles and is destined for bigger challenges in future as well, so he was not surprised by his arrest.

He asserted that India has to be shaped into the strongest and greatest country in the world.

"Together, we have to make India a great country, the strongest and number one country in the world. There are many forces inside and outside India that are weakening the country. We need to be cautious so as to identify these forces and defeat them," she said reading Kejriwal's message.

There are numerous people and forces in the country that are patriots. India must be made to move forward and these forces need to be united and strengthened, read the Delhi chief minister's message.

"I have received a lot of love from you. I must have done virtuous actions in my previous birth that I was born in a great country like India. I have blessings of crores of people that is my strength," said the message.

Kejriwal also appealed to AAP volunteers that the work of social and public service should not stop because he was in custody.

"Also, the BJP people need not be

hated for this. They are our brothers and sisters. I will return soon," Kejriwal was quoted as saying by his wife, who had the Indian flag and pictures of B R Ambedkar and Bhagat Singh in the backdrop - also seen during video address by Arvind Kejriwal and his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann.

The Delhi chief minister in his message also assured the women of Delhi that he will fulfil the promise of providing them monthly Rs 1000 honorarium announced in the budget, after coming back.

"The mothers and sisters in Delhi could be thinking that Kejriwal has gone inside and whether they will get Rs 1000 honorarium or not. I appeal to all my mothers and sisters to have faith in me..."

"I will soon come out and fulfil my promise. Has it ever happened that Kejriwal did not fulfil any promise. Your brother and son is made of iron," he said in the message.

Kejriwal urged the women to go to temples at least once to seek god's blessings for him.

The AAP chief is in ED custody till March 28, following his arrest on May 21st evening by the agency in connection with a money-laundering case linked to Delhi's now-scrapped excise policy.

"(Prime Minister Narendra) Modi-ji got your thrice-elected chief minister arrested due to his arrogance of power and is trying to crush everyone. This is a betrayal with the people of Delhi. Your chief minister has always stood with you."

Whether inside (jail) or outside, his life is dedicated to the country. The public is supreme and knows everything. Jai Hind," Sunita Kejriwal had said on X on Friday.

The BJP, meanwhile, demanded Kejriwal's resignation.

"I had said earlier that the 'kingpin' will also be arrested. However, those who used to talk about ethics till yesterday are now saying that they will run the government from jail."

"Even those who were involved in the fodder scam had resigned. However, those involved in the liquor scam have refused to resign," Union Minister Anurag Thakur said at a press conference.

BJP's IT department head Amit Malviya took a swipe at Sunita Kejriwal over her remarks that "there are several forces within and outside India that are weakening the country."

"Agree with her completely. She may want to explain what is AAP MP Raghav Chadha doing with British Labour MP Preet K Gill, who openly advocates K separatism, mobilises funds for Ks in UK, funds violent protests outside India House in London, constantly posts anti-India, anti-Modi, anti-Hindu stuff on her social media accounts?" Malviya posted on

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with 50,000 tulip bulbs imported from The Netherlands. It instantly gained popularity and has been steadily growing each year -- both in terms of the number of visitors and the tulips.

More than 3.65 lakh visitors, both domestic and foreign, visited the garden last year while it witnessed a footfall of 3.60 lakh people in 2022.

The tulip garden is also one of the favourite locations for shooting films and videos as several units from across the country shot parts of their projects at the site last year.

The official added that the department has added nearly 22,000 square feet of additional parking space for the convenience of visitors.

JKP Sets-up Election

regarding election related affairs," he added.

According to the police, the establishment of a 24x7 election helpline underscores the commitment of the police to uphold the credibility & transparency of the electoral process. By facilitating communication and assistance, the police aimed to ensure a safe & secure environment for voters to exercise their democratic rights.

IAF Airlifts

328 passengers on Saturday. While 144 passengers were airlifted from Srinagar to Kargil in three sorties of AN-32, 12 passengers were airlifted from Kargil to Srinagar," the official said.

Similarly, 164 passengers availed the service from Jammu to Kargil in three sorties and eight passengers from Kargil to Jammu, the official said.

Jitendra Singh's

constituency on Thursday. Singh retained Udhampur Lok Sabha seat in 2019 defeating Congress' Vikramaditya Singh, the grandson of erstwhile Maharaja Hari Singh, by a huge margin of 3,53,272 votes.

In 2014, Singh had defeated former Union minister Ghulam Nabi Azad by 60,976 votes and assumed charge as minister of state in the Prime Minister's office.

In his latest affidavit, the minister put the value of his movable assets at Rs 3.33 crore and immovable assets at Rs 3.71 crore; and his wife's movable assets at Rs Rs 88.88 lakh and immovable assets at Rs 66 lakhs in 2024.

In 2014, he had declared his movable assets at Rs 88.22lakh and immovable assets of Rs 2.31 crore, while his wife's movable assets were declared at Rs 65.42 lakh.

His latest wealth included Rs 45,000 cash in hand (self) and Rs 55,000 (wife), six banks accounts for self

having over Rs 1.11 crore, three bank accounts with over Rs 8.37 lakh in the name of his wife, besides nearly four dozen Fixed Deposit Receipts (FDRs) worth over Rs two crore together.

The assets also included a residential house in Jammu on the name of Singh and a flat in Delhi and non-agricultural land (in Garhwal) in the name of his wife, and two private vehicles including one luxury car and 40 and 50 tolas of gold worth Rs 13.30 lakh and Rs 16.50 lakhs by husband and wife, respectively.

In 2019, the movable assets of the minister stood at Rs 1.84 crore and his spouse's at Rs 57.87 lakh, while the immovable assets were Rs 4.02 crore for himself and Rs 63.20 lakh in the name of his wife.

According to the latest affidavit, Singh had filed his income tax returns for the last five financial years - Rs 33,17,330 (2022-23), Rs 31,65,330 (2021-22), Rs 25,75,940 (2020-21), Rs 29,58,240 (2019-20) and Rs 29,49,872 (2018-19). His wife has also filed her income tax returns ranging between Rs 4-6 lakhs during the same period.

The minister has no criminal case pending against him and also has no liability.

ECI Notifies

issued under the powers vested in the Commission under Article 324 of the Constitution read along with Section 25 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which specifies the migrant electors of Kashmir Valley who are enrolled in any of the Parliamentary Constituencies of Baramulla, Srinagar and Anantnag-Rajouri, but residing outside their place of ordinary residence, (other than those who opt for a postal ballot under clause (c) of Section 60 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951) as the class of persons for whom special polling stations shall be provided outside the territorial limits of the Parliamentary Constituencies mentioned above during the General Election to the House of the People for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, to be held in 2024.

The other Notification similarly has been issued under Section 60(c) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, notifying the aforesaid migrant electors of Kashmir valley enrolled in any of the Parliamentary Constituencies of 1-Baramulla, 2-Srinagar, and 3-Anantnag-Rajouri, who are residing outside their place of ordinary residence, (other than those who opt to vote in person at special polling stations), as the class of persons to give their votes by postal ballots.

Additionally, the Commission has also notified four Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) to assist the Returning Officers of these three Parliamentary Constituencies in the work concerning the 'Specified' and

'Notified' class of electors. These four AROs are (1) Assistant Commissioner, Relief (Migrant), Jammu, (2) Assistant Commissioner, Panchayat, Udhampur (3) Deputy Director, Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, Delhi and (4) Deputy Secretary, in the office of Resident Commissioner, New Delhi.

Functionally, the Assistant Commissioner, Relief (Migrant), Jammu in the Office of Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, Jammu is made responsible for the receipt of applications from the electors who wish to vote at the special polling stations at Jammu. He shall also be the ARO responsible for the issuance of a Postal Ballot to all those who opt for the same.

Likewise, the Deputy Director, Horticulture, Planning & Marketing, Delhi and Deputy Secretary, office of Resident Commissioner, New Delhi, are appointed as the ARO for the receipt of applications, conduct of poll, etc., at the special polling station(s) to be provided in Delhi. Collector, Northern Railways, Udhampur is appointed as ARO in respect of the special polling station(s) at Udhampur.

For the General Elections to Lok Sabha - 2024, the Election Commission has advised the migrant voters to send their forms, Form M for voting in person at any of the 'Special Polling Stations' or Form 12 C for using the postal ballot to the concerned Assistant Returning Officers to reach them on or 10 days before the date of poll separately for each phase of the polling.

Kashmiri migrant voters, who are residing at various relief camps in Delhi, Jammu, and Udhampur and who opt to cast their votes in person through Electronic Voting Machines at the forthcoming General Elections to the Lok Sabha, 2024 can do so at polling stations across Jammu, Udhampur and Delhi.

Army Cancels

Indian Army has remained apolitical & areligious. This ill-advised UCC seminar is a threat to both these basic tenets," Abdullah said in a post on X.

He said going ahead with the seminar risks opening up the Army to charges of getting involved in the "murky world" of politics coupled with "interfering" in religious matters.

His party colleague and NC's chief spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq asked the Election Commission of India (ECI) to "assess the appropriateness" of the Army discussing an issue that figures prominently in the BJP's manifesto while the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) is in effect.

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) also criticised the Army for conducting the seminar.

"What we are seeing is the continuation of the trend of 'Naya Kashmir' and Akhir Kab Tak campaigns in

which the Army as an institution was seen as playing a partisan role and directly interfering in the political affairs of J&K," PDP spokesperson Najmus Saqib said.

"Post backlash, we had seen some systemic changes, but unfortunately the seminar by the India Army as an institution depicts how far the lines between politics and security apparatus have blurred in J&K," he added.

Saqib said this is a "very dangerous trend" and is a "manifestation of larger systemic erosion of the Constitution".

After the backlash, the Army cancelled the event "due to implementation of the Model Code of Conduct".

"The Legal Awareness Seminar on March 26 by Kashmir Jurist in Kashmir University has been cancelled due to implementation of the Model Code of Conduct," Srinagar-based Defence Spokesman Lt Col Manoj Sahu said.

The invite for the seminar to the mediapersons was sent by Srinagar-based PRO Defence on behalf of General Officer Commanding HQ 31 Sub Area, Major General PBS Lamba.

Centre Empowers

Government declared the Jammu Kashmir National Front (JKNF), as an unlawful association vide notification number S.O. 1296(E) dated March 12, 2024, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section-3, Sub-section (ii), dated the 12th March, 2024," the notification stated.

"Now, therefore, in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 42 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government hereby directs that all the powers exercisable by it under section 7 and section 8 of the said Act shall also be exercised by the State Governments and the Union territory administrations in relation to the above said unlawful association," reads the notification.

On March 12, the MHA banned the JKNF by declaring it as an 'unlawful association' with immediate effect under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act for a period of five years," it added.

The Ministry issued a notification pointing out that the JKNF, chaired by Nayeem Ahmad Khan, is indulging in "unlawful activities, which are prejudicial to the integrity, sovereignty, and security of the country."

Rs 200 Cr Road

cost of 200 crore rupees, is scheduled to commence in May.

"This initiative aims to cover approximately 630 kilometers of roads spanning the entire Kashmir region," he said. Naqeeb expressed confidence that the implementation of this project would significantly improve road safety standards, ultimately saving lives

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Referral Judges Vital for Successful Mediation: Justice Tashi

KO NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: Mediation & Conciliation Committee, High Court of J&K and Ladakh in collaboration with J&K Judicial Academy and J&K Legal Services Authority on Saturday organized one day sensitization programme for nominated Referral Judges of Jammu province of Jammu and Kashmir on the topic "Mediation and Role of Referral Judges in the Process of Mediation" at J&K Judicial Academy, Jammu.

Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Chairman, Mediation & Conciliation Committee, High Court of J&K and Ladakh inaugurated the event.

While delivering the inaugural address, Justice Tashi highlighted that the mediation embodies principles of cooperation and consensus-building. He said that by prioritizing relationships and collaboration, mediation transcends the limitations of the



courtroom and offers a more holistic approach to conflict resolution. He added that mediation empowers individuals to resolve their conflicts swiftly, amicably, and on their own terms. He underlined that the referral judges must possess a thorough understanding of the principles and practices of mediation, as an effective

alternative dispute resolution tool in their hands.

Justice Tashi stressed that referral judges play a pivotal role in promoting the use of mediation as an alternative to traditional litigation and huge responsibility lies on their shoulder to make mediation successful. Referring to the dismal figures of cases referred

for mediation by the District Judiciary in the UT of J&K during the year 2023, Justice Tashi observed that we are lagging far behind than other States.

He strongly urged upon all the participating referral judges as also the trial judges as a whole to embrace the principles of mediation to foster a legal system that is not only efficient and equitable but also conducive in nurturing harmonious relationships and promoting social cohesion.

Yash Paul Bournay, Director, J&K Judicial Academy, in his welcome address, gave an overview of the programme. Quoting Chief Justice of India, Justice Dr. D. Y. Chandrachud, he said that Mediation offers citizens a forum to not only determines the outcome of their disputes, but also to determine the criteria and standards by which those outcomes are evaluated. He highlighted that mediation as an Alternate or

Additional Dispute Resolu-

tion mechanism, is not new to India and has been existing as part of dispute resolution mechanism since times immemorial.

He added that mediation in its present form is a much refined and structured concept for effective resolution of disputes with the help of a third neutral person who assists the disputant parties to resolve their differences amicably. He reflected that benefits of mediation are manifold. Firstly, it offers a cost-effective and time-efficient alternative to traditional litigation, sparing parties from protracted court battles and exorbitant legal fees. Secondly, mediation promotes flexibility and autonomy, allowing parties to retain control over the outcome of their dispute rather than surrendering it to a judge and moreover, mediation promotes confidentiality, preserving the privacy of sensitive information and mitigating reputational risks.

Tampering With Smart Meters: Govt Mulls To Lodge FIR Against Consumers

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The government has initiated the process of registering FIR against 272 consumers across Srinagar for tampering with the smart meters, officials said on Saturday.

For the last several months, the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) has been taking action against illegal hooking and tampering of smart meters across Kashmir. Several videos were uploaded on X by KPDCL wherein it could be seen that many consumers were found tampering with the smart meters.

Now, according to the news agency—, the KPDCL has taken a step further and has issued a list of consumers, who were found tampering with the smart meters to the administration for taking legal action against them.

In this regard, a Technical Officer has issued an official communiqué to the Chief Engineer confirming 70 cases of smart meter tampering.

"Your immediate attention is invited towards the above-captioned subject and enclosed reference received from Central Inspection Squad (CIS), KPDCL, regarding the tampering of smart meters installed, it reads.

As can be seen from the list, CIS has confirmed 70 cases of smart meter tampering, after which they were confiscated during inspections, it added.

It further added that "in this connection, I have been directed to inform you to direct the concerned SDOs of 11 Subdivisions detailed below to immediately lodge FIR for tampering with Smart Meters in the Police Stations falling under the juris-



dition of the concerned Subdivision and furnishing of ATR at an earliest."

As per the official communiqué, 3 consumers are from Zakura, 21 from Baghat, 9 from Chanapora, 16 from Watalkadal, 3 from Hawal, 2 from Khunmoh, 9 from Huzuribagh, 3 from Zainakote, 1 from Karan Nagar, 2 from Nawa Kadal and 1 from Raj Bagh.

In another communiqué, the KPDCL has mentioned the list framed on the basis of 'meter cover-open' tamper alerts received by the HES (Head End System) of the concerned AMISP.

In the same communiqué, 54 connections from Watalkadal and 148 from Chanapora area have been mentioned.

It has now been directed to officers to direct the concerned SDOs of the following 02 Subdivisions to immediately lodge FIRs for tampering of Smart Meters in the Police Stations falling under the jurisdiction, it read.

Sources said another list is being prepared and action against them will be initiated soon—(KNO)

BSF Reviews Operational Preparedness Along LoC

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Special Director General (SDG) of the BSF's Western Command, Yogesh Bahadur Khurania, concluded a five-day visit in the Kashmir valley which was aimed to assess the security situation and operational preparedness of the force along the Line of Control (LoC), an official said here on Saturday.

The SDG of Western Command Chandigarh undertook a significant five-day visit to the Kashmir Frontier from March 18 to 22, a BSF spokesman said.

The spokesman said the visit aimed to assess the security situation and operational preparedness along the LoC, reaffirming the commitment of the BSF to safeguard India's borders.

The visit commenced with a detailed briefing by Inspector General, BSF Kashmir Frontier, Ashok Yadav, on the security situation on the LoC and hinterland, he said.

The spokesman said the visit included an aerial reconnaissance and visits to forward defended localities, as well as to the Sector Headquarters (SHQ) BSF in Kupwara and Srinagar.



At each location, the SDG engaged with the local BSF Commanders and troops gaining firsthand insights into the security scenario and operational readiness along the LoC. Khurania also called on General Officer Commanding (GoC) 15 Corps, Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, and discussed the collaborative efforts between the BSF and the Army, and underscored the paramount importance of synergy for achieving peace, prosperity and development in the valley, the spokesman said.

The BSF officer visited the Composite Hospital and STC BSF, Kashmir, where he reviewed ongoing physical and professional skill training of recruits.

He commended the profes-

sionalism and expertise of the training team at STC BSF, Kashmir, highlighting their role in shaping the future of BSF personnel.

During the visit, Khurania interacted with senior officers, subordinate officers and jawans through a "Praharī Sammelan".

The BSF SDG lauded the high level of professionalism exhibited by the BSF personnel and urged them to maintain high vigil to thwart any attempts to disrupt peace and harmony in the valley.

Khurania's visit to the Kashmir Frontier underscores the BSF's unwavering commitment to safeguard India's borders and ensure the safety and security of its citizens, the spokesman said.

Jal Shakti Dept Urge Consumers For Timely Settlement Of Water Bills

Agencies

SRINAGAR: As the impending deadline of March 31 for water bill payments draws closer, the Jal Shakti Department, formerly known as the Public Health Engineering Department, is intensifying efforts to remind consumers to settle their dues promptly, aiming to avoid any potential inconvenience.

Officials aware of the matter said that the Jal Shakti Department has issued a stern warning to consumers, urging them to settle their water bills promptly as the March 31 deadline approaches.

Emphasizing the importance of timely payments, the department has cautioned that failure to do so could result in legal repercussions. Furthermore, the department has specifically highlighted the necessity for consumers to register their water connections with the department without delay.

"Those with unregistered connections face the prospect of legal actions being taken against them," the Jal Shakti department

officials told KNS.

This directive underscores the department's commitment to ensuring compliance with regulatory measures and maintaining accountability within the water management system.

A Jal Shakti Department official underscored the urgency of measures to reduce non-revenue water losses, emphasizing the department's dual focus on ensuring access to potable water under the Jal Jeevan Mission and implementing systemic improvements.

While acknowledging past delays in bill generation and distribution, the official assured consumers that mechanisms were now in place to facilitate the clearing of dues through manageable monthly installments, thereby easing financial burdens for households and businesses alike.

Additionally, the official reiterated the department's commitment to deploying water meters, highlighting their pivotal role in promoting responsible water consumption and enabling consumers to monitor their daily usage closely. KNS



Dr. Shahid Choudhary Delivers Inspirational Talk In UK

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Secretary to the Government, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, J&K Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary delivered an insightful talk during the second session of J&K Changemakers Breakthrough Fellowship which was held here on Saturday. This fellowship is being organized by TimeCode Events in collaboration with BRIDGE Institute, United Kingdom and Infinity Club, Srinagar. The fellowship aims to empower and guide young individuals in discovering their distinct talents and passions.

In his address, Dr. Shahid emphasized the significance of leadership and decision-making skills in navigating high-pressure situations, both in personal and professional realms. "Stepping out of comfort zones is imperative for personal growth and development," he advised the participants, urging them to seize maximum opportunities.

"We all should encourage initiatives that expose our youth to international trends," Dr. Shahid remarked, concluding his motivational talk.

Sibath Qureshi, Co-founder and Director of the TimeCode Events, highlighted the diverse lineup of sessions featuring distinguished government officers, academics, and business experts. "This program caters to students, entrepreneurs, and employees, offering valuable insights and experiences," he remarked.



nurturing youth potential. Simon McKenzie, Director of BRIDGE Institute, commended the talent of J&K's youth, pledging continued support to help them realize their goals.

"This fellowship is a unique opportunity for us to assess our strengths and limitations, and work towards achieving self-realisation," said Khalid, one of the participants.

The J&K Changemakers Breakthrough Fellowship is a comprehensive six-month program designed to motivate and mentor young individuals, fostering personal and professional development. With 12 knowledge-packed sessions, each spanning two hours, the program promises an enriching experience to participants across various domains.

BRIDGE Institute, United Kingdom, serves as the knowledge partner, with Mission Youth, Government of J&K, and Infinity Club, Srinagar, extending their support to this youth-oriented initiative.

Established in 2010, TimeCode Events has been instrumental in introducing youth-centric programs in J&K, contributing significantly to the development of event management and multimedia production culture in the region.

19 Buses Blacklisted in Baramulla Due to Incomplete Documents

Agencies

BARAMULLA: Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Baramulla, Muazzam Ali on Saturday issued a stern warning to schools across the district, cautioning them of strict action if they fail to adhere to transportation norms. He urged school authorities to ensure completion of vehicle documents within seven days to avoid repercussions.

Speaking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the ARTO said that an

enforcement drive blacklisted 19 school buses belonging to Delhi Public School Baramulla for non-compliance with transportation regulations. Drivers and transport in-chargers were also sensitised during this initiative, he added.

Setting a clear deadline for school authorities to finalise the necessary documentation, Ali warned, "Failure to adhere to these directives may lead to severe consequences."

He said the enforcement drive was initiated following directives from higher author-

ities to conduct a comprehensive road safety audit of school buses. "It was observed that a number of vehicles were operating without the requisite documents," he elaborated.

Highlighting the importance of road safety as a collective responsibility, the ARTO reiterated the department's commitment to stringent action against traffic violators. "Such enforcement drives would continue in the future, and we have a zero-tolerance policy towards violations," he said—(KNO)

KPDCL Suspends 15 Employees

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) on Saturday put under suspension fifteen employees with immediate effect Under Rule 33 of J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956.

Among the suspended employees include: Abdul Rahim, Lineman, Sub-division Nishat of Electric Division-I of KPDCL; Ghulam Hassan Bhat, Meter Reader, Sub-division Nishat of Electric Division-I of KPDCL; Mohammad Akbar, Lineman/Helper, Sub-division Dalgate of Electric Division-I of KPDCL; Ghulam Qadir, Section Incharge/Helper, Sub-division Dalgate of Electric Division-I of KPDCL; Fayaz Ahmad Khan, Line Sub-division Sopore-I, of Electric Division Sopore of KPDCL; Ghulam Ahmad Ganie, Lineman, Sub-division Nishat of Electric Division-I of KPDCL; Aijaz Ahmad Gojri, Lineman, Sub-division Sheikh Bagh of Electric Division-I of KPDCL; Shah Nawaz Akhter, Meter-reader, Sub-division Budgam of Electric Division Budgam of KPDCL; Mohammad Ram-

zan, Lineman, Sub-division Budgam of Electric Division Budgam of KPDCL; Mohammad Afzal, Section Incharge/M.R. of Sub-division Kangan of Electric Division Ganderbal of KPDCL; Gias-ud-Din, Lineman, Sub-division Kangan, of Electric Division Ganderbal of KPDCL; Lateef Jara, Lineman, Sub-division Kangan of Electric Division Ganderbal of KPDCL; Azad Ahmad Malik, Lineman, Sub-division Nishat, of Electric Division-I of KPDCL; Sunny Bhat, Technician-III, of Sub-division Dalgate of Electric Division-I of KPDCL; Bashir Ahmad Dar and Lineman Sub-division Nishat, of Electric Division-I of KPDCL.

The suspended officers, as per separate orders copies available with GNS, shall remain attached with the respective Executive Engineer till further orders.

Pertinent to mention here that the fresh suspensions have come days after the J/KPDCL suspended twelve engineers invoking the Rule-33 of J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956. Notably, the Rule-33 is related to 'poor revenue collection'. (GNS)

Youth Found Dead in Budgam, Family Alleges Murder

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A 23-year-old youth was found dead under mysterious circumstances at Wangwas area of Chadoora in central Kashmir's Budgam district on Saturday morning.

Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that the body of a youth was found by family near his house in the wee hours of this morning and accordingly informed the police.

The body has been recovered

from the spot & identified as Shabir Ahmad Jehrah, son of Mohd Yousuf Jehra of Gogjipathri Wangwas Chadoora.

In the meantime, family members and the villagers alleged murder and have requested authorities to thoroughly investigate the matter.

An official said that police has taken cognizance of the incident and initiated investigation, adding that the body will be handed over to family for last rites after postmortem.

LOK SABHA ELECTIONS-2024

Election Training Of Employees Conducted At Anantnag



KO NEWS SERVICE

ANANTNAG: Today, a general election training of employees of District Anantnag was organized in two shifts at seven different venues.

These venues included Government Degree College for Women Anantnag, Dak Bunglow, Government Degree College Kokernag, Government Degree College Bijbehara, Town Hall Ashmuqam, Town Hall Achabal and Rasool Mir Auditorium Doru.

The training was imparted by Election master trainers headed by Dr Arshad Ahmad Salroo,

State Level Master Trainer.

The main focus points during the training sessions were related to poll eve duties and poll day responsibilities of Presiding and polling officers. Also, an Electronic Voting Machines demonstration was done.

Officials were also trained on the use of different statutory forms and envelopes to be used during the elections.

Notably, the election related staff of district Anantnag has been election trained in sessions prior to this. Further training shall be provided as per requirement.

Man Held For Raping Minor In Doda

Agencies

JAMMU: A man was arrested on Saturday for allegedly abducting and raping a minor here, police said.

The accused -- Abdul Majeed -- was absconding since October last year when an FIR was lodged against him, police said.

Majeed was booked under Sections 363 (abduction) and 376 (rape) of the Indian Penal Code, Protection of Children

from Sexual Offences Act, and Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, police said.

The incident occurred last year when Majeed, a resident of the Gandoh area of Doda, allegedly eloped and married a teenager and then raped her. A charge sheet against Majeed was filed in December, they said.

He was arrested from Srinagar and brought to Doda where he was produced in a court, they said.

Real Kashmir Play Out Goalless Draw With Mohammedan SC At Jam-Packed TRC

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Real Kashmir's title aspirations were laid to rest after they settled for a goalless draw against Mohammedan Sporting in a crucial I-League match at the TRC Football Turf here on Saturday. It was Real Kashmir's fourth draw on the trot.

For table toppers Mohammedan Sporting, it was another step towards winning the title though they dropped points on Saturday after four back-to-back wins. They now have 48 points from 21 matches with 14 wins, six draws and one defeat.

The draw ended Real Kashmir's chances of winning the I-League crown. The Snow Leopards are fourth in the table with 37 points from 21 matches.



Despite having three matches remaining in their campaign, the mathematical impossibility of surpassing Mohammedan Sporting's points tally means that Real Kashmir can no longer

contend for the top spot.

In what was a crucial match, Real Kashmir and Mohammedan Sporting faced off with their respective ambitions at stake. Hosts Real Kashmir, who

had to settle for draws in their last three matches, entered the game with a sense of urgency. The Ishaq Ahmed-coached side was aware that a victory would keep their title aspirations alive.

Despite the high stakes, the first half was characterised by a cautious approach from both teams. Neither side was willing to risk conceding space that could be exploited by the opposition. As a result, it led to limited goal-scoring opportunities.

And the chances that did arise were squandered by the forwards from both teams. It also underscored the intensity and pressure of the encounter as players like Real Kashmir's Shaher Shaheen and Gnohere Krizo and Mohammedan Sporting's Eddie Hernandez and Ben-

eston Plecton Barretto struggled to direct their shots on target and break the deadlock in the first 45 minutes.

The first significant test for the goalkeepers arrived in the 60th minute. Real Kashmir's Krizo won the ball in the midfield and played a quick pass to Kamal Issah, who released Jeremy Laldinpuia on the left flank. The agile winger advanced with the ball before taking a shot at goal.

It marked the first real challenge for Mohammedan Sporting's goalkeeper, Padam Chhetri, in the match. And he passed with flying colours as he fisted away the ball. The ensuing rebound fell to Issah, who had an opportunity to convert but unfortunately couldn't guide his header on target. (IANS)

Short TAKES

Chhetri Set For 150th Int'l Cap; To Be Feted By AIFF

Nearly two decades after he made his senior debut against Pakistan, Indian talisman Sunil Chhetri is set for another milestone as he will appear in his 150th international match in the World Cup qualifier against Afghanistan in Guwahati on Tuesday. By achieving the feat, Chhetri will become the 40th player in the world to play 150 or more international matches in the list led by Portuguese superstar Cristiano Ronaldo (205). He has made 149 appearances for the national team, netting a record 93 goals.

Mumbai Association To Top Up BCCI's Domestic Per Match Fee

The Mumbai Cricket Association on Saturday announced that it will top up BCCI's existing match fee in domestic cricket by equal amount for its senior team players from the upcoming 2024-25 season.

The BCCI had revised the match-fee structure for First-Class cricket in 2021 to Rs 40,000 per day for 1-20 matches, Rs 50,000 for 21-40 matches and Rs 60,000 for 50 or more matches. So a Mumbai player, who gets Rs 2.40 lakh per Ranji match will now get Rs 4.80 lakh from next season.

Sri Lanka Leads Bangladesh By 211 Runs In 1st Test

Opener Dimuth Karunaratne hit a half-century to help Sri Lanka tighten its grip on the series-opening Test against Bangladesh on Saturday.

Sri Lanka extended its lead to 211 after reaching 119 for five at stumps on Day 2.

Pacer Vishwa Fernando claimed 4-48 in helping the visitors take a 92-run lead in the first innings when Bangladesh was bowled out for 188 in reply to Sri Lanka's 280 all out.

Russia Cancels Paraguay Friendly After Moscow Shooting Attack

Russia have cancelled Monday's friendly international against Paraguay in Moscow following Friday's shooting rampage near the capital city, the Russian Football Union (RFU) said on Saturday. At least 115 people were killed after gunmen opened fire with automatic weapons in a concert hall near Moscow, with Islamic State militant group apparently claiming responsibility.

Russia, banned from FIFA and UEFA competitions in February 2022 following the country's invasion of Ukraine, can only play friendly games and defeated Serbia 4-0 on Thursday at Moscow's VTB Arena.

IPL 2024

Punjab Kings Beat Delhi Capitals By 4 Wickets In Chandigarh



Press Trust of India

CHANDIGARH: It was not the comeback Rishabh Pant had wished for as English all-rounder Sam Curran's counterattacking half-century powered Punjab Kings to a four-wicket win over Delhi Capitals in their Indian Premier League (IPL) opener here on Saturday.

Curran blazed away to a 47-ball 63 and got excellent support from compatriot Liam Livingstone (38 not out off 21 balls), as Punjab completed a chase of 175 with four balls to spare.

This was after the returning Pant failed to set the stage on fire as Punjab Kings rallied to stop Delhi Capitals at 174 for nine.

Batting at number nine, Abhishek Porel top-scored for DC with an unbeaten 32 off only 10 balls, helping the side to a total that did not pose any problem for Punjab on a pitch with no demons.

Punjab Kings began their chase in earnest and raced to 34 in three overs when Shikhar Dhawan (22 off 16 balls) charged down the wicket only to miss and see his middle stump getting disturbed by Ishant Sharma.

Impact Sub Prabhsimran walked in at number three and Ishant squared him up with one

that hit the perfect length and left the batter in two minds. Prabhsimran's riposte was a boundary through mid-off as the batter showed aggressive intent.

Having struck two fours in three balls, Jonny Bairstow was run out in an unfortunate fashion as Ishant managed to get his fingertips to a Prabhsimran drive before the ball went on to hit the stumps at the non-striker's end.

Bairstow dived, but had backed up too far and couldn't win the race against the ball. Prabhsimran (27 off 17 balls) struck Khaleel Ahmed for two successive fours to relieve the pressure but, after having steadied the ship, the batter fell to in-form wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav who snared him with a googly.

Kuldeep also accounted for Jitesh Sharma to leave Punjab in a spot of bother at 100 for four in the 12th over. Earlier, Punjab were put under pressure straightaway by the flamboyant Australian opening duo of David Warner (29 off 21 balls) and Mitchell Marsh (20 off 12 balls), who were dealing in fours and sixes.

Harshal Patel (2/47) got the big wicket of Warner in his first over as comeback-man Pant (18 off 13 balls) arrived at the crease to loud applause from the stands.

Focus On Rahul As Lucknow Super Giants Face Rajasthan Royals

Press Trust of India

JAIPUR: The focus will be on KL Rahul's form and fitness when he returns from a quadriceps injury to lead the Lucknow Super Giants in their IPL opener against Rajasthan Royals here on Sunday.

Rahul missed the last four Tests against England due to pain in his right quadriceps. He was out for four months last year after undergoing a thigh surgery.

LSG captain will look to hit top gear not only as a batter but also as a leader, especially after guiding the team to successive playoffs in the first two seasons.

Rahul is likely to play purely as a batter, at least in the initial phase of IPL, but the



additional burden of keeping strengthen his chances of making the T20 World Cup squad.

His opposite number on Sunday, Sanju Samson, is also a candidate for the wicket-keepers' role in the India squad for the ICC event and he too will be keen to find his rhythm right from the start.

Max Verstappen On Pole At Australian Grand Prix



Agencies

Red Bull's Formula One world champion Max Verstappen took pole position for the Australian Grand Prix on Saturday with Carlos Sainz qualifying alongside on the front row for Ferrari two weeks after undergoing surgery for appendicitis.

Verstappen lapped in one minute, 15.915 seconds on a glorious afternoon at Albert Park, 0.27 seconds ahead of Sainz, to claim his third pole for the season and fourth in succession.

Pandya Begins High-Profile MI Stint Against Former Team GT

Press Trust of India

AHMEDABAD: Hardik Pandya will aim to build on the rich legacy of his predecessor Rohit Sharma when he begins his Mumbai Indians captaincy stint with a match against Gujarat Titans, a team that the star all-rounder himself marshalled over last two seasons, in the IPL here on Sunday. Such are the professional ways of IPL that Pandya, having led Titans to the title and runners-up finish in the previous two seasons, has gone to back to the Mumbai Indians where he made a name for himself.

The tournament also marks Pandya's comeback from a 'freak' ankle injury he picked up in the middle of the ODI World Cup in October. The form of the injury-prone all-rounder with both bat and ball will be closely tracked in the tournament that precedes the T20 World Cup in the USA and Caribbean. With Pandya moving on to the other side, Titans will be



led by Shubman Gill, who assumes the responsibility with very little captaincy experience. Mumbai have been grappling with fitness issues to their key players including star batter Suryakumar Yadav, who is yet to get fitness clearance from NCA. Left-arm pacers Jason Behrendorff and Dilshan Madushanka are already ruled out of the IPL while new recruit Gerald Coetzee, nursing a groin injury, might not be available for the first few games.

Having led Mumbai to as many as five IPL titles, India skipper Rohit will be turn-

ing up as a player this season and would be expected to hit top form ahead of the ICC event in June. Another player whose performance will be scrutinised is Ishan Kishan, who will have a point to prove after losing his BCCI central contract for defying the Board's diktat on domestic cricket. The southpaw, who missed the entire Test series against England, preferred to train on his own for the IPL and did not turn for his state side Jharkhand in the Ranji Trophy. The fight for the wicket-keeper batter's slot in the World Cup squad will be intense

and Kishan needs to be at the top of his game over the next two months.

Besides Pandya, Mohammad Nabi and Romario Shepherd are the other quality all-round options Mumbai possess. Domestic players like Akash Madhwal and Nehal Wadhwa will be looking to build on their performances of the previous season.

On the Titans' front, Gill has been tasked to ensure that the team maintains the remarkable consistency it showed in its first two seasons. Gill could be one of the future leaders for India but for that to happen, he must prove himself on the IPL stage.

He was the leading run-getter last season and the franchise would be hoping that captaincy doesn't impact his batting in anyway.

Titans are bound to miss the services of Mohammed Shami, who recently underwent a surgery to repair Achilles tendon and will be back only in the second half of the year.

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