

## LAND SINKING IN RAMBAN

**Proper Rehabilitation Plan In Offing**  
Press Trust Of India

Jammu: A proper rehabilitation plan is being worked out for the families affected by land subsidence in a village in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, officials said on Tuesday.

The administration is also carrying out a study of the Pernote village through the Indian Institute of Technology and the Geological Survey of India to ascertain the causes behind the sinking land that damaged more than 58 residential houses, forcing nearly 500 people to relocate.

Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo convened a high-level meeting in Jammu to review the measures initiated for relief and rehabilitation in the village, the officials said.

They said the meeting held deliberations on rehabilitation of the affected people and, accordingly, the Jammu divisional commissioner and the deputy commissioner concerned were tasked to prepare a proper rehabilitation plan.

They were also asked to take the State Disaster | More on P6

# Threat Of Flood Subsides As Water Levels Recede

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Except for Kupwara and some low-lying areas, the threat of floods in Kashmir subsided on Tuesday as the water level in Jhelum and other water bodies in the valley began receding after the three-day incessant rainfall stopped late last night.

The officials said the water level at downstream locations along the river kept rising for a few hours and crossed the flood declaration mark at Pampore in Pulwama and Ram Munshi Bagh in Srinagar early Tuesday. But it has started to recede.



Meanwhile, the water level in river Jhelum late at night also crossed the flood

declaration mark at Sangam in Anantnag district but when the rains stopped

around 11.00 pm, the water level is receding now, officials said. | More on P6

## Memories Of 2014 Floods Resurface

As the incessant rains brought the water level in rivers close to the danger mark, memories of the devastating 2014 floods resurfaced in Kashmir. The bustling shores of the Jhelum and Doodganda rivers once again became points of attraction for the residents. "In 2014, we witnessed the torment of nature firsthand. The floods | More on P6

## 4 Drown, One Feared Dead In Jammu

Four people drowned and one is feared dead in separate incidents after they fell into the swollen water bodies after heavy rainfall here, officials said on Tuesday. The rainfall also triggered landslides at multiple places between Ramban and Banihal along the 270-km Jammu-Srinagar national highway which remained | More on P6

## MeT Predicts Dry Weather Till May 5

Agencies

Srinagar: The weather department has predicted dry weather till May 5. Director Meteorological department, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad has predicted a sigh of relief for the people, saying that the weather conditions would remain mostly dry from May 1 to May 05. However, he said that the possibility of afternoon showers cannot be ruled out. Furthermore, he added that there is forecast of light rains again on May 06.

Pertinently, the class work in all the schools remained suspended for a day as precautionary measure due to the threat of floods that loomed large for the past couple of days.

The valley continued to remain cut off as the major roads and highways continued to remain closed for vehicular movement for the second straight day.

The officials said | More on P6

## AstraZeneca Admits Rare Covid Vaccine Side Effect

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London: UK-headquartered pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca (AZ) has admitted that in "very rare cases" its COVID vaccine can cause a blood clot related side effect but the causal link is unknown, according to court papers being quoted in the UK media.

'The Daily Telegraph' reports that in a legal document submitted to the High Court in London in February for a group action being brought by 51 claimants, AZ admitted that the vaccine developed with the University of Oxford to protect against COVID-19 may cause Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS) in "very rare cases". The AZ Vaxzevria vaccine, also manufactured by the Serum Institute of India (SII), was known in India as Covishield.

"It is admitted that the AZ vaccine can, in very rare cases, cause TTS. The causal mechanism is not known. Further, TTS can also occur in the absence of the AZ vaccine (or any vaccine). Causation in any individual case will be | More on P6

## Won't Allow Reservation Based On Religion To Muslims: PM



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Hyderabad: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday tore into the Congress saying as long as he was alive he wouldn't allow reservation for Muslims, on the basis of religion, at the cost of SC, ST and OBCs.

Addressing a poll rally in Medak district, Modi exuded confidence that he will celebrate 75 years of the Constitution on a grand scale in his third term.

In a veiled attack on Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Modi alleged that the money collected in the state through "double R (RR)

tax is being channelled to Demit. He made these comments while referring to blockbuster Telugu film titled 'RRR', which received global accolades.

Targeting the Congress party over the fake video case, he said it was being done to mislead people and create tension in the society.

Alleging that the Congress would impose 55 per cent inheritance tax if voted to power, Modi said when the whole world was economically progressing, India was suffering from policy paralysis under the previous UPA government.

"If Congress | More on P6

## Cong's 'Divisive Agenda'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asked the BJP-led NDA candidates in the Lok Sabha polls to spread awareness among voters about the Congress's intention to snatch "reservation from SC, ST and OBC communities and give it away to their vote bank". In a personal letter written to them, | More on P6

**IF CONGRESS COMES TO POWER**, they will bring inheritance tax. Congress is planning to collect more than half- 55 per cent as tax on inheritance (received from parents)."

## ...Anantnag-Rajouri LS Seat

# ECI Reschedules Polling Date From May 7 To May 25

Agencies

Anantnag: The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Tuesday rescheduled the polling date in Anantnag-Rajouri parliamentary seat in Jammu and Kashmir from May 7 to May 25, 2024, after considering a report from the Union Territory administration and analysing ground situation.

"The Election Commission of India had announced the schedule for

the General Election to the Lok Sabha vide its Press Note dated March 16, 2024. Accordingly, the notification for the 3rd Phase was issued on April 12, 2024, and the Poll Day was scheduled on May 7, 2024," the press release by the poll body stated.

The order further reads, "Various representations have been received from different political parties of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir for shifting the date of poll

of election from 3-Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency (PC) of Jammu and Kashmir, due to various logistic, communication and natural barrier of connectivity turning out as hindrance in campaigning which in turn tantamount to lack of fair opportunities for the contesting candidates in the said Parliamentary Constituency which may affect poll process."

"The Commission, after considering a report from UT administration | More on P6

## 'Threatening' Pahari's To Vote For Apni Party PDP Files Complaint Against BJP

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) on Tuesday filed a complaint against the BJP for allegedly threatening the Pahari Muslims to vote for a particular candidate in Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat in Jammu and Kashmir. "I am writing on behalf of the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party (JKPDP) to bring to your immediate attention a matter of grave concern regarding the ongoing electoral process in the Anantnag-Rajouri constituency.

"It has come to our attention that there have been alarming instances of intimidation and threats targeting Pahari Muslims, aimed

at influencing their voting choices. Specifically, it has been reported that representatives of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) have been openly making threats towards Pahari Muslims, suggesting that a repetition of the events of 1947 could occur if they fail to vote for the candidate backed by the Sangh Parivar i.e Apni Party." PDP leader Firdous Tak said his letter to the returning officer of the constituency.

Tak submitted a video with his complaint in which an unnamed BJP leader is threatening to create the situation of 1947 when thousands of people were killed in riots.

"As an evidence I am enclosing a video footage of BJP | More on P6

## PDP Lives In Hearts Of People: Mehbooba

Agencies

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Tuesday quashed detention orders under Public Safety Act against two detainees and ordered their release if not needed in any other case.

"It is manifest on a plain reading of Article 22(5) of Constitution of India that it consists of two parts. While first part gives a right to a detainee to be furnished with grounds on which the order has been made as soon as may be, the second part provides a right to the detainee to be afforded earliest opportunity of making representation against the order of detention," a bench of Justice Rajesh Sekhri while quashing

said details for the reasons best known to it, but it prevented the detainee from making an effective representation, which is violative of Article 22(5) of the Constitution of India," the court said and ordered that detention order due to vagueness of allegations does not sustain in the eyes of law.

"Hence, present petition is allowed and impugned detention order is set aside," the court said, adding, "As a result, detainee, namely, Tariq Ahmad Napa is directed to be released from the custody."

Meanwhile, Justice M.A. Chowdhary quashed detention order (No. DMS/PSA/72/2022) passed by district Magistrate on 27 June 2022 by | More on P6

## Medical, Dental Colleges Get In/c Principals

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Dr Ajaz Ahmad Shah, Prof & Head of Department Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, has been given the charge of the post of principal, Government Dental College Srinagar.

"Consequent upon the retirement of Dr. Riyaz Farooq, Principal, Government Dental College, Srinagar on 30.04.2024 (A.N) and due to the Model Code of Conduct being in place because of General Elections to Lok Sabha-2024, and in the interest of patient care, it is, hereby, ordered that Dr. Ajaz Ahmad Shah shall

temporarily look after the charge of the post of Principal of Government Dental College Srinagar," said an order, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer.

According to the same order, Dr. Parveen Akhter Lone will be the incharge Principal of Indira Gandhi, Government Dental College Jammu upon the retirement of Dr. Rakesh Krishen Gupta.

Meanwhile in a separate order, LG administration appointed Dr. Rukhsana Jabeen as new principal Govt Medical College Anantnag and Dr. Khurshid Wani | More on P6

## SM User Booked For Posting 'Fake Video'

Agencies

Srinagar: Police in Central Kashmir's Budgam have booked a social media user for allegedly posting a video containing doctored/fake footage of Union Home Minister Amit Shah on platform 'X'.

A top official said that it has been reliably learned that a post containing the 'fake/doctored' video of the Union Home Minister of India has been shared on social media platform 'X' (previously Twitter).

"The intention behind the act was spreading misleading information to create disharmony among communities and different sections of society," he said.

He said that the said social media post has been shared under the account/handle name 'Iliyas Mir Magami' @Magamiliyas on platform 'X'. Meanwhile, an FIR number 47/2024 under | More on P6

## HC Quashes 2 'Vague' PSA Detention Orders

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detention order (No.76/DMB/PSA/2022) dated 15 September 2022, passed by District Magistrate Baramulla against Tariq Ahmad Napa.

"It appears that the grounds of detention furnished to the detainee (Napa) in the present case are mere conclusions drawn by the detaining authority based on some material or reports received from the field agency, however, detaining authority has withheld

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## 'People From Low Socio-Economic Background Twice As Likely To Develop Chronic Pain'

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People from a lower socio-economic background are twice as likely to develop chronic pain after a physical injury, a new research has found. It also found that people with a combination of factors including smoking, poorer support networks and lower education levels or income could be seven times more likely to develop chronic pain after an injury.



and social factors. Therefore, treatment focusing solely on the injured body part is often ineffective, they said.

The team found that factors influencing the development of chronic pain were related particularly to one's experiences of pain, rather than a type of injury. "For that reason, approaches to treating people with musculoskeletal injuries should be more person-centred, focusing on broader biological, psychosocial and social well-being. Put simply, current healthcare approaches do not address all the reasons people do not get better," said Dunn.

Other factors that the researchers identified for an individual to develop chronic pain included lower levels of job satisfaction, stress and depression.

Chronic pain is that which lingers for more than three months after the initial physical injury, while the pain experienced in the first three months is described as 'acute'.

People with chronic pain often experience poorer quality of life and are also more likely to develop diseases including cardiovas-

cular diseases and diabetes. Researchers said current approaches to managing chronic pain focus on physically rehabilitating the site of pain, or injury, whereas the body taking more than three months to heal suggests that reasons underlying longer-term pain are more complex.

"The purpose of acute pain is to alter behaviour to protect the body from

harm, but chronic pain persists because of a sensitised nervous system that continues our experience of pain, even after the (initial) healing process has completed," said Michael Dunn from the University of Birmingham, UK, and lead author of the study published in the journal PLoS One.

The researchers found that healing is influenced by a range of psychological

## Include 4 Hrs Of Physical Activity, 8 Hrs Sleep In Routine For Optimal Health, Suggests Study

Press Trust Of India

For optimal health, a person's ideal day should include more than four hours of physical activity involving exercise of light, moderate or vigorous intensity, and at least eight hours of sleep, new research has found.

Light-intensity activity could range from doing chores to making dinner, whereas moderate and vigorous exercise involve more intentional movement such as a brisk walk or a gym workout, researchers said.

The ideal daily routine should also include six hours of sitting and five hours of standing, they said.

The international team, led by Swinburne University of Technology, Australia, analysed the behaviour of more than 2,000 people within a 24-

hour day to determine the right mix of time spent sitting, sleeping, standing and being physically active for desirable health.

"This breakdown encompasses a wide range of health markers and converges on the 24 hours associated with overall optimal health," said Christian Brakenridge, from the Centre for Urban Transitions, Swinburne University of Technology.

"For different health markers, from waist circumference to fasting glucose, there would be different levels for each behaviour," added Brakenridge, also the lead author of the study published in the journal Diabetologia.

For instance, switching time spent sitting with more time being physically active or performing light-intensity movements was associated with more beneficial blood glucose levels in indi-

viduals having diabetes than those without the condition, the researchers found.

The findings also acknowledged how a certain activity replacing another could impact an individual's whole day.

"Sleeping may be detrimental to health if it replaces exercise time, but beneficial if it replaces sedentary behaviour," explained Brakenridge.

However, even as exercising is more beneficial, time use has to be realistic and balanced, he said.

"People may advocate for more time exercising, though it's not feasible to have 10 hours of exercise and zero hours of sedentary behaviour," the researcher said.

While the findings applied for able adults, he acknowledged that everyone has different considerations and advised that physical activity should be fun.

## भारतीय वायु सेना INDIAN AIR FORCE JOIN INDIAN AIR FORCE AS AN AIRMAN

INDIAN AIR FORCE INVITES INDIAN / GORKHA (A SUBJECT OF NEPAL) MALE CANDIDATES TO APPEAR IN RECRUITMENT RALLY FROM 03 JULY 2024 TO 12 JULY 2024 TO JOIN THE IAF AS AIRMEN IN GROUP 'Y' (NON-TECHNICAL) MEDICAL ASSISTANT TRADE FOR INTAKE 01/2025 AT BASE REPAIR DEPOT, AIR FORCE, CHANDIGARH

1. Venue / Location	Base Repair Depot, Air Force, Chandigarh
2. Marital Status and Date of Birth Block	(a) <b>Medical Assistant (For candidates with 10+2).</b> Candidate should be unmarried and born between <b>02 January 2004</b> and <b>02 January 2008</b> (both dates inclusive). (b) <b>Medical Assistant (For candidates with Diploma / B.Sc in Pharmacy).</b> Unmarried candidate should be born between <b>02 January 2001</b> and <b>02 January 2006</b> (both dates inclusive). Married candidate should be born between <b>02 January 2001</b> and <b>02 January 2004</b> (both dates inclusive).
3. Education Qualification	(a) Candidate should have passed <b>10+2 / Intermediate / Equivalent Examination</b> with <b>Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English</b> from Education Boards recognised by Central, State and UT, with a minimum of <b>50% marks in aggregate</b> and with <b>50% marks in English</b> . <b>OR</b> Should have passed two years vocational course with non-vocational subjects i.e. Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English from Education Boards recognised by Central, State and UT, with minimum 50% marks in aggregate and 50% marks in English. (b) Candidate should have passed <b>Intermediate / 10+2 / Equivalent Examination</b> with <b>Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English</b> with a minimum of <b>50% marks in aggregate</b> and <b>50% marks in English</b> . In addition, <b>Diploma / B.Sc in Pharmacy</b> with minimum <b>50% marks in aggregate</b> with valid registration from <b>State Pharmacy Council or Pharmacy Council of India (PCI)</b> at the time of enrolment will be mandatory requirement. <b>Note-1.</b> Education Boards (for 10+2 or equivalent) recognised by Central, State and UT, shall only be permitted. <b>Note-2.</b> Exact aggregate percentage of marks before decimal as written in the marks sheet of 10+2 / Intermediate / Equivalent / Diploma / B.Sc in Pharmacy OR calculated as per the rules of concerned Education Board shall only be considered (For example 49.99% should be taken as 49% and not to be rounded off to 50%).
4. Group & Trade	Airmen in Group 'Y' (Non-Technical) for Medical Assistant Trade only.
5. Time & Date of Rally	Registration for the rally will start at 1100 hrs on 22 May 2024 and will close at 2300 hrs on 05 June 2024 on webportal <a href="http://www.airmenselection.cdac.in">www.airmenselection.cdac.in</a> . Only registered candidate issued with Provisional Admit Card are allowed to appear in the recruitment rally as per the date and time mentioned in the Provisional Admit Card. Registration fee of Rs.100/- plus GST is to be paid by candidate.
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## Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office of Divisional Forest Officer Sindh Forest Division Ganderbal.

e- NIT NO: - 01 OF 2024-25 DATED 25/04/2024

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders are invited from contractors registered with J&K Forest Department/FDC for extraction/supply of firewood for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2024 as detailed below :-

S. No.	NAME OF WORK	ADV. COST (Rs. InLacs)	CLASS OF CONTRACTOR	Bid Security	Cost of Tender Document	TIME OF COMPLETION	Receiving/Opening Authority.
1	Extraction and Supply of firewood to various hill stations en-route to Shri Amarnath Ji Holy Cave including Camping equipments and their installation at the site.	38.842	"A" Class (Forest/ FDC only)	Rs. 77,684/-	1100	21 Days	Tender Opening Committee

Note: - Time of completion is very essential in view of National importance of the religious pilgrimage. The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bills of quantities (BOQ) (Tender documents) set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:- [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)

<b>Publishing Date:-</b>	26-04-2024 from 06:00 PM
<b>Download Start Date :</b>	26-04-2024 from 06:00 PM
<b>Bid submission Start Date:</b>	26-04-2024 from 06:00 PM
<b>Bid submission End Date:</b>	08-05-2024 upto 04:00 PM
<b>Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:</b>	09-05-2024 at 11:00 AM (in the office of the Conservator of Forests Srinagar Circle).
<b>Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:</b>	To be opened online after evaluation of technical bids received.

- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: - <https://jktenders.gov.in>
- The date for opening of Technical & Financial bids online shall be opened as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
- As per rule 171 of GFR-2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website [jktenders.gov.in](http://jktenders.gov.in).
- To participate in bidding process bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e Valid Registration Card issued by Forest/FDC duly renewed for the current financial year 2024-25, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt/Challan (cost of Tender Document).
- In case the cost of lowest bidder is found below the advertised amount, the bidder has to deposit an Additional Security Performance in the shape of CDR/FDR before issuance of award of contract to the tune as per below details: -
  - Up to and 10% below rate over advertised cost = NIL
  - 10 to 15% below rate over advertised cost = 5% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR.
  - 15 to 20% below rate over advertised cost = 10% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR.
  - 20 to 25% below rate over advertised cost = 15% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR.
  - In case the offer bid is 25% below rate over advertised cost the offer shall be rejected.
- The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.
- The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
- The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
- The tender accepting Authority however reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the detailed document.

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 Residence:- Pakherpora  
 Spouse Name:- Sheikh Altaf Ahmad R/o Putrigam Pulwama  
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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 Hurmat Qayoom D/o Abdul Qayoom Para R/o Shouchpalpora Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 16/07/2020 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.

Executive Magistrate 1st Class  
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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 Zoya Ishfaq D/o Ishfaq Ahmad lone R/o Hanjiwera Bala Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 17/08/2020 occurred at SDH Pattan  
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Executive Magistrate 1st Class  
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## NORTHERN RAILWAY

Invitation of Tenders through E-procurement system

Sr. Divisional Material Manager, NRY., Store Branch DRM Office, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description	Quantity	Due Date
1.	94245482	Bullet Proof Jackets & Helmets	100 set	21.05.2024

Note:- Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). The firm, who desires to participate against e-tenders, is advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate form certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted.  
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## Office of the Executive Magistrate 1st Class Narbal, District Budgam

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 Notice for the General Public

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 If anybody is having any objection/ claim regarding the same he/she may approach the office of undersigned within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice or else any such claim/ objections shall not be entertained.

Dated: 29-04-2024  
 bmg Executive Magistrate  
 1st Class Narbal

## From The Office Of The Advocate M.a Sofie And Associates

IN THE CASE OF

- Sanaullah Wani S/o jaurnal Wani
  - Bashir Ahmad Wani S/o sanaullah wani
  - Mst Saïda Begum W/o Bashir Ahmad Wani
- All residents of Nehalpora, Pattan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla.

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 (NON CAVEATORS)

In the matter of: Caveat petition in terms of Section 148a CPC that the caveator has reason to believe/apprehension that the non-caveator may file a suit or any other proceedings before the hon'ble court and on the ground of distorted/ misrepresented facts and cooked up story and may succeed in obtaining some relief or order at my irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that the caveator may be given an opportunity of being heard before the honorable court passes any order against the caveator.

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## Poor Drainage, Dilapidated Roads Compound Traffic Woes In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The incessant rainfall that persisted for three days left the streets in Srinagar inundated, leading to the huge discomfort to pedestrians and motorists alike.

Despite ongoing developmental projects undertaken by Srinagar Smart City Limited, the City's drainage system faltered, exacerbating the plight of commuters.

The downpour quickly transformed streets into small ponds, hampering pedestrian movement and causing traffic snarls across the City.

In addition to the drainage woes, the sorry state of roads compounded the traffic woes, adding to the misery of the commuters.

Expressing anger over the situation, the locals and commuters alike, said they are not just battling with the issue of water logging but also navigating through pothole-ridden roads, making the commute a nightmare.

They added the dilapidated condition of roads, coupled with the ineffec-

tive drainage system, led to prolonged delays and chaos on the streets. "We the motorists found ourselves maneuvering through flooded streets and potholes, further slowing down the already congested traffic flow," said Tahoor, a local.

Uzma, a resident of Rajbagh, said the authorities need to wake up and address the issue of roads before it's too late.

"While Srinagar Smart City Limited has undertaken various infrastructural projects aimed at modernizing the city, the latest inclement weather conditions have underscored the urgent need for comprehensive planning and execution to tackle such challenges effectively," said another local, Zahoor Ahmad.

In response to the mounting criticism, officials from the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) assured that concerted efforts would be made to improve road conditions and enhance the drainage network.

"We acknowledge the grievances of the residents, and we are committed to rectifying the situation," said an official—(KNO).



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## Fearing Repeat Of 2014 Flood, Civil Line Residents Move To Safe Locations

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Fearing repetition of September 2014 like deluge that wreaked havoc far and wide in Kashmir, people in several Civil Lines areas moved to safer places last night, even as elaborate arrangements were put in place by the administration to deal with an eventuality.

The downpour that persisted for more than twenty-four hours caused locals to flee frantically for protection, reminding them of the devastating floods that hit Kashmir ten years ago.

People were seen moving household things from the ground level to the top floor at Lasjan, Rajbagh, Ikhrappora, Jawaharnagar, Padshahi Bagh and Mehjoor Nagar, while women, children, and the elderly were relocated to safer places.

Large crowds of spectators gathered on the Bund side at Residency Road, discussing the situation, which stemmed from non-stop rain that continued till late last night.

"The deluge that hit Kashmir in 2014 served as a lesson for us as it caused enormous damage, which was nothing short of a nightmare. Since we haven't fully recovered from the 2014 trauma, we immediately moved to safer locations and entrusted Allah with our possessions," Aljaz Ahmad Dar, a Kursoor Rajbagh resident, told Kashmir Observer.

When contacted Chief Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control (I & FC) Department, Naresh Ku-

## DC Srinagar Conducts Night Tour Of Srinagar

Srinagar: In order to take first hand assessment of the situation which has arisen due to incessant rainfall, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, on Monday late night undertook a whirlwind tour of various areas of Srinagar City to inspect the measures taken in the prevailing weather situation to prevent flood like situation in the district.

Besides Additional Deputy Commissioner Syed Ahmad Kataria and Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr Khalid Hussain Malik, the DC was accompanied by SDM East, SDM West, Senior Officers from Irrigation & Flood Control, R&B, SMC, PDD, UEED and other departments.

The DC, who is also the Chairman District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), visited different areas of the city including Jehangir Chowk, Residency road, TRC, Rambagh, Hyderabad Hunhama, Mehjoor Nagar, Jawahar Nagar, Kursor Rajbagh, Zero bridge and other adjoining areas to take stock of the preventive measures undertaken to ensure effective flood management system.

He also inspected the I & FC Control Room, Ram Munshibagh.

During the tour, the DC passed several directions to the concerned Officers for immediate compliance with regard to the measures to be taken for avoiding any flood like situation and reaching out to the public to provide them timely assistance.

mar said the administration had asked people not to worry since the situation was under control and the water level had not surged above the danger mark.

"People should be commended for adhering to the district administration's advisory; prevention is

better than cure. Analysis based updates were given by the department, which was closely monitoring the situation, from time to time. There was nothing to panic about because the administration had not anticipated any potential flood threat," Kumar told Kashmir Observer.

The unceasing downpour that persisted for over twenty-four hours, Dar said, brought back memories of the deluge that wreaked havoc on the valley on September 7, 2014.

"Since we could not wait for the rain to stop, we moved all of our belongings to the upper floors right away, fearing that we may get marooned again," he claimed.

We were terrified every time an update about the situation that emerged in the aftermath of torrential rains was popping up on our mobile phones, he added.

The situation in the fringes of the city including Lasjan, Pantha Chowk, Sempora, and Pandrethan was no different from that of the civil lines as people were moving to their relatives' places, fearing heavy rains would cause a catastrophic flood.

People were moving household items to safer locations in the city's Natipora, Chanapora, and Bemina areas, fearing that their possessions will again be destroyed by the devastating flood.

"We relocated our families to relatives' houses and moved the household to the upper story without taking any risk because we are well aware of 2014 the flood fury," said Ali Abbas, a resident of Hamdania Colony Bemina.

## Justice Tashi Rabstan Visits SOS Children's Village

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, today visited the SOS Children's Village in Hyderabad, Srinagar, to oversee facilities being provided to the inmates there.

Justice Tashi was accompanied by Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary J&K Legal Services Authority and Muzamil Hayat Kabli, Under Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority.

Present on the occasion were Jawad Ahmed, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Secretary, DLSA Srinagar, and Incharge SOS Children's Village.

During his visit, Justice Tashi Rabstan had a comprehensive review of the facilities available for the children at the SOS Village. He interacted with the inmates, listened to their concerns and assured them of continued support from the Legal Services Institutions.

Speaking on the occasion, Justice Tashi said, "It's heartening to see the dedication and commitment of the staff here at SOS Children's Village. We must collectively ensure that these children receive the love, care and opportunities they deserve. I urge all NGOs and civil society members to come forward and play their part in shaping the future of our nation by supporting initiatives like these."

## Year On, Foot Bridge Near Convent School Yet To Become Motorable

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A year is about to pass when after years of delay, the government finally approved the much-needed upgradation of the existing footbridge near Convent School into a motorable bridge. However, no forward movement is being witnessed over the government directive made in July 2023 with an aim to address the increasing traffic congestion in Srinagar city, particularly

over Abdullah Bridge. The decision to upgrade the foot bridge and construct the vehicular overpasses had come in response to the growing volume of traffic over Abdullah Bridge, which serves as a crucial transportation link for more than half of Srinagar. The bridge has been operating beyond its capacity, resulting in frequent traffic jams that adversely affect daily commuting for residents and commuters.

## Sad Demise



We inform the sad demise of Aysha Ahmad Dar W/o Gulam Ahmad Dar R/O Beshamber Nagar Padi Shahi Bagh who Left for heavenly abode on 30/04/2024. Taziyat will be for 3 days at Residential house of Mohammed Hanief Dar situated at Baghwanpora Sathuu. The Fateh Khawani will be held on 03-05-2024 after Friday Prayer.

BEREAVED FAMILY  
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## GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR Office Of The Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore

Stage Contract e-NIT No. 02 of 2024-25

For & on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K Fresh e-tenders on percentage rate basis are invited from approved & eligible Contractors for the below mentioned works:-

S.No.	Name of work	Adv. Cost in Lakhs	Ernest Money in Rs. @ 2% of advt. Cost	Cost of tender document in Rupees	Time of completion	Class of contract	Head of A/C	Position of funds	Tender Receiving Authority.
1	Providing men, machinery, materials for execution of emergent works at site as per requirement due to Siltation/ Damages/ Breaches/ Floods/ Calamities/ Encroachment removal (If any) etc for Irrigation Sub-Division Lethpora for the year 2024-25	2.55	5100	300	2024-25 and validity of contract up to 31-03-2025	DEE	M.H 2702-(M&R)	Budgetary Provision 2024-25	Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore
2	Providing men, machinery, materials for execution of emergent works at site as per requirement due to Siltation/ Damages/ Breaches/ Floods/ Calamities/ Encroachment removal (If any) etc for Irrigation Sub-Division Khrew for the year 2024-25	2.00	4000	200	2024-25 and validity of contract up to 31-03-2025	DEE	M.H 2702-(M&R)	Budgetary Provision 2024-25	Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore

(Two Items only)

Position of A/c - Accorded  
Position of TS - Accorded  
Position of funds - Budgetary 2024-25  
Terms and conditions:-

1. The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specification, drawings, set of terms and conditions and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Departmental Website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule given below:-

1	Publishing date	29-04-2024 (06.00 PM)
2	Download date start	29-04-2024 (06.00 PM)
3	Bid submission start date	29-04-2024 (06.00 PM)
4	Bid submission date ends	07-05-2024 (06.00 PM)
5	Bid opening date	08-05-2024 (11.00 AM)

2. Bids must be accompanied with proof of cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury receipt/e-Challan under M.H.0701-PWD Remittance) in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore (Tender Receiving Authority), and Earnest Money /Bid Security in shape of CDR /FDR from any schedule or nationalized bank pledged to Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore (Tender Receiving Authority).

3. The date and time of opening of Technical bids shall be notified on departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their email address. The Financial bids shall be opened online on same website in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore (Tender Receiving Authority).

4. The bid for the work shall remain valid for period of (90) days from the date of opening of bid.

5. The earnest Money shall be forfeited if:-  
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b) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within (7) days after fixation of contract.

6. Instructions to Bidders regarding e-tendering process:-  
6.1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in acquaints bid submission process.  
6.2 To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act, 2000. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from any approved vendor.

6.3 The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.  
6.4 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in para (1).  
6.5 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all requisite documents with bid.

Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black & white in PDF option.  
7. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.  
8. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt/ e-Challan under (M.H.0701 - PWD Remittance) in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore and earnest money/ Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR as applicable pledged to tender receiving authority must be uploaded with the technical bid including Additional Bid Security Deposit if any due as per Section No.12.13 (Terms and Conditions of the e-NIT)

9. Price Escalation and Taxes:- The percentage wise cost be quoted by the bidder and the percentage rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes in vague till completion of work unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of all taxes and cess etc shall be made from the bills of the contractor on Gross amount of the bill as per the prevailing rates.

10. Bidders are advised to use "My documents" area in their user on e-tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

Note: The tender is being advertised after grant of approval from ECI for engaging Stage Contracts by the Jal Shakti Department, communicated by the Chief Engineer Kmr I&FC Department Srinagar to the commissioner Secretary to the Government GAD Civil Sectt. J&K Jammu vide No. CEO-ELECODE/30/2024-I/6364 Dated:- 24-04-2024

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## This Day In History

- 1756- France and Austria sign alliance
- 1757- Austria and France divide Prussia
- 1759- British fleet occupies Guadeloupe, West Indies, capturing it from France
- 1908 World's most intense shower (2.47" in 3 minutes) at Portobelo, Panama
- 1909- Netherlands begins unity with Belgium
- 1923- Adolf Hitler and Ernst Rohm attempt to break up socialist May Day demonstrates, inviting Nazis from as far away as Nuremberg to take part in the violence
- 1934- Austria signs pact with Vatican
- 1937- US President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the Neutrality Act, banning travel on belligerent ships and imposes an arms embargo on warring nations
- 1945- About 1,000 citizens of Demmin in Germany, commit suicide provoked by occupation by Soviet Red Army
- 1947- Radar for commercial & private planes 1st demonstrated
- 1948 - North Korea proclaims itself Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- 1949 - Gerard Kuiper discovers Nereid, (2nd satellite of Neptune)
- 1951 - 600,000 march for peace & freedom in Germany
- 1956 - A doctor in Japan reports an "epidemic of an unknown disease of the central nervous system", marking the official discovery of Minamata disease.
- 1960 - India's Bombay state split into Gujarat & Maharashtra states
- 1962 - 1st French underground nuclear experiment in the Sahara
- 1965 - USSR launches Luna 5; later impacts on Moon
- 1965 - Battle of Dong-Yin, a naval conflict between ROC and PRC, takes place.
- 1966 - US troops shooting targets in Cambodia
- 1972 - North Vietnamese troops occupy Quang Tri Activities Committee
- 1977 - 36 people are killed in Taksim Square, Istanbul, during the Labour Day celebrations.
- 1978 - Naomi Uemura became 1st to reach North Pole overland alone
- 1984 - Great Britain performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site
- 1985 - US President Reagan ends embargo against Nicaragua
- 1986 - Russian news agency Tass reports Chernobyl nuclear power plant mishap
- 1991 - Angolan civil war ends
- 1991 - Last day of Test cricket for West Indian batsman Gordon Greenidge.
- 1993 - Bomb attack on Sri Lankan president (26 die)
- 1997 - Tony Blair elected Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
- 2000 - President of the Philippines Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo declares existence of "a state of rebellion", after thousands of supporters of her arrested predecessor, Joseph Estrada, storm towards the presidential palace at height of EDSA III rebellion.

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## Aan Daftar Dariya Burd

Srinagar En-tire record of the information department which was on its way as part of the bi-annual durbar move was washed away when the SRTC truck bearing registration No JK01Y-317 carrying it skidded off the road and fell into a 600 feet nullah between Ramban and Banihal on Sunday. The truck driver had miraculous escape in the mishap.

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## Smart Flood-prone City

The heavy rainfall in Kashmir over the past week has once again exposed the vulnerabilities of the region's infrastructure, raising serious concerns about the preparedness of authorities to handle such situations. The inundation of several areas in Srinagar, including the iconic Boulevard, has not only inconvenienced residents but has also prompted questions about the efficacy of the Smart City planning.

As the downpour continues, streets have turned into streams, making it extremely challenging for pedestrians to carry out their daily activities. The situation has deteriorated to the extent that residents feel like they are walking on rivers rather than roads. This flood-like situation has not only disrupted daily life but has also highlighted the failure of authorities to address the basic infrastructure needs of the city.

The disappointment among the residents is palpable. They question the efficacy of the Smart City project and wonder where all the promises have disappeared. Despite assurances from authorities, the reality on the ground tells a different story. Instead of witnessing development, residents are surrounded by waterlogged streets. The continuous rainfall has turned roads into pools, and if the situation persists, residents fear they may have to swim instead of walking on the roads.

Areas like Boulevard, Dalgate, Karan Nagar, Khayam, Khanyar, Sonwar, Nowhatta, and others have been severely affected, and residents are demanding immediate action from the authorities. The need of the hour is swift and effective measures to tackle this crisis.

While the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) claims to have demonstrated exemplary work in dealing with the situation, the ground reality suggests otherwise. Despite the efforts of the drainage wing of SMC, the situation on the ground remains grim. The inundation of areas like Gogji Bagh, Hazratbal, Pamposh Colony, Palpora, Sir Sayed Market Gogji Bagh, Humhama, Bemina, Jawahar Nagar, Khanyar, Eidgah, HMT, TRC, Makia Point Boulevard, etc., underlines the urgency of the situation.

It is evident that the current infrastructure is not equipped to handle such heavy rainfall, and there is an urgent need for a comprehensive and long-term solution. The authorities must prioritize the upgradation of drainage systems and invest in sustainable infrastructure that can withstand extreme weather events.

Moreover, there is a need for better urban planning that takes into account the environmental factors and ensures that development projects do not exacerbate the vulnerabilities of the region. The Smart City project, instead of being a solution, seems to have added to the problem. This calls for a thorough review of the project and a reevaluation of its impact on the city's infrastructure.



# Flood Hazards in Kashmir are Disastrous Due to Unplanned Urbanization

Kashmir Observer

Dr Afroz Shah

“ Investing in infrastructure projects such as new flood canals can significantly enhance the region's resilience to flood hazards. These canals not only help manage excess water during flood events but also aid in draining water from low-lying regions downstream of the Jhelum River

The inundation of the Kashmir valley, and particularly Srinagar City in September 2014, stands as a stark reminder of the vulnerabilities inherent in the Kashmir region's landscape. The flooding, which submerged the city entirely, left behind a trail of devastation, amounting to approximately USD 16 billion in losses. Beyond the immediate economic impact, the flood's repercussions rippled through various sectors, affecting the health industry, educational institutions, and iconic tourist attractions such as the traditional houseboat businesses.

The calamity extended its reach beyond the borders of Srinagar, causing damages totaling over USD 18 billion in both India and Pakistan combined. This staggering figure solidified its status as the most financially debilitating disaster of the year 2014. However, delving deeper into the anatomy of the post-flood scenario reveals a narrative that transcends mere natural calamity. It speaks volumes about the systemic issues that exacerbated the disaster, chief among them being unplanned urbanization, negligence in maintaining vital waterways like the Jhelum River and flood canals, frequent riverbank inundations and breaches, and the lack of regulated floodplain management practices.

The April 2024 flooding in many parts of the valley after a short spell of rainy days makes it obvious that Kashmir is extremely unprepared to resist any major flooding event that could recur. The flood situation is not new to the history of Kashmir. For example, the historical context provided by Lawrence's "The Valley of Kashmir," penned in 1895, sheds light on the ill-fated choice

of Srinagar's location. Lawrence bemoans the city's susceptibility to floods, attributing it not only to natural phenomena but also to human intervention that obstructed the region's natural drainage systems. This retrospective insight underscores a recurring theme: the disregard for the environmental nuances of the Kashmir landscape in favor of short-sighted urban expansion.

While climate change undoubtedly plays a role in exacerbating flood hazards, attributing the entirety of Kashmir's flooding issues to this singular factor would be reductive. The region's topography, coupled with unchecked urbanization, insufficient waterbody maintenance, tectonic activities, and geological intricacies like the distribution of Karewa deposits, collectively contribute to its vulnerability. Hence, addressing Kashmir's flood hazards necessitates a multifaceted approach that transcends simplistic explanations.

Implementing scientifically sound strategies for flood mitigation is paramount to safeguarding lives and livelihoods in the region. Decades of neglect in this regard have only exacerbated the risks associated with flooding, as evidenced by the 2014 catastrophe. Identifying and delineating critical flood zones along the Jhelum River is a crucial first step towards effective risk management. These zones, characterized by prolonged waterlogging during floods, demand targeted intervention and proactive measures to mitigate future disasters.

Designating high-risk and low-risk flood hazard areas, enforcing stringent protection protocols, and regulating construction activities in vulnerable zones are imperative tasks for adminis-

trative authorities in Jammu and Kashmir. Furthermore, expanding floodplains, particularly in downstream areas of the Jhelum River like Srinagar City, is essential to mitigate the impacts of future flood events. Additionally, safeguarding natural barriers such as Karewa deposits, which have historically played a crucial role in minimizing flood extent, is of paramount importance.

Investing in infrastructure projects such as new flood canals can significantly enhance the region's resilience to flood hazards. These canals not only help manage excess water during flood events but also aid in draining water from low-lying regions downstream of the Jhelum River. However, such initiatives must be accompanied by robust governance frameworks and community engagement to ensure their effectiveness and sustainability.

In conclusion, managing flood hazards in Kashmir demands a holistic approach that addresses the myriad factors contributing to its vulnerability. From urban planning and infrastructure development to environmental conservation and community resilience, tackling this complex issue requires concerted efforts from all stakeholders. By heeding the lessons of the past and embracing scientifically sound strategies for the future, Kashmir can better prepare itself to endure the storms that lie ahead.

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# Balancing Innovation and Employment

## Navigating the Impact of Artificial Intelligence

Zahid Lone

In the rapidly evolving landscape of technology, the advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has sparked both awe and apprehension. While hailed for its potential to revolutionize industries and streamline processes, there's a growing concern that AI could pose a significant threat to employment generation. This sentiment has ignited a fervent debate among experts and policymakers worldwide.

Proponents of AI argue that it has the capacity to enhance productivity, efficiency, and innovation across various sectors. From automated manufacturing processes to intelligent customer service systems, AI applications promise to streamline operations and unlock new avenues for growth. Advocates often highlight the potential for AI to create new job opportunities, particularly in specialized fields such as data science, machine learning, and robotics.

However, amidst the optimism, skeptics raise valid concerns about the darker implications of widespread AI adoption. One of the most pressing apprehensions revolves around the displacement of human labour by intelligent machines. As AI systems become increasingly sophisticated, there's a looming threat that they could render certain jobs obsolete, leading to widespread unemployment and economic upheaval. The manufacturing industry serves as a poignant example of this phenomenon. With the rise of automated assembly lines and robotic technologies, traditional manufacturing roles have dwindled, leaving many workers displaced. Similar trends are observed across various sectors, including retail, transportation, and customer service, where AI-powered solutions are increasingly replacing human workers.

Moreover, the integration of AI into white-collar professions is raising concerns about the future of knowledge-based jobs. Advanced algorithms and machine learning are increasingly capable of performing tasks that



As the debate over the impact of AI on employment rages on, one thing remains clear: the need for a proactive and inclusive approach to harnessing the potential of this transformative technology. While AI undoubtedly holds the promise of unparalleled progress, its implications for the future of work must be carefully considered to ensure a sustainable and equitable society in the age of automation

were once exclusive to human intellect, such as data analysis, legal research, and even creative endeavors like content generation. This shift poses a significant challenge for workers whose livelihoods depend on cognitive skills and expertise. Critics caution that unless proactive measures are taken to address

the potential socio-economic ramifications of AI, the widening gap between technological advancement and employment opportunities could exacerbate inequality and social unrest. As AI continues to reshape the labour market, policymakers face the daunting task of navigating the delicate balance between in-

novation and job preservation.

In response to these challenges, calls for comprehensive strategies to mitigate the adverse effects of AI on employment are gaining traction. Investing in education and training is paramount for preparing individuals for an AI-driven economy. This involves prioritizing lifelong

learning programs that impart technical skills like data science and programming, as well as nurturing critical thinking, adaptability, and creativity. By prioritizing education, societies can ensure their workforce remains agile and equipped to navigate the evolving landscape of work.

Reskilling and upskilling initiatives are vital to help workers transition into new roles that complement AI technologies. Governments and businesses should invest in tailored programs catering to diverse industries and demographics, ensuring inclusivity and preventing anyone from being left behind due to automation. Empowering individuals through reskilling and upskilling opportunities en-

ables them to adapt to changing job requirements and seize new employment prospects.

Ethical AI deployment and robust social safety nets are essential components in shaping a future where AI augments human capabilities while safeguarding against negative impacts on employment. Establishing ethical guidelines and regulatory frameworks ensures responsible AI deployment, mitigating unintended consequences like bias and discrimination. Implementing social safety nets such as universal basic income and healthcare coverage provides support for workers facing job displacement, fostering economic stability and facilitating retraining for alternative employment opportunities. Embracing these strategies fosters a culture of innovation, inclusivity, and social responsibility, leading to a more resilient and equitable society for all.

As the debate over the impact of AI on employment rages on, one thing remains clear: the need for a proactive and inclusive approach to harnessing the potential of this transformative technology. While AI undoubtedly holds the promise of unparalleled progress, its implications for the future of work must be carefully considered to ensure a sustainable and equitable society in the age of automation. Thus, the advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI) presents both immense opportunities and significant challenges for employment generation. While AI has the potential to enhance productivity and innovation across various sectors, there are legitimate concerns about its impact on job displacement and economic inequality. To navigate this complex landscape, proactive measures such as investing in education, reskilling initiatives, ethical AI deployment, and robust social safety nets are crucial. By embracing these strategies, societies can harness the transformative power of AI while ensuring a sustainable and inclusive future for all in the age of automation.

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### On International Labour Day

## Empowering the Workforce: International Labour Day and the Ongoing Quest for Equality and Dignity

Rameez Rasool

Every year on May 1st, International Labour Day, also called May Day or International Workers' Day, is observed to acknowledge the significant role of workers in society's development. Its origins date back to the Haymarket Riot in 1886, where clashes between police and workers occurred. Many nations globally commemorate this day to advocate for justice, equality, and fairness for the labouring class.

This day holds immense importance across various sectors, symbolising the crucial contribution of labourers to societal progress. Discussions on workers' rights persist, with many facing unsafe working conditions and inadequate recognition. It's imperative that we, as a society, recognise and respect the labouring class, as their role not only benefits society but also sheds light on broader societal issues. Additionally, Islam emphasises the vital role of labourers and underscores the responsibilities of employers towards them.

The initial observance of Labour Day in India occurred on May 1, 1923, in Chennai, and it was orchestrated by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan.

#### Significance

International Workers' Day presents an occasion to show appreciation for the efforts of workers in constructing in-

frastructure and delivering crucial services to society. It also serves as a reminder to acknowledge the challenges and movements of workers in advocating for their rights and better working conditions.

In the contemporary era, disparities in social standing persist among workers in various industries and nations. May Day provides a platform for these workers to amplify their voices and call upon policymakers and politicians to prioritise social justice.

#### The Legacy of Labour Movements in Upholding Worker Rights and Social Justice

**Laws to Protect Workers:** Labour movements fought for laws that made sure workers were treated fairly. These laws include things like getting paid a minimum wage, not working too many hours, getting paid extra for working overtime, and having safe workplaces. They also fought for the right for workers to join together in unions.

**Workers Joining Together:** Labor movements helped workers form groups called unions. Unions help workers talk to their bosses as a team to ask for better pay, better benefits, and safer workplaces.

**Weekends and Holidays:** Labour movements worked to make sure that workers get days off to rest and spend time with family and friends. They wanted people to have time for fun and relaxation.

**Money for When You're Old:**



Labour movements worked to make sure that when people get old and can't work anymore, they still have enough money to live on.

**Healthcare at Work:** Labour movements fought to get healthcare for workers and their families. This means that when workers get sick, their job helps them pay for a doctor to get better.

**Stopping Discrimination:** Labour movements fight against treating people unfairly at work because of things like their race, gender, where they're from, or who they love.

**Protecting Kids:** Labour movements made sure that kids were not forced to work in dangerous jobs. They want kids to go to school and play, not work like adults.

**Safety Rules at Work:** La-

bour movements pushed for rules that make sure workplaces are safe. They want to make sure nobody gets hurt while they're working.

**Fair Trade:** Labour movements want things to be made and sold in a fair way. They don't want people to be treated badly while making things.

**Having a Say in Laws:** Labour movements try to talk to people in charge to make sure laws are fair for workers. They want to make sure everyone has a good life at work and at home.

#### The Unseen Struggle of India's Working Families

In India, many people work hard in jobs like factories and construction, but their lives are really tough. They don't have proper safety measures at

work, and they don't get paid much or regularly. This means it's hard for them to support their families and plan for the future. They have to work long hours just to make ends meet, and they don't have much time for fun or to spend with family.

A lot of these workers didn't get much education, so they can't get better jobs with better pay. They often live in crowded places with not enough schools or hospitals nearby. Plus, they're always worried about losing their jobs because there's not much security.

All this stress doesn't just stay at work—it affects their families too. And because they don't have much power, they can't really ask for better treatment or pay.

But things could be better. If workers got paid more, had better job security, and could access education and support, they could have better lives. And that's important because they're not just workers—they're people who deserve respect and a chance to be happy and healthy.

#### Empowering Workers

**Speak Up for Better Laws:** Ask leaders to make fair rules for workers' rights, safety, and pay. Make sure they enforce these rules well and add new ones to keep workers safe and treated right.

**Join Together in Unions:** Encourage workers to team up and form groups called unions. Unions help workers ask for better pay, benefits, and safe workplaces. Support them!

**Learn and Grow:** Tell people about programmes where workers can learn new skills for better jobs. Everyone should have a chance to learn and earn more.

**Tell Others:** Let people know about the problems workers face, especially those who are struggling. We can all help each other and make things better if we stick together.

**Hold Big Companies Accountable:** Make sure companies treat workers fairly, pay them well, and keep them safe. They should listen when workers speak up.

**Support Local Efforts:** Help out with community projects that aim to make things fairer

for everyone who works, no matter where they come from or what they do.

**Help with Money Matters:** Teach people about managing money and getting bank accounts. Everyone should be able to plan for their future and take care of their families.

**Ask for Help When Needed:** Tell leaders we need programmes to help workers with healthcare, childcare, housing, and money when they're out of work. We all deserve a safety net when times are tough.

In conclusion, International Workers' Day serves as a poignant reminder of the tireless efforts and essential contributions of workers worldwide. From advocating for fair wages and safe working conditions to striving for equality and social justice, the labour movement has left an indelible legacy. Despite the challenges faced by many working families, there is hope in collective action and solidarity. By amplifying their voices, supporting unions, and advocating for better laws and workplace conditions, we can strive towards a more equitable and respectful society where every worker is valued and empowered. Together, let's continue to stand up for fairness and ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live well and be respected.

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## Threat Of Flood

Chief Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control (I&FC) Department Kashmir, Naresh Kumar said that with a stop in rainfall for more than 12 hours, the water level in Jhelum and other tributaries except for Asham in north Kashmir has already begun to recede.

"We are in a safe situation, there is nothing to worry about. Although there was no imminent flood threat, caution was taken at full level. Barring Asham in north Kashmir which will also start receding, the water level in all water bodies is already receding," he said.

Incessant rainfall since Friday have caused the water bodies in Kashmir to swell with the Pohru Nallah in the Kupwara district overflowing the banks, resulting in flash floods in the frontier district.

Meanwhile, CE I&FC Kashmir said that their men and machinery were on their toes and were constantly monitoring the situation during the whole night alongside divisional and district administrations.

"There were few isolated minor damages to Jhelum embankments at few places, and they were timely plugged in as well," he said while urging people not to consider every rainfall as 2014 flood-like rainfall and to discourage the panic and fear among the people during these situations.

National Conference leader Omar Abdullah visited the flood-affected areas in Kupwara and urged the government to compensate the losses suffered by the victims of the deluge in the area.

Many low-lying areas in Kashmir including Srinagar have been inundated by the accumulation of rainwater even as authorities tried to pump out the water.

Roads in many areas across the valley are waterlogged, causing problems for motorists.

Authorities in Kashmir closed all schools in the valley on Tuesday as a precautionary measure and the University of Kashmir has postponed all exams scheduled for the day. (With inputs from PTI, KNO)

## MeT Predicts

that all the major highways and roads have remained closed for the second straight day.

The officials said that the stranded vehicles from Banihal towards Jammu and Nashri towards Srinagar were allowed to ply, but the fresh traffic was not allowed to ply today as well as the restoration work is going on.

The men and machinery have been pressed to restore the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway at several places including Dalwas, Mehad and Magarkote, the officials said, adding that restoration work is going on in these areas.

However, they said that the other roads including Mughal Road, Bandipora-Gurez, Sadhna Top Road, Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri (SSG) Road and Bhandarwah-Chamba Road continued to remain closed for vehicular movement today.

## AstraZeneca Admits

a matter for expert evidence," the newspaper quotes the legal document as stating.

Lawyers acting on behalf of the claimants say they, or their loved ones, who received the AZ vaccine suffered TTS - a rare syndrome characterised by the concurrence of thrombosis or blood clotting and thrombocytopenia or insufficiency of platelets.

The consequences of TTS are potentially life-threatening including strokes, brain damage, heart attacks, pulmonary embolism and amputation. Of the 51 claimants in the group action being represented by the law firm Leigh Day for damages under Section 2 of the UK's Consumer Protection Act 1987 against AstraZeneca UK Ltd in respect of injuries sustained as a result of the vaccine, 12 are acting on behalf of a loved one who died.

"All of those within the group have death certificates or medical evidence confirming that the vaccine caused the deaths and injuries suffered," said Sarah Moore, partner at Leigh Day.

"It has taken AstraZeneca a year to formally admit that their vaccine has caused this harm, when this was a fact widely accepted by the clinical community since the end of 2021. In that context, regrettably it seems that AZ, the government and their lawyers are more keen to play strategic games and run up legal fees than to engage seriously with the devastating impact that the vaccine has had upon our clients' lives," she said.

It is the claimants' case that the safety of the AZ vaccine fell below the level of safety that persons were generally entitled to expect. AZ has strongly denied the claims.

"Our sympathy goes out to anyone who has lost loved ones or reported health problems. Patient safety is our highest priority, and regulatory authorities have clear and stringent standards to ensure the safe use of all

medicines, including vaccines," AstraZeneca said in a statement.

"From the body of evidence in clinical trials and real-world data, the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine has continuously been shown to have an acceptable safety profile and regulators around the world consistently state that the benefits of vaccination outweigh the risks of extremely rare potential side effects," it noted.

The British-Swedish multinational points out that product information relating to the vaccine was updated in April 2021, with the approval of the UK regulator, to include "the possibility that the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine is capable, in very rare cases, of being a trigger for" TTS, indicating that the court documents reference this aspect rather than something new.

"It's absolutely appalling that only now AstraZeneca are acknowledging serious harm from their COVID vaccine. Surely, they would have known this from the outset and therefore there would have been serious question marks around whether it should have been administered to a single human being in the first place," said British Indian cardiologist Dr Aseem Malhotra, who has been a vocal campaigner over the issue.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has described the vaccine as "safe and effective for all individuals aged 18 and above", with the adverse effect that has prompted the legal action being "very rare".

The claimants in the UK have served "Particulars of Claim" in regard to two cases and AZ has provided its defence disputing liability. The parties have requested that the cases are managed together, and a case management hearing is expected later in the year in the London High Court.

SIH has been approached for a comment.

## Proper Rehabilitation

Response Force (SDRF) and the Red Cross on board for providing instant succour to the displaced people, the officials said.

Around 90 families have been relocated by the district administration to safer locations. Transit accommodations have also been established at three locations.

Dulloo directed that adequate arrangements be made for bedding, food, drinking water, electricity, medical aid, sanitation and other amenities at the transit accommodations.

He also called for making joint efforts to bring immediate relief to the affected people.

Dulloo sought inputs from divisional and district administrations about the status of services operational in the affected area and asked the officers to explore the possibility of establishing road links with the cut-off parts on a war-footing.

He also took stock of the damage caused to power and water infrastructure, besides assessing the status of health services and ration distribution.

The chief secretary called on the officials concerned to take requisite steps to restore the infrastructure while simultaneously making alternative arrangements till the damaged structures are fully restored.

## Memories Of 2014

spared no one, and the scars of that calamity still run deep," remembered an old man while sitting on the bank of the River Jhelum at Rajbagh.

He added, it's disheartening to see people flocking to the riverbanks without realizing the risks involved.

Another young man, Umer, who was in his 20's, added, "The memories of the flood are still fresh in our minds. It's crucial that we heed the warnings and take necessary precautions to ensure our safety," said Umer.

Likewise, the residents of Kashmir's saffron town Pampore couldn't sleep for the whole night as roaring Jhelum and gushing nearby streams brought back the gory memories of 2014 deluge.

A decade on, the inhabitants of various areas of Pampore that include Kadlbal, Drangbal, Namblabal, Tanche Bagh, Frestbal and several other areas, believe that nothing much was done by the previous governments and the present administration to raise the height of river-embankments.

"Trust me, we couldn't sleep for the whole night (April 29/30) as water level continuously rose in the Jhelum river. The nearby streams were making so much noise as water was flowing with a great speed," said Muhammad Sultan, a resident of Drangbal. Sultan's house was raised to ground in September 2014 deluge that left behind a huge trail of death and destruction.

"I lost my house and despite the passing of 10 years, I haven't been able to rebuild it properly. Even though I received some relief and compensation from the government, it's not easy to build a house the way it was built earlier, as

there are many challenges," Sultan said. With the first light of the day (on April 30), soon after offering pre-dawn prayers, he along with his neighbour Gulam Ahmed, rightaway visited the Pampore main market to see the water level.

"It looked as if 2014 was set to return again as water level was rising with every minute and Jhelum was roaring the same way," he said. "After having my breakfast, I once again visited Pampore town to see the status of water. Since the rain had stopped but water level was still rising, I continued to pray to the Almighty to save us from the floods this time. Finally, the water level began to recede gradually at 2 pm."

He said that it was unfortunate that the height of the river embankment at main town Pampore wasn't raised. "The work was left mid-way in 2014 and since then nothing has been done to raise the height of the embankment. The administration must restart alignment and repair of river embankments to prevent water from entering into residential areas as seen in 2014."

Abdul Samad, another resident, said that there is a dire need of aligning the river embankment from Drangbal to Frestbal as this stretch witnessed many breaches in 2014 floods. "If the rain would have continued today, floods were set to happen. Almighty saved us... We can't prevent natural calamities, but we can take preventive measures. One big step is to raise the level of bund (river embankment)," he said and urged the LG Manoj Sinha administration to take immediate steps to -rebuild the embankments especially from Drangbal to Frestbal.

In Samad's family, not a single family member slept for the night as rumours were ripe that floods would happen given the fact that water level was rising at a great speed.

Many residents including youngsters, who were keenly watching the Jhelum flow, advocated the authorities must start dredging of the river from Drangbal to Pantha Chowk on war footing once the water level goes down. "Our heartbeats go faster every time rainfall continues for two to three days. It is high time those at the helm must start fast-track dredging of the river stretch so that residents of Pampore and its adjoining areas can sleep without any fear whenever it rains," said Asif Bhat, a shopkeeper at main town Pampore.

"Cosmetic measures won't do, it's time to do something concrete on the ground."

## 4 Drown, One Feared

closed for vehicular traffic for the second day, the officials said.

Mohd Shafi (65) and Mumira Bano (17) accidentally fell into the fast-flowing waters while crossing the Deval and Dunga streams in Reasi, officials said. Shafi's body was retrieved from the river, and efforts are on to locate Bano who had come from Gool to attend a marriage function in the village.

Kaushal Kumar drowned while crossing a stream at Gadhni Garh in the outskirts of Jammu city. The In Doda district, the body of Firdous Ahmad (13), a resident of Mallan-Dessa, was fished out from Kund Nallah on Tuesday morning. He was crossing the stream when he was swept away by the strong current, they said.

In another incident, the body of Yaqoob Mir (13) was retrieved from a river after he was hit by a rolling boulder from a hillock near his house in Karool area of Ramban, the officials said.

Heavy rains lashed wide parts of Jammu and Kashmir over the past couple of days, triggering landslides at many places and raising the level of water bodies. At least two dozen residential houses were damaged in Kishtwar and Ramban districts.

In the Poonch district, four school children and two women were rescued by locals after they were left stranded due to flash floods in a stream when they were attempting to cross at Kala Moda village in the Mendhar area on Monday evening, they said.

With the improvement in weather conditions on Tuesday, the officials said the restoration work on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway was intensified to ensure its early opening for vehicular traffic.

The traffic on the 270-km highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, was suspended from both the twin capital cities of Jammu and Srinagar on Monday following landslides, mudslides and shooting stones at several places including Mehar, Panthiyal, Moum Passi and Kishtwari Pather.

## Won't Allow Reservation

comes to power, they will bring inheritance tax. Congress is planning to collect more than half-55 per cent as tax on inheritance (received from parents)," he claimed.

Taking a dig at the Congress, he said

whenever the grand old party is in power, it has five political symbols-- first, false promises; second, vote bank politics, third, supporting mafia and criminals, fourth dynastic politics and fifth is corruption.

Modi further alleged that first it was BRS, which looted Telangana and now it is Congress.

## Cong's 'Divisive Agenda'

Modi accused the Congress and its allies of having divisive and discriminatory motives, even though reservation on the basis of religion is unconstitutional.

"They are also bent upon taking away the hard-earned wealth of the people and giving it to their vote bank. The Congress has also made it clear that they will bring in dangerous ideas like inheritance tax. The nation must unite to stop them," he said.

In the letters sent to every candidate, the prime minister stressed that this is not an ordinary election.

In his letter to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the prime minister hailed him as one of the most valuable party worker besides being a successful minister at the Centre and earlier in Gujarat.

Modi noted that Shah began his public life by supporting those campaigning against the Emergency when he was 13 and recalled their association since the 1980s.

"Since then, I have seen your unbreakable commitment to India's rise and social service," he said.

As the BJP president, Shah realised their dream of making it the world's largest party, Modi said, praising his role as a minister in the abrogation of Article 370 and the passage of three criminal laws, which replaced British era statutes, in Parliament among other issues.

"You have been an excellent speaker in Parliament and have been able to present most complex of matters in a simple manner," he said, praising him for continuing to work day and night for the party's growth.

As the Lok Sabha MP from Gandhinagar, he has discharged his responsibilities in an excellent way, Modi said, expressing confidence that he will always get the support of people from his constituency.

In the letters to the candidates, he said, "Families across India, especially the senior members, would remember the difficulties they have gone through in the last five-six decades. In the last 10 years, the quality of life of every section of society has improved, with many of these troubles removed. Yet, a lot more is still to be done and this election will be decisive in our mission to ensure a better life for everyone".

Every vote that the BJP gets will impart momentum in India's journey to become a developed nation by 2047, Modi said, adding the "encouraging trends" of the first two phases show that people of India have made up their minds to support this vision and are leading the way in this election.

His letters noted that the summer heat poses problems to everyone, while appealing to voters to cast their votes early in the morning.

The prime minister said, "It is important that our workers motivate people to go out and vote in large numbers. Focus on winning the booth. Victory in every booth leads to success in the constituency. At the same time, I request workers of our party to take care of their health and that of other people around them."

"As a candidate of the BJP, I urge you to convey my assurance to each voter that every moment of my time is dedicated to the welfare of my fellow citizens. I send you my wishes for your victory in the election. It is Modi's Guarantee that we will work 24 by 7 for 2047!"

## ECI Reschedules

as well as analyzing the ground situation prevailing in the said constituency, has deci (/topic/eci)ded under Section 56 of the Representation of People Act, 1951, to revise the date of the poll in the said Parliamentary Constituency in respect of ongoing General Election to Lok Sabha, 2024," it said

## Medical, Dental

principal Govt Medical College, Handwara respectively.

According to this order, Dr Iffat Hassan has been relieved from the charge of the post of principal GMC Handwara.

"Consequent upon the superannuation of Prof. (Dr.) Anjum Farhana, I/c Principal, Government Medical College, Anantnag on 30.04.2024 & due to the Model Code of Conduct being in place because of General Elections to Lok Sabha-2024 and in order to ensure patient care in Government Medical College, Anantnag and Government Medical College, Handwara, it is hereby ordered that Dr. Rukhsana Najeeb, Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, Government Medical College, Srinagar shall

look after the post of Principal, Government Medical College, Anantnag, till further orders," reads the order.

"Dr. Khurshid Ahmad Wani, Professor, Department of Paediatrics, Government Medical College, Srinagar shall look after the post of Principal, Government Medical College, Handwara, till further orders, relieving Dr. Iffat Hassan, I/c Principal, Government Medical College, Srinagar from the charge of post of Principal, Government Medical College, Handwara with immediate effect," it reads further.

## PDP Files Complaint

meeting held in Mendhar area of Poonch where a BJP leader is threatening violence against Paharis to force them to vote for Apni Party or else they will create communal tensions reminiscent of the 1947 partition.

"Such reprehensible tactics not only violate the principles of free and fair elections but also undermine the democratic process by instilling fear and coercion among voters. It is imperative that immediate action be taken to address this matter and ensure the integrity of the electoral process in our constituency," Tak added.

He demanded a thorough investigation into such incidents of intimidation.

"We also urge you to take appropriate measures to guarantee the safety and security of all voters, particularly those who may be vulnerable to such intimidation tactics.

"Furthermore, we intend to lodge a formal complaint with the Election Commission of India (ECI) regarding these egregious violations of electoral conduct. We trust that you will handle this matter with the utmost urgency and diligence to uphold the democratic values that are fundamental to our electoral system," the former legislator said.

He also appealed to the lieutenant governor and the director general of police to restore a sense of security among the people of Pir Panjal region.

"We also request LG and DGP to take immediate measures to restore sense of security among the people of Pir Panjal who are already facing the brunt of renewed militancy and cross border infiltration," Tak said.

## PDP Lives In Hearts

party did in Jammu and Kashmir. The PDP leader backed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's claims that BJP would seek to rewrite the constitution if returned to power.

"Rahul Gandhi is very much right that the BJP will try to abolish OBC, ST and SC Quota in the near future. BJP is trying to provide benefits to a few people..." Mehbooba Mufti said during a roadshow here.

Addressing a rally on Monday in Chhattisgarh, Rahul Gandhi held a copy of the Indian Constitution and said BJP will attempt to rewrite the Constitution and do away with reservation. He said Congress is committed to safeguarding the Constitution.

Mehbooba Mufti, who is contesting Lok Sabha polls from Anantnag-Rajouri seat, said that the PDP continues to resonate with the people due to the work it did while in power.

"The way efforts are being made to erase the identity of Jammu and Kashmir, PDP is the only voice in such a situation that has been raising issues for the past five years," she said.

She said that National Conference did not hold the hand of friendship extended by the PDP.

Anantnag-Rajouri seat is scheduled to go to the Lok Sabha polls on May 7. (ANI)

## SM User Booked

sections 505(2) and 171G of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) has been registered at Police Station Magam into the matter, and further investigations have been initiated.

## HC Quashes

virtue of which Suhail Ahmad Shah alias Sahil of Shah Mohalla Panzinar, Srinagar was ordered to be detained and lodged in Central Jail, Jammu.

"The detaining authority while detaining the detenu has been negligent in observing the safeguards as are available constitutionally and statutorily, by not furnishing whole of the material/record, on which detention order was based, incapacitated the detenu to make an effective and meaningful representation," the court said, adding, "Besides the detention order is based on vague grounds, which shows nonapplication of mind to reach subjective satisfaction for passing the same to curtail the cherished right of liberty of the detenu."

Subsequently, the court quashed the detention order and directed authorities including Jail Superintendent concerned, to release Shah forthwith provided he is not required in any other case(s).

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## CS Assesses Damages Caused By Incessant Rains, Flood-Like Situation



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**NEW DELHI:** Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting with Administrative Secretaries, divisional, district and police administration of J&K to take stock of damages caused and measures taken after the incessant rains and subsequent flood-like situation in the UT. From the Deputy Commissioners, the CS took stock of the situation in their respective jurisdictions and the damages caused to both private and public infrastructure. He enquired about the status of public services like power, drinking water, roads, health, food grains distribution, sanitation, dewatering and other utilities being provided through different departments. Dulloo asked the Divisional and District administration to be proactive during such situations. He asked the DCs to personally visit the affected spots and ensure that the public grievances are resolved in-

stantly. The Chief Secretary took note of restoration of electricity, water supply and road connectivity in all the areas. He asked for restoring all such public amenities within shortest possible time. He asked all the Deputy Commissioners to ensure that assessment is done swiftly and relief measures are followed strictly as per set norms. He also asked about the loss of lives and livestock, if any, in the areas reporting flash floods or landslides. He called for reaching to such families and providing them immediate succour as per government rules. He was instructed to assess the damages caused to roads, bridges, distribution transformers, electric poles, water supply schemes and other vital public installations. He also instructed for provisional restoration of the same at the earliest. Dulloo also emphasized on strengthening the overall preparedness by the administration to ideally deal with natural calamities like these in future. He asked

for carrying out mock drills, dry-runs to enhance the capacity and bring efficiency in the mitigation measures taken under such circumstances. The divisional and district administration apprised the Chief Secretary of the relief measures being taken up in their areas. It was informed that except a few areas in North Kashmir no major damage has been reported anywhere in the valley. It was also informed that few villages in Ramban and Mandi Poonch of Jammu division have been affected badly. It was reiterated that the local administration should initiate instant relief measures for the people directly affected by it. It was also disclosed that dozens of relief camps have already been established across the districts to give shelter to those leaving their houses for safety. The Deputy Commissioners also gave out that preliminary assessment of damage caused to infrastructure is being prepared and the loss of lives or livestock is also being ascertained from ground.

## Ramban land subsidence: CS reviews relief, restoration measures

KO NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Tuesday convened a high level meeting to review the measures initiated for relief and rehabilitation in the area affected by the recent land subsidence in Ramban district. The meeting, among others, was attended by ACS Jal Shakti, Principal Secretary Home, Principal Secretary PDD, ADGP L&O, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Commissioner Secretary FCS&CA, Secretary Revenue, Secretary Health, Deputy Commissioner Ramban, MD KPDC, Chief Engineer R&B Jammu (South) and other concerned officers in person and virtually. The Chief Secretary enquired from the divisional and district administrations about the relief and restoration measures being carried out by them for the affected population. He asked about the status of transit accommodations provided to the families relocated in Pernote area of Ramban district. He asked for making adequate arrangements of bedding, food, drinking water, electricity, medical aid, sanitation and other amenities at the transit accommodations. He called for making joint efforts to bring immediate relief to the affected people as per the norms of the government. He also sought inputs from the divisional and district administrations about the status

of services operational in the affected area. He asked the officers to explore the possibility of establishing road link with the cut-off areas on war-footing basis for ensuring smooth supplies besides catering to medical emergencies. The Chief Secretary took stock of the damage caused to power and water infrastructure besides assessing the status of health services and ration distribution through different healthcare facilities and Fair Price shops respectively in the area. He called upon the concerned to take up requisite steps to restore the infrastructure simultaneously making alternative arrangements till its full restoration. The meeting also held deliberations on rehabilitation of the affected population. The Divisional Commissioner and concerned DC was tasked to prepare a proper rehabilitation plan considering the ground situation. They were even asked to take SDRF and Red Cross on-board for providing instant succor to the displaced people. The local administration informed about the measures being taken for the affected people. It was informed that around 90 families having nearly 413 souls have been relocated by the administration in safer locations. Besides, transit accommodations were established at three locations including Panchayat Ghar and two community halls situated in village Pernote.

## Advisor Bhatnagar Reviews Progress Of Major Health Projects



KO NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU:** Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, on Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress of ongoing major health projects across Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting was attended by Secretary PWD, Bhupendra Kumar; Secretary Health and Medical Education, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed; Mission Director NHM, Nazim Zai Khan; Director General Codes, Fayaz Ahmad Lone; Director General Budget, M.Y. Ittoo; Engineer-in-Chief, Tanvir Mir; Chief Engineer R&B Jammu/Kashmir; Director Health Services Jammu/Kashmir; senior officers of JKPC; and other concerned officers. During the meeting, Advisor Bhatnagar assessed each major ongoing project and sought comprehensive details from the respective project executing agencies. While reviewing the progress of various projects, the Advisor urged the project executing agencies to complete all ongoing works within the specified timelines so that the projects can be

fully functional for public use. The Advisor further directed the concerned officers to work in tandem and coordination to ensure that problems and issues are promptly resolved for the timely completion of these prestigious projects. Addressing the officers, Advisor Bhatnagar emphasized the paramount importance of expediting the execution of these public-worthy projects to meet the evolving healthcare needs of the local populace. He highlighted the need for concerted efforts from all stakeholders to overcome obstacles and ensure the successful realization of these crucial health projects for the general public's good. Similarly, the Advisor sought updates on other projects and instructed the officers to chart out a coherent path forward to ensure the timely and seamless completion of these health projects. He asked them to accelerate the implementation pace, optimize resource allocation, and uphold transparency and accountability while executing these projects.

## Kupwara Admin Denies Fake News From Certain Channels And Portals

KO NEWS SERVICE

**KUPWARA:** District Administration Kupwara today refuted the fake news reports uploaded by some news channels and a newspaper portal today. The online portals of 'The WEEK' news magazine and NDTV.Com, today mentioned in their headlines "5 killed, several injured in landslides and flash floods in Kupwara of J&K", which is totally baseless. In a statement issued today, Deputy Commissioner Kup-

wara, Ayushi Sudan, said that the headlines run by both the news channels are fake, fabricated and misleading as there is no flood related deaths in Kupwara district. Issuing a strong rebuttal of the fake news, DC said that no flood related deaths have occurred in Kupwara district. It is expected that before any news is uploaded or published, facts should be verified. However, the online Portal of said news magazine and news channel have failed in doing so.

## Div Com Reviews Departure Arrangements For Hajj Pilgrims

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**SRINAGAR:** The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Tuesday called a meeting to review arrangements for the departure of Hajj Pilgrims on the holy pilgrimage to Mecca and Madina. The departure of flights shall commence from May 09 while the last flight of pilgrims shall leave on May 25th, 2024. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners, SSP Traffic, SSP Srinagar, SSP Security, Representatives of Div Com Ladakh and Jammu; Executive Officer and Haj Officer of Hajj Committee; MD RTC; Director Health Services Kashmir; Director Airport Authority and Officers of District Administration Srinagar, Customs department, SMC,



KPDC, PHE, PDD, Radio, Doordarshan, BSNL, Spice Jet and other concerned departments. Addressing the meeting, Div Com directed Director Airport Authority for deputation of adequate staff and installation of machinery including X-ray machines at the Hajj House besides providing other facilities for the pilgrims at the Airport. He also directed SSP Security for issuance of entry passes for Hajj House while General Manager SRTC was asked to provide SRTC vehicles for transportation of

pilgrims from Hajj House Bemina to Airport. Similarly, the Customs and Emigration Department was directed to facilitate pilgrims through Emigration clearance. Div Com also reviewed Security arrangements, Traffic Management Plan besides health, drinking water and electricity facilities at Hajj House. On the occasion, Div Com emphasised on concerned officers to make advance preparation and ensure all arrangements are put in place for the convenience of pilgrims.

He also stressed on close synergy and coordination among departments to ensure smooth and hassle-free arrangements. The meeting was informed that except for the Emigration clearance of Hajj pilgrims all other formalities shall be completed at the Hajj House Bemina. It was given out that all Hajj Pilgrims have been vaccinated by the Health Department. However, if any Hajj aspirant missed the vaccination a special drive of vaccination shall be conducted for them by the Hajj Committee regarding which they shall be informed accordingly. EO, Hajj Committee also informed that the passports shall be given back to pilgrims after two days in their respective districts as per the schedule to be issued by the administration/ Hajj Committee.

## Ganderbal Accident: Hunt For Missing Tourist Continues

Agencies

**GANDERBAL:** Authorities in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district Tuesday resumed the rescue operation to trace the missing tourist, who went missing after a car plunged into river Sindh near Hung Sonamarg on Sunday. An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that police, SDRF unit and local volunteers intensified the rescue operation on the third day to trace the missing tourist in river Sindh. He said that the rescue operation was called off yesterday evening due to darkness 5 individuals were killed after a vehicle skidded off the road and fell into river Sindh near Hung area on Sunday—(KNO)

## CUKashmir's SLS Holds Prog On Cracking Judicial Service Examination

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**GANDERBAL, APR 30:** Department of Law, School of Legal Studies (SLS), Central University of Kashmir (CU-Kashmir), organised an interactive programme with the successful candidates of J&K Civil Services (J) Examination 2023 on the theme "J&K Civil Services Judicial Examination: Opportunities and Challenges" for the students at Tulmulla campus here Monday. The event featured recent qualifiers of the J&K judicial service, who delved into the intricate aspects of the examination, aiming to provide practical knowledge about the judicial examination to the students. In his address, Dean SLS, Prof. Farooq Ahmad Mir, underscored the importance of such programmes and the significance of judicial service examinations. He emphasized that such initiatives serve as invaluable platforms for students to gain theoretical knowledge and grasp the practical intricacies and challenges inherent in pursuing a career in the judiciary.

## POCSO Charges Among 20 Cases Against Independent Candidate From Anantnag-Rajouri

AGENCIES

**SRINAGAR:** Imran Sheikh, an Independent candidate from Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha constituency, has 20 cases, including one under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, registered against him over the past nine years. This is the maximum number of cases against any of the 20 contestants from the constituency. According to the affidavit filed by Sheikh along with his nomination papers, the cases are registered in nine different police stations in five districts of the union territory. The first criminal case against Sheikh, who hails from Anantnag district, was registered in 2015 in Pampore police station of Pulwama district. One of the criminal cases filed last year against the 37-year-old candidate include charges under section 11 (enticing a child for pornographic purposes or giving gratification there for) and section 12 (committing sexual harassment upon a child) of the POCSO Act. Sheikh has also been booked in

2022 under section 309 (attempt to commit suicide and any act towards the commission of such offence) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Most of the cases registered against Sheikh are under section 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property) of the IPC but several of these cases have additional charges, including under section 201 (hiding or destroying evidence of a crime, knowing or believing that the offense has been committed, with the intention of protecting the offender from punishment) and section 380 (theft in dwelling house) of the IPC. The other two cases are booked under sections 454 (offence in respect of lurking house-trespass or house-breaking in order to commit offence) and section 419 (cheating by personation). Seven of the 20 cases against the Independent candidate have been registered in Sadder police station in Anantnag with six of those filed in 2022. Sheikh is accused of committing criminal offences in Banihal area of Ramban district, Ram Munshi Bagh area of Srinagar district as well as Qaimoh area of Kulgam district.



**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
**CIVIL SECRETARIAT, J&K**

**Subject:- Selection of candidates for the post of Assistant Professor (Sociology) in the Higher Education Department-appointment thereof.**

**NOTICE**

The following candidates who have been recommended by the J&K Public Service Commission for the post of Assistant Professor, Sociology (advertised vide Notifications No. 06-PSC (DR-P) of 2023 dated 01.03.2023 and 17-PSC (DR-P) of 2023 dated 15.05.2023), pursuant to letter No. PSC/DR-HE/AP-Sociology/2023 dated 28.03.2024 are hereby directed to submit their e-mail IDs and contact number details in the Higher Education Department Civil Secretariat Jammu/Srinagar in person or on e-mail-id: undersecretaryhed@gmail.com within a period of seven (7) days positively for uploading the same on the Employee Verification System (EVS), failing which it shall be presumed that he/she is not willing to take up his/her appointment as Assistant Professor in the Higher Education Department and he/she shall forfeit the right of appointment without any further notice:-

S.No	Name	Parentage	Address	Selection Category
1.	Shehla Rashid Shora	Abdul Rashid Shora	169 Rose Lane Colony Chanapora	OM
2.	Wasia Hamid	Syed Abdul Hamid	36 Dahamuna Soibug	OM
3.	Tafaz Ul Hussain Ganaie	Ab Qayoom Gnaie	066 Near Panchayat Ghar Ramnagri Shopian	(OM/RBA)
4.	Waseem Akber Baba Khaira	Mohammad Akber Baba Khaira	109 Nowhar Charari Sharief	OM
5.	Sanam Sharief Khan	Mohd Sharief Khan	76 Marghan Balakote	(OM/RBA)
6.	Kounser Iqbal	Gulam Mohidin	42 Razwen Budgam	OM
7.	Hilal Ahmad Kumar	Ab Majeed Kumar	0 Dreygam Khansahib Budgam Khansahib	(OM/SLC)
8.	Aatina Nasir Malik	Mohd Nasir Malik	143 Sanatnagar Housing Colony	OM
9.	Muzamil Wali	Wali Mohammad Dar	24 Bathar Budgam Budgam	OM
10.	Mohit Kumar Anand	Rajesh Kumar Anand	Village Raj Nagar Budhal Budhal	OM
11.	Tarun Gupta	Vijay Kumar Gupta	Ward No. 8 Nowshera Tehsil Nowshera Nowshera	OM
12.	Aditya Sharma	Rajesh Kumar Sharma	H.No. F-49 Rehari Colony Road Near Heritage Apartments Jammu	OM
13.	Farheena Muzaffar	Muzaffar Ahmad Shahpurra	H No. 28 Hyder Colony Daga Kadal Lai Bazar North	OM
14.	Mohd Shuja	Rusal Joo	H. No. 719 Ward No. 06 Village Sangia Tehsil Surankote	RBA
15.	Mohammad Saleem Malla	Hafizullah Malla	87 Najan Sonawari Sumbal	RBA
16.	Hilal Ahmad Shan	Gulam Ahmad Shan	180 Dalwach Gagisgund Qazigund Dooru R/o Gho Rakwalana PO Gho Brahmana PO Gho Brahmana Ramgarh	RBA
17.	Rajesh Kumar	Sodagar Mal		SC
18.	Neha Uttam	Bishan Dass	31 Machhani Akhnoor	SC
19.	Danish Khatana	A A Khatana	H.No. 9 Lane No. 10 Tawi Vihar Sidhra Colony Jammu	ST
20.	Qurat Ul Ain Batool	Mohd Bashir	House No. 75 Galyan Near Gursai Morh Mendhar	ST
21.	Iftikhar Hussain	Hussain Shah	43 Sultanpora Pattan	ST
22.	Mudasir Shafi	Mohammad Shafi Mir	15/03 Baghi Roop Singh Khanyar	EWS
23.	Vasundra Rajee	Upjeet Singh	R/o Suchani P/o Ratiya Samba	EWS
24.	Manu Saini	Raj Kumar	3 Village - Shivu Chak Tehsil Bishnah	ALC
25.	Muneer Ahmad Khan	Mohammad Farid Khan	52 Khahmoh Rafiabab	PSP
26.	Muhammad Ajaz UR Rehman	Abdul Rehman Hajam	155 Checkpora Sehpora Tullamulla	SLC
27.	Anju Devi	Kewal Krishan	49 Jardi Pouni	SC

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Under Secretary to the Government



# Pant Included In India's T20 World Cup Squad, KL Rahul Misses Out

Agencies

**NEW DELHI:** India have included wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant in their 15-man squad for the Twenty20 World Cup in the West Indies and United States in June, the country's cricket board (BCCI) announced on Tuesday.

Pant was involved in a near-fatal crash in December 2022 that required him to have multiple surgeries and he missed last year's Indian Premier League (IPL) as well as India's 50-overs World Cup campaign on home soil. The 26-year-old has slowly returned to his best after his comeback in this year's IPL, scoring three fifties and racking up 398 runs in 11 matches to convince selectors.

The Delhi Capitals skipper was not the only player rewarded for his IPL heroics, as Chennai Super Kings batsman Shivam Dube also made the squad after scoring 350 runs



in nine matches. Shubman Gill, Rinku Singh, Khaleel Ahmed and Avesh Khan were named in the reserves, but there was no place for wicketkeeper-batsman KL Rahul.

Sanju Samson got the nod in-

stead and will back up Pant. India will be led by Rohit Sharma as they bid for a second title in the June 1-29 tournament following their triumph in the inaugural edition in 2007.

Hardik Pandya, who has

struggled to hit top form in the IPL after returning from an ankle issue sustained during last year's 50-overs World Cup, will be Rohit's deputy in a strong line-up that also includes Virat Kohli and youngster Yashasvi

Jaiswal. Mohammed Siraj and Arshdeep Singh will bolster the pace bowling department spearheaded by Jasprit Bumrah while Yuzvendra Chahal is part of a four-pronged spin attack alongside Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel.

India made the semi-finals two years ago in Australia, losing to eventual champions England. They begin their campaign against Ireland in Group A, with the match to be played in New York on June 5, before they battle arch-rivals Pakistan in one of the event's highly-anticipated matches four days later.

India squad: Rohit Sharma (captain), Hardik Pandya, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Sanju Samson, Shivam Dube, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Arshdeep Singh, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj.

## Short TAKES

### KKR's Rana Suspended For One Match, Fined 100% Match Fees



Kolkata Knight Riders seamer Harshit Rana was on Tuesday fined 100 per cent of his match fees and suspended for one match for breaching IPL Code of Conduct during their seven-wicket win over Delhi Capitals here.

Rana, who was fined 60 per cent of his match fees for giving a flying-kiss send off to Sunrisers Hyderabad batter Mayank Agarwal in an earlier match, almost repeated the same offence when he knocked over Abhishek Porel in their game against Delhi on Monday.

### Minerva Extends Trial, Scholarship For Meghalaya Football Prodigy

Six-year-old Samborlang Rynjah, who had become an internet sensation with his exceptional goalkeeping skills, may head to Minerva Punjab Football Academy for a trial on scholarships, his mother has revealed.

Samborlang shot to fame after Argentina's World Cup-winning goalkeeper Junior Emiliano Martinez shared a video of the six-year-old on his Instagram handle. India's top-tier Indian Super League too had shared the video of him playing with his brothers and friends in his front yard.

### Former England Spinner Monty Panesar To Fight Elections In UK

Former England spinner Monty Panesar has thrown his hat into the political arena by announcing his candidacy in the UK elections, representing George Galloway's fringe Workers Party of Britain.

The 42-year-old, who claimed 167 wickets in 50 Tests for England with his left-arm spin, will be on the ballot in Ealing Southall. "I want to be the voice for the workers of this country," Panesar said in a column in 'The Telegraph'.

### Spain Appoints Ex-Coach Del Bosque To Oversee Football Federation

Spain's government on Tuesday appointed former national team coach Vicente del Bosque as head of a special committee to oversee the scandal-ridden RFEF - the national football federation - until it holds new elections, Sports Minister Pilar Alegria said.

The 73-year-old Del Bosque, who led Spain to the 2010 World Cup and 2012 Euro championship titles and Real Madrid to Champions League glory in 2000 and 2002, was picked to head the committee created last week by the government for "his commitment to sport and to his country".

### Dortmund's Injury Worries Subside Ahead Of CL SF v PSG

Borussia Dortmund's injury worries have eased and coach Edin Terzic is hopeful all but two players will be fit for the Champions League semi-final first leg against Paris Saint-Germain.

Terzic said on Tuesday that left-back Rami Bensebaini and young forward Julien Duranville are definitely out of Wednesday's match, but that others can return after missing the team's 4-1 loss at Leipzig in the Bundesliga on Saturday.

Dortmund, which knocked out Atlético Madrid to reach the final four.

## IPL 2024: CSK Take On Unpredictable Punjab Kings



Press Trust of India

**CHENNAI:** An inconsistent Chennai Super Kings will have to display all-round solidity when they face an unpredictable Punjab Kings in their Indian Premier League match here on Wednesday.

The Super Kings have 10 points from nine matches, similar figures as that of Lucknow Super Giants, Sunrisers Hyderabad and Delhi Capitals, and the defending champions would certainly like to break away from that mid-table gridlock with a win.

However, the defending champions will be a worried lot as Punjab Kings, who have six points from nine games, are coming to this match after scaling down 262 against Kolkata Knight Riders, the highest chase in the history of T20 cricket.

But the Chepauk deck is a different beast, offering a semblance of assistance to the bowlers and it was evident in CSK's impressive 78-run win over SRH in their previous match.

There was no dew in Chennai on that night, and the CSK bowlers defanged SRH's potent batting unit with their accuracy and variations after their batters put on board a 200-plus total.

They need an encore against Punjab, and all eyes will be on skipper Rituraj Gaikwad, who is on a hot streak.

Gaikwad has registered scores of 108 and 98 in his last two innings and New Zealand man Daryl Mitchell too seemed to have regained his touch as just the right time with a 32-ball 52 against Hyderabad.

However, the real storm-force in the CSK line-up is Shivam Dube, who has pulverised the opposition bowlers while coming as an Impact Sub.

While Dube has always been a spin-basher, the left-hander has now added another angle to his batting with his effective tackling of pacers.

Dube so far has made 350 runs, second highest for CSK behind Gaikwad's 447, and those runs came at a strike-rate of 172.41, second only to MS Dhoni's 259.45.

On the other hand, PBKS will be desperate to carry the momentum after that record chase and climb up the ladder from the current eighth place.

For that, their batters need to fire in unison once again and the onus is on Jonny Bairstow, who made a hundred against KKR, Shashank Singh and Prabhsimran Singh.

But they will eye a more impact outing from wicketkeeper batter Jitesh Sharma.

However, PBKS' bowling department looks a bit shaky despite having experienced campaigners such as Kagiso Rabada, Harshal Patel, Arshdeep Singh and Sam Curran in their ranks.

## T20 WC: Archer Returns to England Squad, Buttler To Lead

Press Trust of India

**LONDON:** Fit-again pacer Jofra Archer expectedly returned after a one-year injury-forced hiatus, while rookie all-rounder Tom Hartley also made the cut in the 15-member preliminary T20 World Cup squad announced by defending champions England here on Tuesday.

Archer last played for England in a T20 International series against Bangladesh in March last year. The 29-year-old was England's leading wicket-taker in that series with four scalps from three matches at an economy of 6.63.

But since then, Archer has



been forced to sit on the sidelines because of the recurrence of a stress fracture in his right elbow. England will be led by Jos Buttler, who had guided them to the title in Australia in 2022.

From January this year, Archer has been working intensely on his return including Sussex's pre-season camps in

Abu Dhabi and Bengaluru, besides appearing in a handful of club matches at Barbados.

Archer pulled out of this year's IPL from the Mumbai Indians' squad after he suffered another injury setback in November 2023, but he surprised everyone by turning up to play a match for his school team in Barbados, since they were on the verge of being relegated.

**England squad:** Jos Buttler (c), Moeen Ali, Jofra Archer, Jonny Bairstow, Harry Brook, Sam Curran, Ben Duckett, Tom Hartley, Will Jacks, Chris Jordan, Liam Livingstone, Adil Rashid, Phil Salt, Reece Tople, Mark Wood.

## South Africa Pick Nortje & Uncapped Duo For T20 WC

Agencies

**JOHANNESBURG:** South Africa have included fast bowler Anrich Nortje and the uncapped duo of batter Ryan Rickelton and seamer Ottniel Baartman in their 15-man squad for the T20 World Cup in the United States and West Indies from June 1-29. Nortje, 30, has not played a T20 international for over a year due to persistent injuries, and his return in the Indian Premier League this season has seen him record a woefully high economy rate of 13.36 runs per over across six matches.

Rickelton, who can also keep wicket, has been rewarded for his fine form in



SA20 this year, where he was the leading scorer with 530 runs at an average of 58.88, while Baartman took 18 wickets in eight matches in the T20 competition. Aiden Markram will captain the squad, which also includes power hitters Heinrich Klaasen, David Miller, Quinton de

Kock and Tristan Stubbs.

South Africa will prepare for the tournament with a three-match T20 series in the West Indies.

They have Bangladesh, Netherlands, Nepal and Sri Lanka in their Group D at the World Cup and open their campaign against the latter in New York on June 3.

**South Africa squad:** Aiden Markram (captain), Ottniel Baartman, Gerald Coetzee, Quinton de Kock, Bjorn Fortuin, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen, Heinrich Klaasen, Keshav Maharaj, David Miller, Anrich Nortje, Kagiso Rabada, Ryan Rickelton, Tabraiz Shamsi and Tristan Stubbs.

## Haaland Becomes 'Barbarian King' In Clash Of Clans



Agencies

**MANCHESTER:** Manchester City forward Erling Haaland has become a playable character in popular mobile video game "Clash of Clans", game developer Supercell said on Tuesday. Haaland's character is called "Barbarian King" and is the first in the game - downloaded more than 2 billion times - to be based on a real person. The 23-year-old, who is himself a fan of the game, was 12 years old when it was first released.

The Norwegian posted a trailer for the game on his social media which shows himself in real life encountering characters from the game before being transported into the animated game world. "When we heard Haaland was a fan of our game and that he wanted to partner with us, it was really a dream scenario," Stuart McGaw, general manager of Clash of Clans said in a press release.

"It's been tough to keep this one quiet, but I'm excited to finally be able to talk about this epic partnership with Clash of Clans," Haaland said. "I've been a huge fan of the game for a long time and know everything about it, so to appear as an in-game character is really cool."

## How India's T20 World Cup-Bound Players Have Fared So Far In IPL

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** New Delhi, Apr 30 (PTI) The likes of Rohit Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah and Suryakumar Yadav were automatic choices in India's T20 World Cup squad but the others made the cut with their exploits in the ongoing IPL.

Nine of 15 players picked in the squad were also part of the team that went to Australia for the last edition of the tournament in 2022.

Here is the lowdown on the selected India players' performance in the IPL so far:

1) Rohit Sharma: He has been among the standout batters for Mumbai Indians in what is turning out to be a forgettable season for the five-time champions.

In 9 matches, he has scored 311 at an excellent strike-rate of 160.30 with a top score of 105 not out against Chennai Super Kings at the Wankhede Stadium.

2) Hardik Pandya: A debatable selection as he is enduring a disastrous IPL. Appointed MI's captain under controversial circumstances, Hardik has scored 197 runs, which includes 10 sixes, in nine IPL matches so far. When it comes to bowling, he has taken four wickets at an economy of 11.95.

3) Yashasvi Jaiswal: The Rajasthan Royals opener had a string of low scores before a 59-ball hundred against Mumbai Indians brought him right back into contention.

4) Virat Kohli: In the run-up to

ent 78-run nock against Punjab Kings. Playing in his first competitive tournament after recovering from twin surgeries, he also has a 19-ball 52 to his credit.

6) Rishabh Pant: Returning to top-flight cricket after recover-

going great guns and has scored 385 runs at a strike rate of 161.08. He has to his credit four half-centuries, with his highest being an unbeaten 82.

8) Shivam Dube: In nine matches so far, Dube has totalled

er-cum-handy batter has scored close to 150 runs including a half-century and has also taken nine wickets with his economical bowling, enough to impress the national selectors.

11) Kuldeep Yadav: In nine matches, he has impressed with 12 wickets, including best figures of 4/55, and was a certainty in T20 World Cup squad considering his form over the past 12 months. 12) Yuzvendra Chahal: The leg-spinner has been a standout performer with 13 wickets in nine matches. Recently, he also became the first bowler to claim 200 wickets in the tournament's history.

13) Arshdeep Singh: The left-arm seamer has picked 12 wickets in nine games, with the four-wicket burst against Sunrisers Hyderabad earlier this month being the high point of his campaign.

14) Jasprit Bumrah: The pace ace has been having a fabulous season and is leading the wicket's column with 14 scalps in nine games at an economy rate of just 6.63.

15) Mohammed Siraj: He has been off-colour and has gone for plenty of runs, forcing the RCB think tank to even drop him for a match. He has taken six wickets in nine matches.

