

## Amit Shah Likely To Visit Srinagar Today



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Srinagar: Union Home Minister Amit Shah is likely to arrive on a two-day visit to Kashmir on Thursday, a local BJP leader said here.

"The Home Minister will arrive here tomorrow evening and meet several delegations," BJP spokesman Altaf Thakur told PTI.

He said Shah is also likely to chair a security review

meeting during his overnight stay in the valley.

"Our local party leaders, delegations from the Pahari community, trade bodies and civil society are scheduled to meet the Home Minister," Thakur added.

The BJP has not fielded its candidates for the three Lok Sabha seats in Kashmir but has unofficially extended support to some of the new political parties | [More on P6](#)

### PoK Part Of India, Will Take It: Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday referred to protests in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and said "PoK is part of India and we will take it".

Addressing a rally in Serampore, Shah said while peace has returned to once trouble-torn Kashmir after abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, Pakistan-occupied Kashmir "now echoes with slogans of Azadi and protests." | [More on P6](#)

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## VDG's Killing In Udhampur Search Operation Enters 18th Day

Agencies

**Jammu:** Since April 27, when a group of terrorists killed a Village Defence Guard (VDG) member in the Basantgarh area of Udhampur district, both credible information and rumours have been keeping the security forces on tenterhooks.

The forces are not letting any information go unnoticed or wasted, and they are reaching out to areas where they receive any sort of information regarding the presence of terrorists.

After the April 27 encounter in Basantgarh, special operation group members of Jammu & Kashmir Police and the Indian Army have conducted cordon and search operations in the upper reaches of Udhampur, Doda and Kathua districts. However, even after 18 days of continuous operations, nothing substantial has been found.

Now, even small pieces of information regarding the movement of suspected individuals are being taken seriously. Intelligence | [More on P6](#)

## 6 Killed In Road Accidents In J&K

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Jammu: Five people, including a minor girl, were killed in five separate road incidents in Ganderbal, Samba, Poonch, and Ramban districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, police said.

An 18-year-old youth died in a road accident that took place at Benhmana area of Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Wednesday afternoon.

An official said that a youth identified as Muzaffar Ahmed Sheikh, son of Mohammad Shafi Sheikh of Wussan was critically injured after he was hit by a vehicle (Alto Car) bearing registration number JK01H-1925.

He said soon after the incident, he was rushed to a nearby health facility, where he was referred to SKIMS, Soura for specialized treatment.

However, the injured youth succumbed to his injuries at SKIMS.

"After medico-legal formalities, the body was handed over to his family for last rites," he added.

Two sadhus, Baba Bhim Giri, 55, and Suresh Kumar, 52, both residents of Narwal bypass, were killed when their two-wheeler was | [More on P6](#)

## Ready To Contest Elections If Centre Revokes Ban: Jel J&K

Agencies

**Srinagar:** In a significant development, the banned Jama'at-e-Islami Kashmir Wednesday said that it was ready to contest polls if Centre would lift the ban on it.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) imposed a ban on Jel in 2019, post Article 370 roll back, terming the organization as "anti national." Talking to reporters here, Jel's panel head Ghulam Qadir Wani of Gussu, Pulwama, said that the members of Jama'at (Jel) casted their votes in the recent Lok Sabha polls.

Wani was seen casting vote in the May 13 polls for Srinagar Lok Sabha polls.

"We will try to contest polls in the upcoming Assembly polls slated for September this year," said Wani while talking to media persons, adding that Jel always believed in democratic process.

"We will field our own candidates if Centre revokes the ban on us. There are other



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He said socio-religious reforms would be the poll plank of Jel besides drug abuse and growing immortality.

Wani said a crucial session of Jel's Majlis-e Shura was held and a decision was taken to contest polls. "We never changed our stance as we believe in democracy," he said. In reply to a query, why

Jel members boycotted polls in the past, he said when nobody voted, Jel followed suit. "There was a pressure and threat as well," he said.

The organisation has not participated in any election since 1987.

Jama'at-e-Islami was a part of the Muslim Muttahida Mahaz (Muslim United Front or MUF) that participated in the 1987 elections against the National Conference (NC). The election was rigged and NC was declared winner. The rigging created huge resentment among the young supporters of MUF which manifested in militancy a year later. In the early 90s, MUF leader Peer Muhammad Yousuf crossed the LoC and went on to lead the Hizbul Mujahideen as Syed Salahuddin.

Under the influence of hardline leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani, the Jamaat was a key player in the formation of separatist amalgam Hurriyat Conference in 1993. (KNO)

## Access To Safe Drinking Water My Commitment: LG

14.91 Lakh Rural Households In J&K Have Access To Tap Water Connection

Administration Is Creating A Future-ready Water Management System

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Asserting that 14.91 lakh rural households in J&K now have access to tap water connection, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha directed the officials to complete the works to ensure every household has access to clean drinking water through tap.

The LG reviewed the progress of schemes and projects of the Jal Shakti Department on Wednesday.

"Our efforts to provide tap water supply to all our citizens is on the right track. We are creating a future-ready water management system. Access to safe & adequate drinking water to every citizen is my commitment & We are taking effective action to ensure water security in J&K," the LG said.



The LG appraised the district-wise achievements registered under the Jal Jeevan Mission. He impressed upon the officials to maintain transparency and accountability in execution of works and to make concentrated efforts to meet the target within specified timelines.

The chair was briefed on the progress achieved under Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) in the UT. The meeting also discussed the working of Pani Samitis and the interventions required to address the issues in the implementation of | [More on P6](#)

### 'Ensure Hassle-free Access Of Land Records'

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a review meeting of the Revenue Department with senior officials at the Civil Secretariat on Wednesday. The LG emphasized on developing a comprehensive and transparent land records management system and to ensure seamless extension of various services being provided to the citizens. Effective land governance for efficient service delivery, drone survey and generation of property cards, accessibility of land records for implementation of schemes and | [More on P6](#)

## No Major Weather Change Till May 25: MeT

Agencies

Srinagar: The meteorological department has predicted no significant weather activity till May 25 in Jammu and Kashmir. A meteorological department official said that mainly dry weather is expected till May 17.

From May 18-19, he said, generally cloudy weather with light rain/thunder is expected at isolated to scattered places towards afternoon for "brief period".

From May 20-25, he said, generally dry weather. "Overall, no significant weather activity is expected till May 25," he added.

He said that night temperature recorded an increase but settled below normal at most places in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday.

Srinagar recorded a low of 10.5°C against 9.5°C on the previous night and it was 0.1°C below normal for the summer capital of JK for this time of the year.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of 8.0°C against 7.0°C on the previous night and it was

1.2°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said.

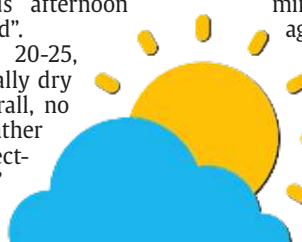
Pahalgam recorded a low of 4.6°C against 2.6°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 0.5°C for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 9.1°C against 6.6°C and it was 0.2°C below normal, the official said.

Kupwara town recorded a minimum of 7.3°C against 6.5°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 2.3°C for the place, the official said.

Gulmarg recorded a minimum of 8.4°C against 3.8°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 2.9°C for the famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Jammu, he said, recorded a low of 21.0°C against 18.8°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 2.5°C for the winter capital of J&K. Banihal recorded a low of 10.6°C, Batote 14.3°C and Baderwah 9.8°C, he said.



## HC Clears Path For Stalled Police Projects

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Jammu: The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has paved the way for the construction of key police projects involving national security matters, modifying an interim order passed in March last year.

The interim order had stalled important police projects such as the construction of a battalion headquarters in Kishtwar and an anti-corruption bureau office in Udhampur.

"The court is of the opinion that to buttonhole the project is in nobody's interest but is only antithetical to public interest...the project, in question, relates to larger public interest, more so, when the question of national security is involved," Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal said in his 12-page order passed last week.

The court said the respondents had "misinterpreted the staying of the communication as a stay on the entire tender process".

The bench said it was hearing an application filed by



Senior Additional Advocate General Monika Kohli on behalf of the government, seeking vacation of the interim order passed by the high court on March 1, 2023 on a petition filed by a contractor.

The contractor had moved the court over a communication issued on February 20, 2023 stating that the progress executed by the petitioner's firm was less than Rs 10.5 crore and requested that all the related correspondence made earlier be treated as 'null and void'. This resulted in withdrawal of all the earlier certificates issued to him, therefore causing hindrance in the new contractual works.

Kohli argued that the interim order was operating harshly against the respondents as the prestigious police projects such as the construction of Indian Reserve Police battalion headquarters at Kishtwar and construction of Anti-Corruption Bureau Office in Kathori-Patnitop village in Udhampur, at a cost of Rs 1,752 lakh and Rs 1,713.50 lakh, respectively have been held to ransom.

After hearing the counsels appearing for both sides, the court said it found force in the arguments made by Kohli and held continuation of the interim direction to be in nobody's interest, saying it would serve no fruitful purpose to the parties, let alone the petitioner who was declared as the lowest bidder.

"Rather, this court views the perpetuation of the interim direction by way of an obstacle to adjudicate the rights of the petitioner which have been projected in the instant petition and the petitioner is surely going to get no leverage out of it, | [More on P6](#)

## NIA Court Grants Bail To Journalist Asif Sultan



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Srinagar: A Special NIA court here has granted bail to journalist Asif Sultan Saïda in a five-year-old case, observing that his continuous arrest shall not serve any purpose.

Earlier this year, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh quashed the detention order under Public Safety Act (PSA) against Asif but the journalist, in his mid 30s, was shortly arrested in the case—FIR 19/2019 under section 13 UAPA Act and RPC's 147, 148, 149, 336, 427, 332, 307, 435, 436.

"There can be no dispute at all that so far as the investigation into allegations of commission of offence

under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 is concerned, that there is compelling state interest in tackling such serious crimes. However, mere use of this statutory provision would not ipso-facto (by that very fact) warrant rejection of applications of bail ignoring the other binding requirements," the court said observing that the embargo contained under chapter VI & VI of ULA (P) Act, is not attracted in the present case.

"In the humble opinion of this court, the occurrence took place more than 5 years ago and sufficient time of approximately 2 ½ months (72 Days) has been given to the investigating agency | [More on P6](#)

## 'Foul Language' on SM Lawyer Files Case Against Mudasir Aziz

Agencies

Srinagar: To seek action under the law, a lawyer has filed a case against social media influencer and member of the J&K Apni Party Mudasir Bashir Bhat alias Mudasir Aziz before the court of Judicial Magistrate Pampore for alleged use of foul language by accused on social media platform, "categorising as an offence under section 294 of the IPC".

Reliable sources said that a complainant, Advocate Fayaz Ahmad Lone, a resident of Pampore, has filed a case against the accused Mudasir Bashir Bhat, who recently joined the J&K Apni Party and mentioned in the complaint that the latter has "uttered obscene words on social media thus causing annoyance to the general public."

"The act on the part of the accused is categorised as an offence in terms of section 294 IPC as the words uttered by the accused during online conversation caused annoyance to general public/users in general and to the complainant in particular." | [More on P6](#)



از حیثیت گم احمد پورہ  
درخواست از جانب رفیق احمد میر ولد مختار احمد میر ساکن مہراج پورہ کنگم ڈارہ تحصیل چٹن  
ہاں مولہ برا حصول ایٹکل یا تیر مرتقلیت -  
استخبار برادر آگاہی خاص و عام  
معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد کے نسبت اول رپورٹ پٹواری حلقہ سے طلب کی گئی - رپورٹ  
پٹواری حلقہ سے عیاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل کی اس امید تیکم جو چیخا راجھ میر ساکن مہراج پورہ  
کنگم ڈارہ مورخہ 14-02-2024 کو فوت ہو چکی ہے اور ایند تیکم جو چیخا راجھ میر کے  
وراثت میں ہیں۔

| نمبر شمار | نام           | رشتہ | عمر    |
|-----------|---------------|------|--------|
| ۱         | رفیق احمد میر | پسر  | 30 سال |
| ۲         | مختار احمد    | شوہر | 72 سال |
| ۳         | افروز دہانو   | دختر | 27 سال |
| ۴         | مریم مختار    | دختر | 23 سال |
| ۵         | شوکت احمد     | پسر  | 36 سال |
| ۶         | یاسمینہ اختر  | دختر | 33 سال |
| ۷         | حیدرہ اختر    | دختر | 36 سال |

اسٹو سے متوفی کے ورثان کی تعداد سات ہے۔  
اس بارے میں بذریعہ اخبار شہر مشہور کیا جاتا ہے اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض نسبت  
اجزا مرتقلیت ہو تو دفتر خط میں اندر سات یوم پیش کریں۔  
بعدگزرنے بعد وادی ندر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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ازفراز نائب تحصیلدار کنٹھہ

درخواست نمٹانیا زہیر احمد گورڈیڈر سپرفیسف الدین گورڈیڈر سائیکہ بانڈی ہالا تحصیل

کیری ضلع باہمولہ بمبرادھصول ST سرفیسف بجن خود

اشٹہار بمبراد آگائی ہر خاص وعام

معاملا مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں درخواست سائل دفتر مزائن میں برکاروئی ہے اس سبب پٹواری

حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمول مطلوب بقوالا ت رکارڈ طلب کے گئے جس سے عیاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل

سائلہ موضع باڈی ہالا میں رہائش پذیر ہے۔ سائل قبی گورڈیڈر ذات سے تعلق رکھتا

ہے کنسکی سالانہ آمدنی 146000 روپے تک ہے سائل کا تکیہ ایک ہزار افراد پر مشتمل ہے

1 سیف الدین گورڈیڈر سہرہ 65 سال مزدوری

2 قریش بیگم زوجہ 60 سال گھر بیوا کم

3 باہر احمد گورڈیڈر پسر 20 سال مزدوری

4 فروزہ بیگم بہو 18 سال گھر بیوا کم

5 روشن بانو دختر 22 سال زرعیت

6 زہیر احمد گورڈیڈر پسر 18 سال زرعیت

اسکے علاوہ کوئی بھی افراد کم نہیں بتایا گیا ہے سرفیسف زیر بحث اجرہ

کرنے میں اگر کسی بھی یا شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ یا اعتراض ساتھ ہیوم

کے اندر پیش کریں۔ میا کارگزرنے کے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**MUNCIPAL COUNCIL BARAMULLA**  
(Executive officer municipal council Baramulla )

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Registrar Births (EXECUTIVE OFFICER MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BARAMULLA) my daughter's name in date of birth certificate wrongly written as SUHA MALIK D/O FAROOQ AHMAD MALIK. R/O WAGILA WAGORA. Tehsil WAGORA while her correct name is SUHA FAROOQ D/O FAROOQ AHMAD MALIK R/O WAGILA WAGORA Distt Baramulla which needs to be corrected & verified the date of Birth, as 03/04/2020 .In this connection,

If anyone have any objection to the issuance of said registration shall present his/her claim this office within 07 days, after that no objection shall be entertaine

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**MUNCIPAL COUNCIL BARAMULLA**

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## Verification and Authentication Report for Resident of Backward area certificate

- It is here by certified that shri/smr/ Tabasum Rasool Mir S/o, D/o, W/o, Ghulam Rasool Mir R/o Mandlan Tehsil Pahalgam District Anantnag is permanent resident of UT of Jammu & Kashmir. Aadhar No. - 3421,1115,1247.
- Certified that the above named application is permanently residing in Backward class Area Village Mandlan of Tehsil Pahalgam District Anantnag from last fifteen years without any migration from or to RBA/ Non RBA Area.
- Certified that the application is a member of Socially and Educationally backward class under the category of RBA.
- Certified that we all have personally verified the claim and specification as desired under SRO-294 dated: 21-10-2005 issue by social Welfare department Government of Jammu and Kashmir and as Such we are personally responsible for any deviation.
- Certified that the applicants family consists upon the following Members:-

| No | Name of the family Member with Parentage | Relationship with the ap- plican | Age | occupation    |
|----|--|----------------------------------|-----|---------------|
| 01 | Mohd Ramzan Mir                          | Grandfather                      | 62  | Labourer      |
| 02 | Ghulam Rasool Mir                        | Father                           | 48  | Govt Employee |
| 03 | Famida Banoo                             | Mother                           | 46  | House Wife    |
| 04 | Tabasum Rasool                           | Self                             | 19  | Student       |
| 05 | Sahil Rasool Mir                         | Brother                          | 17  | --            |
| 06 | Ishfaq Rasool                            | --                               | 14  | --            |

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I, **Mohammad Shayaan Dar S/o Jan Mohammad Dar** That I was issued a **Passport bearing Passport No.S7424343**, issued by Regional Passport Office Srinagar, That my name in the aforesaid passport has been written as **Mohammad Shayan S/o Jan Mohammad Dar** which **needs to be corrected as Mohammad Shayaan Dar S/o Jan Mohammad Dar**. Regard this, if anybody is having any objection he/she may file the same to the Passport Office Srinagar within a week's time after that no objection will be submitted.

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**Subject:** Verification of Genuineness of School Leaving (Discharge Certificates) and constitution of Committee thereof

**NOTIFICATION**

In pursuance to the Director School Education Kashmir's NO: DSEK/NT/894-899 dated: 30-03-2024 wherein this office has been advised to notify the detailed particulars viz Qualification/ DOB/ Discharge Certificate of each CPWs/ LPWs etc whose school leaving / Discharge / Date of birth certificates were issued by Head of the institutions of the schools whose records were gutted in fire or suffered in flash floods from time to time, for inviting objections from the General Public by publishing the same notification in two leading newspapers of Kashmir Division.

Now, in view of the above, the detailed particulars of these certificates issued in favour of the beneficiaries is hereby published for inviting objections from General Public which should reach to this office within 07 (Seven) days from the first publication of this notification (including the date of first publication) in the newspaper. No objection whatsoever shall be entertained after expiry of the cutoff date.

The said list containing the detailed particulars of these beneficiaries in whose favour such certificates have been issued, has also been kept available in this office notice board/ Zonal Education Offices (all) and official Website [www.ceobla.in/](http://www.ceobla.in/) WhatsApp groups for information of the general public/ inviting of objections if any thereof.

Moreover the concerned DDO's are also directed to furnish the following documents of the below mentioned listed School Leaving/Discharge/D.O.B certificates (forming annexure A) duly authenticated under their proper seal and signature within 03 days from the First publication of this notification.

- Copy of School Leaving/Discharge certificate duly attested
- Copy of FIR duly attested

3. Certificate on a separate page to the effect that the "School record pertaining to the school leaving/Discharge /D.O.B certificate of the incumbent was gutted in fire

Besides the ZEOs and other DDOs are requested to intimate this office if any CPW/ LFPW has been dropped and not included in the Annexure A of this notification despite pertaining to record gutted case(s).

NO: CEO/Bla/NT/Cert-Veri/2024/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated: /05/2024.

Shabir Ahmad Khan  
Chief Education Officer  
Baramulla

| Office of the Chief Education Officer Baramulla                         |         |                    |   |                                |            |                                      |  |  |                                 |   |                               |                             |         |
|---|---------|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| List of CPWF Files Having Verification Report of Certificate as Guttled |         |                    |   |                                |            |                                      |  |  |                                 |   |                               |                             |         |
| ANNEXURE "A" TO THE LETTER NO CEO/BLANT/11141-70 DATED 14/05/2024       |         |                    |   |                                |            |                                      |  |  |                                 |   |                               |                             |         |
| Sno   | Srtr No | Zone               | Name of candidate<br>S/o D/o : Parents<br>R/o : Residence   | Office/School<br>where working | D.O.B      | Date of<br>engagement as<br>CPWF/LFW | admission<br>No                          | Date of<br>Admission                   | Date of<br>Issue/<br>withdrawal | Certificate<br>Issuing Authority  | Nature of Certificate         | Verification<br>Report      | Remarks |
| 1   | 2       | Fatehgarh          | Hamida Bano, S/o D/o :<br>Ali Mohammad<br>Lone, R/o : Fatehgarh<br>Baramulla                              | ZEO Fatehgarh                  | 13.03.1965 | 08-10-1988                           | 27                                       | 05.03.1971                             | 20.05.1986                      | GMS AUDOORA<br>c/d by ZEO<br>FATEHGARH  | DISCHARGE<br>CERTIFICATE      | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 2   | 4       | Fatehgarh          | Bashir Ahmad Waza, S/o D/o : Mohada<br>Waza, R/o : Zandafan<br>Baramulla                                  | MS/Zandafan                    | 01.04.1972 | 20-04-1989                           | 54                                       | 01.03.1978                             | 08.03.1988                      | GMS AUDOORA<br>c/d by ZEO<br>FATEHGARH  | DISCHARGE<br>CERTIFICATE      | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 3   | 14      | Fatehgarh          | Habibullah Hajam, S/o D/o : Ab.Aziz<br>Hajam, R/o :<br>Sholivar   | MS Sholivar                    | 08.12.1974 | 15-03-1992                           | 154                                      | 25.11.1986                             | 28.11.1988                      | GMS ODURA<br>BARAMULLA<br>c/d by ZEO<br>FATEHGARH                                   | LEAVING<br>CERTIFICATE        | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 4   | 15      | Sopore             | Amina Bano, S/o D/o :<br>Wali Mohd Dar, R/o :<br>Sangrampora  | BPS<br>Sangrampora             | 01.01.1965 | 01-02-1993                           | 472                                      | Not<br>mentioned in<br>the certificate | 11.04.1979                      | PRINCIPAL<br>ISLAMIA<br>MIDDLE<br>SCHOOL<br>SHAHABAD<br>SPORE c/d by<br>ZEO SOKRANG | LEAVING<br>CERTIFICATE        | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 5   | 18      | Chandosa           | Gh Rasool Chopan, S/o D/o : Mohd<br>Shaban Chopan, R/o :<br>Gohan   | HS Gohan                       | 07.02.1973 | 04-03-1993                           | DL/BL/BS                                 | 05.03.1985                             | 07.09.1990                      | Headmaster BHS<br>Delina  | School Leaving<br>Certificate | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 6   | 23      | Jhullah            | Kabir Ahmad, S/o D/o :<br>Basir Ahmad Khan, R/o :<br>Kundi Birjala  | PS Birjala                     | 01.11.1974 | 30-12-1993                           | NIL<br>mentioned in<br>the certific<br>e | NIL<br>mentioned in<br>the certificate | 29.06.2009                      | Headmaster BHS<br>Kamkote R/o   | DISCHARGE<br>CERTIFICATE      | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 7   | 24      | Pattan             | Ali Mohd Ganai, S/o D/o : Ab.Samad<br>ganai, R/o :<br>Shewpora Pattan                                     | HS Sharpora                    | 20.02.1975 | 08-01-1994                           | 292                                      | 15.11.1980                             | 17.11.1989                      | Headmaster HS<br>Sharabad Pattan<br>c/d by ZEO<br>PATTAN                            | DISCHARGE<br>CERTIFICATE      | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 8   | 26      | Kunzer             | Ghulam U Din Sheikh, S/o D/o : Gh Qadir<br>Sheikh, R/o : Lalpora  | HSS Lalpora                    | 04.03.1976 | 01-04-1992                           | 09/D                                     | Not<br>mentioned in<br>the certificate | 15.12.1990                      | Headmaster BHS<br>Sherabad Pattan   | DISCHARGE<br>CERTIFICATE      | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 9   | 29      | Kunzer             | Bashir Ahmad Shah, S/o D/o : Ab.Aziz<br>shah, R/o : Haystora<br>Tasmarg                                   | MS/Haystora                    | 04.08.1969 | 01-04-1994                           | 2011                                     | Not<br>mentioned in<br>the certificate | 26.12.1983                      | Headmaster HS<br>Chandi Wangam  | DISCHARGE<br>CERTIFICATE      | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 10  | 30      | Singpora<br>Kallan | Shamin Ahmad Dar, S/o D/o : Mohd Akbar<br>Dar, R/o : Rathpore<br>DELINA<br>BARAMULLA                      | PS Rathpore                    | 01.05.1972 | 01-04-1994                           | 2335                                     | 15.11.1983                             | 03.01.1990                      | Headmaster HS<br>Delina   | LEAVING<br>CERTIFICATE        | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 11  | 33      | Sopore             | Haleema Jan, S/o D/o :<br>Ab.Rasool, R/o :<br>Nehrapura Sopore  | BPS Naharpura                  | 05.05.1976 | 03-03-1990                           | 2038                                     | 15.03.1987                             | 20.03.1989                      | PRINCIPAL<br>ISLAMIA<br>MIDDLE<br>SCHOOL<br>SHAHABAD<br>SPORE c/d by<br>ZEO SOKRANG | School Leaving<br>Certificate | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 12  | 34      | Dangarpore         | Fayaz Ahmad reahi, S/o D/o : Wali Mohd<br>Reahi, R/o :<br>Yashtiwari Bais Sopore                          | BPS<br>Yamabhalwari            | 03.03.1971 | 09-05-1994                           | 521                                      | 11.12.1982                             | 21.07.1987                      | Headmaster High<br>School Botingoo  | DISCHARGE<br>CERTIFICATE      | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| Sno   | Srtr No | Zone               | Name of candidate<br>S/o D/o : Parents<br>R/o : Residence   | Office/School<br>where working | D.O.B      | Date of<br>engagement as<br>CPWF/LFW | admission<br>No                          | Date of<br>Admission                   | Date of<br>Issue/<br>withdrawal | Certificate<br>Issuing Authority  | Nature of Certificate         | Verification<br>Report      | Remarks |
| 13  | 35      | Nehalpora          | Gh.Ahmad Akhoun, S/o D/o : Khair<br>Mohd Akhoun, R/o :<br>Dagerora  | BMS<br>Dangerpore              | 04.04.1971 | 05-06-1994                           | #####                                    | 08.04.1977                             | 02.12.1985                      | Headmaster BHS<br>Sherabad Pattan   | DISCHARGE<br>CERTIFICATE      | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 14  | 36      | Sopore             | Bashir Ahmad Untoo, S/o D/o : Gh. Mohi-<br>uddin Untoo, R/o :<br>Sopore                                   | BHSS Sopore                    | 06.06.1976 | 16-02-1994                           | 1163                                     | 20.03.1988                             | 15.03.1991                      | PRINCIPAL<br>ISLAMIA<br>MIDDLE<br>SCHOOL<br>SHAHABAD<br>SPORE c/d by<br>ZEO SOKRANG | School Leaving<br>Certificate | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 15  | 37      | Chandosa           | Gh.Mohi-Udin Mir, S/o D/o : Gh.Ahmad Mir,<br>R/o : Kalantara Bta  | MS/Kalantara                   | 01.04.1975 | 14-06-1994                           | 1576                                     | 07.12.1985                             | 30.11.1988                      | Headmaster High<br>School Delina  | DISCHARGE<br>CERTIFICATE      | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 16  | 40      | Pattan             | Miera Bano, S/o D/o :<br>Abdul Allah Patta, R/o :<br>Usan   | BMS Usan                       | 05.08.1976 | 29-06-1994                           | 561                                      | 03.03.1989                             | 12.12.1990                      | Headmaster School Pahalhan<br>c/d by ZEO<br>PATTAN                                  | LEAVING<br>CERTIFICATE        | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 17  | 43      | Wagpora            | Gh. Hyder Pandith, S/o D/o : Ghulam<br>Pandith R/o :<br>Auhora Baramulla                                  | HS Auhora                      | 24.04.1970 | 10-11-1994                           | 511                                      | 23.03.1976                             | 10.04.1984                      | Headmaster High<br>School Haigam  | School Leaving<br>Certificate | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 18  | 51      | Sopore             | Nazra Bano, S/o D/o :<br>Gh. Hassan Mir, R/o :<br>Tulbal  | BPS/Tulbal                     | 05.02.1977 | 05-04-1990                           | 766                                      | 27.11.1986                             | 07.12.1989                      | Headmaster High<br>School Botingoo  | School Leaving<br>Certificate | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 19  | 69      | Singpora<br>Pattan | Shokat Ahmad Dar, S/o<br>D/o : Gulam<br>Mohammad Dar, R/o :<br>Thawara                                    | GPS/Mirgund                    | 10.12.1977 | 25-07-1992                           | 216                                      | Not<br>mentioned in<br>the certificate | 11.07.1990                      | Headmaster BHS<br>Migund<br>Sringar   | School Leaving<br>Certificate | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 20  | 94      | Pattan             | Mehmooda Bano, S/o<br>D/o : Gh.Mohammad<br>Lone, R/o : Pahalhan   | BMS/saderbal                   | 02.02.1977 | 23-06-1997                           | 489                                      | 02.11.1988                             | 05.12.1991                      | Headmaster Girl<br>Middle School<br>Pahalhan c/d by<br>ZEO PATTAN                   | School Leaving<br>Certificate | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 21  | 106     | Fatehgarh          | Saleema Akhter, S/o<br>D/o : Gh.Ahmad Mir,<br>R/o : Fatehgarh   | HSS Fatehgarh                  | 05.06.1973 | 05-04-1998                           | 90/1095                                  | Not<br>mentioned in<br>the certificate | 20.09.1987                      | Headmaster High<br>School Dushlagh<br>Sopore  | DISCHARGE<br>CERTIFICATE      | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 22  | 111     | Fatehgarh          | Bala Begum, S/o D/o<br>D/o : Gh.Ahmad Mir,<br>R/o : Fatehgarh   | GPS Kralpora                   | 05.04.1974 | 03-01-1999                           | 735                                      | 29.03.1981                             | 31.12.1989                      | Headmaster<br>Middle School<br>Audora c/d by<br>ZEO<br>FATEHGARH                    | LEAVING<br>CERTIFICATE        | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 23  | 122     | Sopore             | Zoono Bano, S/o D/o<br>D/o : Gh.Rasool Goiree,<br>R/o : Sangrampora                                       | GHSS/Sopore                    | 05.06.1970 | 01-03-2000                           | 477                                      | 15.03.1982                             | 25.03.1986                      | PRINCIPAL<br>ISLAMIA<br>MIDDLE<br>SCHOOL<br>SHAHABAD<br>SPORE c/d by<br>ZEO SOKRANG | School Leaving<br>Certificate | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 24  | 129     | Jhullah            | Bibi Gulshan, S/o D/o :<br>Gh.Syed Muneem<br>Shah, R/o : Mohammad<br>Afzal shah, R/o :<br>Chapper shahdra | GPS Chapper                    | 01.06.1982 | 03-10-1997                           | NIL<br>mentioned in<br>the certific<br>e | Mar-'93                                | 26.10.2012                      | Headmaster BHS<br>Kamkote R/o   | School Leaving<br>Certificate | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |
| 25  | 130     | Nehalpora          | Abdul Rashid Mir, S/o<br>D/o : Mohammad<br>Sultan Mir, R/o :<br>Nellah                                    | MS Nellah                      | 07.04.1973 | 01-07-2000                           | 7693                                     | Not<br>mentioned in<br>the certificate | 01.05.1987                      | Headmaster BHS<br>Sherabad Pattan   | DISCHARGE<br>CERTIFICATE      | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |         |

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|-----|----------|-----------------|--|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| 26  | 138      | Jhalith         | Sukeena Bano, S/o D/o :- Ab Lutfi Sheekh, R/o :- Salamabad   | BPS Salamabad               | 01.01.1976 | 30-12-2000                          | 151          | Not mentioned in the certificate | 20.11.1990                       | Headmaster BHS Kamalkote Uri   | DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE      | RECORD GUTTED IN FIRE |         |
| 27  | 146      | Fatehgarh       | Gh. Rasool Bhat, S/o D/o :- Mohd Salim Bhat, R/o :- Bangadi  | BPS Bangadi                 | 09.03.1976 | 26-06-1997                          | 69           | 12.03.1981                       | 30.11.1989                       | Headmaster Middle School Audiana c/sd by ZEO FATEHGRAH                 | LEAVING CERTIFICATE        | RECORD GUTTED IN FIRE |         |
| 28  | 147      | Tangmaru        | Khanir Mohd Lone, S/o D/o :- Lai Lone, R/o :- Khanpora Bada  | HSS Khaihora                | 11.03.1972 | 01-04-2001                          | 514          | 05.03.1978                       | 31.12.1985                       | Headmaster HS Hagam  | LEAVING CERTIFICATE        | RECORD GUTTED IN FIRE |         |
| 29  | 153      | Tangmaru        | Rafiq Bano, S/o D/o :- Gh. Rasool Magrey, R/o :- Darthama Tangmaru   | BPS, Darthama               | 15.10.1970 | 05-08-2001                          | 172          | 04.04.1976                       | 07.05.1989                       | Headmaster PS Chandi wanigan   | School Leaving Certificate | RECORD GUTTED IN FIRE |         |
| 30  | 155      | Chandarnagar    | Misra Bano, S/o D/o :- Ab Rahim Sheikh, R/o :- Tathmulla w/o Zulfikar Ahmad, R/o :- Tathmulla                            | BMS Tathmulla               | 01.05.1971 | 01-10-2001                          | 1235         | NOV. 1981                        | Nov. 1985                        | Headmaster HS Salamabad Uri  | School Leaving Certificate | RECORD GUTTED IN FIRE |         |
| 31  | 156      | Singpora Pattan | Gh. Mohd Bhat, S/o D/o :- Ab Bohan Bhat, R/o :- Zangam Ab. Rashid Ahanger, S/o D/o :- Gh. Mohdin Ahanger, R/o :- Puthkah | HSS Sheerabad               | 16.03.1978 | 01-10-2001                          | 420          | not mentioned in the certificate | 15.12.1992                       | Headmaster HS Sherabad Pattan  | DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE      | RECORD GUTTED IN FIRE |         |
| 32  | 164      | Sopore          | Munozor Ahmad Dar, S/o D/o :- Ali Mohd Dar, R/o :- Seeloo  | PS/Puthkah                  | 01.12.1976 | 18-04-2002                          | 629          | 20.11.1987                       | 25.12.1990                       | Headmaster BHS Naidhik   | LEAVING CERTIFICATE        | RECORD GUTTED IN FIRE |         |
| 33  | 165      | Dangpora        | Gh. Moammad Joo, S/o D/o :- Md Lone, R/o :- Gh. Khawaja Qasim  | HS GK Qasim                 | 25.12.1972 | 01-05-2003                          | 415          | 05.11.1983                       | 15.07.1986                       | Headmaster Middle School GK Qasim c/sd by ZEO SINGHPORE                | DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE      | RECORD GUTTED IN FIRE |         |
| 34  | 175      | Singpora Pattan | Nazir Ahmad Dar, S/o D/o :- Gh. Mohd-Fin, R/o :- Seeloo  | GMS/Seeloo                  | 06.02.1978 | 31-05-2003                          | 1065         | 20.03.1983                       | 15.03.1991                       | Headmaster ISLAMIA MIDDLE SCHOOL SHAHABAD SOPORE c/sd by ZEO SINGHPORE | School Leaving Certificate | RECORD GUTTED IN FIRE |         |
| 35  | 181      | Baramulla       | Latefa Bano, S/o D/o :- Gh Mohd Shah, R/o :- Jambaspora (OUBS Patta)   | GMS Jambaspora              | 03.06.1984 | 01-07-2003                          | 721          | 15.03.1988                       | 20.08.2003                       | Headmaster ISLAMIA MIDDLE SCHOOL SHAHABAD SOPORE c/sd by ZEO SINGHPORE | School Leaving Certificate | RECORD GUTTED IN FIRE |         |
| 36  | 187      | Sopore          | Rafeeqa Begum, S/o D/o :- Gh. Mohd Dar, R/o :- Jageer gath   | PS/Jageer Gath              | 01.12.1978 | 30-12-2003                          | 1363         | 02.05.1991                       | not mentioned in the certificate | Headmaster ISLAMIA MIDDLE SCHOOL SHAHABAD SOPORE c/sd by ZEO SINGHPORE | School Leaving Certificate | RECORD GUTTED IN FIRE |         |

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| 38 | 195 | Fatehgarh            | Nasser AHMAD<br>Khan, S/o D/o :<br>Saewar Khan, R/o :<br>Tarpora   | BPS Tarpora                    | 14.05.1970 | 21-03-2004                            | 110                                       | 10.03.1980                                | 15.11.1985                      | Headmaster<br>Middle School<br>Audouara c/sd by<br>ZEO<br>FATTEHRAH<br>PRINCIPAL<br>ISLAMA<br>MIDDLE<br>SCHOOL<br>SHAHABAD<br>SOPORE c/sd<br>by ZEO SOPORE | School Leaving<br>Certificate | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |  |
| 39 | 203 | Fatehgarh            | Shahir Ahmad Sofi,<br>S/o D/o : Ab-Salam<br>Khan, R/o : Naradati   | MS/Naradati                    | 15.10.1986 | 21-10-2004                            | 1388-B                                    | 10.03.1996                                | 15.11.1998                      | Headmaster<br>Middle School<br>Audouara c/sd by<br>ZEO<br>FATTEHRAH<br>PRINCIPAL<br>ISLAMA<br>MIDDLE<br>SCHOOL<br>SHAHABAD<br>SOPORE c/sd<br>by ZEO SOPORE | School Leaving<br>Certificate | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |  |
| 40 | 212 | Chandaharwal         | Pervais Ahmad Khan,<br>S/o D/o : Mangta<br>Khan, R/o :<br>Tethamulla   | PS Wapal Hak                   | 15.09.1976 | 01-03-2005                            | -   | -   | -                               | -  | -                             | -                           | certificate not<br>submitted to<br>this office |
| 41 | 217 | Pattan               | Nazir Ahmad Parry,<br>S/o D/o : Ab-Samad<br>Parry, R/o : Pattan  | GHS Pattan                     | 07.05.1970 | 07-03-2005                            | 110                                       | 06.03.1977                                | 15.12.1985                      | Headmaster<br>White chandle<br>school pattan   | School Leaving<br>Certificate | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |  |
| 42 | 222 | Sopore               | Fayaz Ahmad Khan,<br>S/o D/o : Mohd<br>Ibrahim Khan, R/o :<br>Tarzoo   | GMS Tarzoo                     | 01.05.1974 | 01-06-2005                            | -   | -   | -                               | -  | -                             | -                           | certificate not<br>submitted to<br>this office |
| 43 | 227 | Singhpore,<br>Pattan | Tajia Bano, S/o D/o :<br>Mohd Jaffer Rather,<br>R/o : Singora  | PS Hajj Asghar<br>Mohalla      | 06.04.1977 | 21-09-2005                            | 1045                                      | 20.03.1987                                | 20.12.1989                      | Headmaster HS<br>Mugund srinagar   | School Leaving<br>Certificate | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |  |
| 44 | 232 | Jhullah              | Shahina Bano, S/o<br>D/o : Aliaf Hussain,<br>R/o : Shuhdhar  | PS Marthan                     | 01.01.1987 | 03-01-2006                            | Not<br>mentioned in<br>the<br>certificate | Not<br>mentioned in<br>the<br>certificate | 26.05.2009                      | Headmaster BHS<br>Ramkote R/o  | DISCHARGE<br>CERTIFICATE      | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |  |
| 45 | 236 | Sopore               | Jameels Imtiyaz, S/o<br>D/o : d/o Gh Ahmad<br>Imtiyaz<br>Ahmad, R/o : Gousia<br>Colony Sopore  | BMS Peer<br>mohalla            | 01.10.1980 | 01-03-2006                            | 1258-B                                    | 15.03.1985                                | 20.03.1993                      | PRINCIPAL<br>ISLAMA<br>MIDDLE<br>SCHOOL<br>SHAHABAD<br>SOPORE c/sd<br>by ZEO c/sd by<br>ZEO c/sd by  | School Leaving<br>Certificate | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |  |
| 46 | 296 | Jhullah              | Shahir Ahmad, S/o<br>D/o : Bashir Ahmad,<br>R/o : Kalgie   | PS Hundi                       | 01.01.1990 | 30-12-2007                            | 649                                       | 16.11.2004                                | Dec.05                          | Headmaster HS<br>Salamabad Urf<br>along with<br>JKBOSE-RR<br>Number  | School Leaving<br>Certificate | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |  |
| 47 | 316 | Kunzer               | Mohd Sultan Bhat,<br>S/o D/o : Gh Qadir<br>Bhat, R/o : Tarhamna<br>Ab Geyyom Najar,<br>S/o D/o : Mohd<br>Sultan Najar, R/o :<br>Nawara | HSS Tarhamna                   | 03.05.1978 | 15-03-2008                            | -   | -   | -                               | -  | -                             | -                           | certificate not<br>submitted to<br>this office |
| 48 | 389 | Wagowra              | Ab Geyyom Najar,<br>S/o D/o : Mohd<br>Sultan Najar, R/o :<br>Nawara  | MS Panchayat<br>Mohalla        | 04.12.1984 | 21-09-2009                            | 234                                       | 08.03.1985                                | 13-11-1987                      | Headmaster HS<br>Haigam  | School Leaving<br>Certificate | RECORD<br>GUTTED IN<br>FIRE |  |

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Chief Education Officer  
Baramulla





## FFRC Proposes Penalty On Schools In Srinagar For Violating Orders

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Committee for Fixation of Fee Structure of Private Educational Institutions of J&K has proposed to impose a penalty of one percent of the revenue to a private school in Srinagar for violating its orders.

The committee in a communiqué to the Chairman of a school said that the school was required to charge a fee fixed by this committee. "However, a complaint has been received that you are charging a fee by making a hike of 20 percent."

Chairperson of the Fee Fixation Committee, Justice (Retd) Sunil Hali said that in case, the school authorities were aggrieved by this order, the remedy was to appear before this committee for reconsideration of the order which you have not done.

"Instead, when the parents approached you, you have shown disrespect to this committee by

telling them that you don't bother to obey the orders of the FFRC," he said.

The fee fixation committee said that it has been observed by the committee that you do not comply with the orders issued by the Government or the Committee from time to time and complaints mentioning collection of Fee at exorbitant rates by your school are pouring in.

"You have been defying orders of the committee from 2015 onwards, which shows your disrespect for the committee. Time and again notices were issued against you but you failed to appear every time," it reads.

FFRC said that the school was violating the orders of the committee and as per the rules and regulations of Jammu & Kashmir Private Schools (Fixation, Determination and Regulation of Fee) Rules, 2022, chairperson of FFRC has proposes to impose penalty of one percent of the revenue of the preceding year.

## Primary Retrograde Intrarenal Surgery successfully performed At SSH GMC Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Department of Urology at Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar's Super Specialty Hospital has achieved a medical milestone by successfully performing the first Primary Retrograde Intrarenal Surgery (RIRS) on a five-year-old child.

The surgery was conducted to treat a 2 cm renal stone using

a minimally invasive technique. RIRS, an advanced endoscopic procedure, enables surgeons to remove kidney stones through the natural urinary passage without any external incisions.

The method utilizes a flexible ureterorenoscope and a laser lithotripsy tool to precisely fragment/dust and remove the stones, renowned for its high success rate and minimal recovery time.

## Srinagar Admin Holds Workshop On Operationalization Of Decision Support System

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to enhance understanding and proficiency in operationalization of the Decision Support System (DSS) for efficient emergency response and Disaster Management, the District Administration Srinagar today organized a workshop at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex, here.

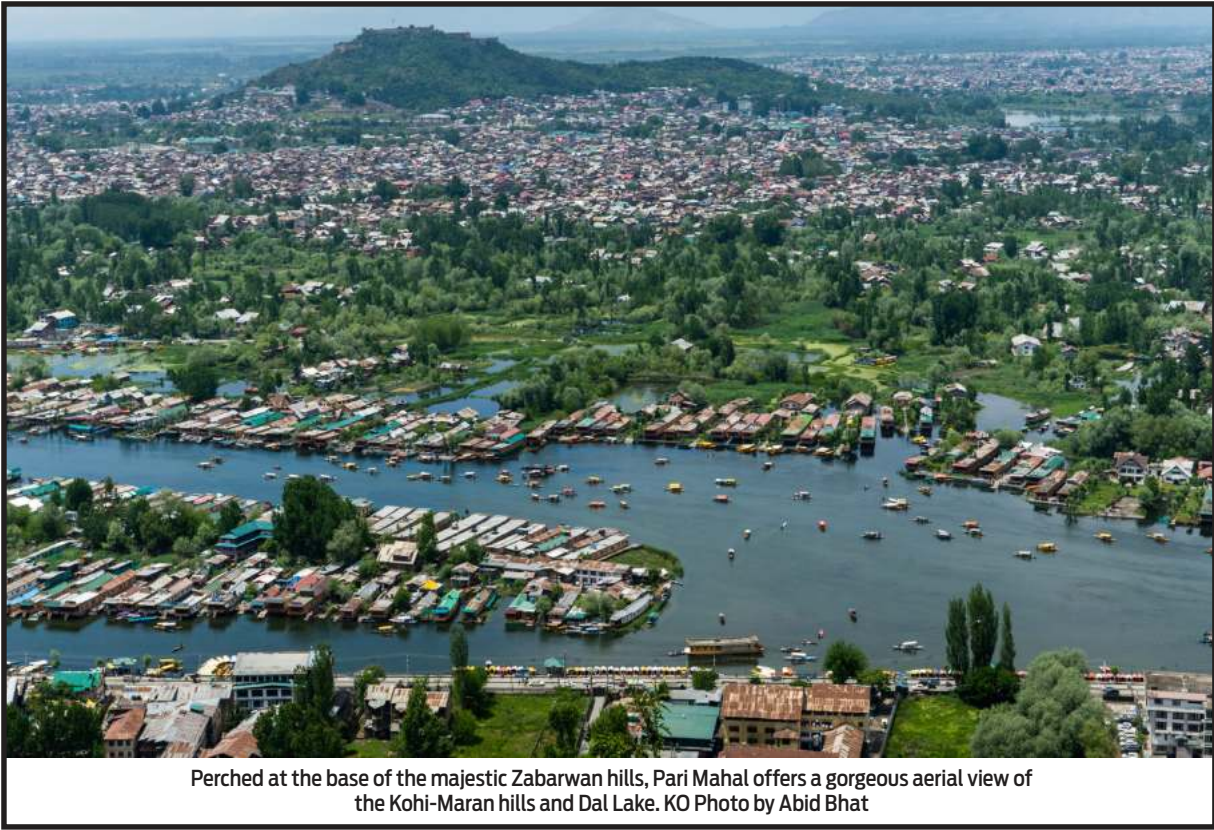
The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, who is also the Chairman District Disaster Management Authority presided over the program organized in collaboration with J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency (JKERA).

Addressing the workshop, the DC underscored the significance of the Decision Support System (DSS) and Digital Risk Database (DRDB) to respond promptly during disasters and emergencies. He said the com-

prehensive training session is aimed to enhance understanding and proficiency in utilizing the Decision Support System (DSS), a crucial application for efficient decision-making and risk management.

Dr Bilal stressed on sensitizing frontline Officers and Officials about the operation of applications in disaster and emergency like situations to report and tackle the incident.

The DC laid emphasis on further upgrading and improving the system and asked the concerned to integrate and extend the Decision Support System (DSS)/ Digital Risk Database (DRDB) applications on WhatsApp platform so that maximum population is connected to the repository for effective, robust and real-time recording of the incident and prompt response from the Administration.



Perched at the base of the majestic Zabbarwan hills, Pari Mahal offers a gorgeous aerial view of the Kohi-Maran hills and Dal Lake. KO Photo by Abid Bhat

### Fruit Vendor's Murder

## Would Stop At Nothing To Bring Case To Its Logical Conclusion: Police

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: In an attempt to bring justice to the family of a deceased fruit vendor who was stabbed to death in the Dalgate area of the city a day earlier, the Jammu and Kashmir police are busy obtaining every last bit of information necessary to prosecute the accused.

The victim, a thirty-five-year-old fruit vendor, was critically injured after being attacked by another vendor in the Dalgate area of the city with a blunt object.

Identified as Bilal Ahmad Guroo, son of Nazir Ahmed Guroo, a resident of Bemina, Srinagar, the victim later succumbed to his injuries in the hospital, police said.

Panic swept across Srinagar, leaving the people shocked, no sooner the word about the tragic murder of the fruit vendor spread. The police promptly nabbed and arrested the accused, a 20-year-old seller.



The victim was critically injured after the accused, in a fit of rage, attacked him with a blunt object after the two got into a heated argument over some issue.

The accused was identified as Hilal Ahmad Shera, son of Riyaz Ahmad Shera, a resident of Tengpora Batamalloo. Formal case FIR no 72 of 2024 under IPC section 302 was filed at the Ram Munshi Bagh police station and investigation was taken up.

"In order to charge the ac-

cused, the police team investigating the murder case is currently gathering all relevant evidence. We hope the investigation is completed soon so the charge sheet is submitted to the designated court at the earliest," a senior police official told Kashmir Observer.

The police, he said, would stop at nothing to bring the case to its logical conclusion in order to dissuade like-minded individuals from committing such horrible acts in the future.

"The investigation team is getting ready to record eyewitness statements, and they are also closely examining footage from closed-circuit television cameras that have been placed in the area," he added.

Assuring justice to the victims family, he said, the team investigating the case will prepare a robust charge-sheet to ensure the accused faces consequences for the horrible act.

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## This Day In History

- 1204 - Baldwin IX, Count of Flanders, is crowned as the first Emperor of the Latin Empire of Constantinople
- 1527 - Florence becomes a republic
- 1571 Johannes Kepler, by his own calculations, is conceived at 4:37 AM
- 1606 - 2,000 foreigners murdered in Russia
- 1648 - Battle of Zhovti Vody: Bohdan Chmielricki's cosacks defeat Polish King John Casimir after 18 days of battle
- 1771 - The Battle of Alamance, a pre-American Revolutionary War battle between local militia and a group of rebels called "The Regulators", occurs in present-day Alamancecounty, North Carolina.
- 1795 - Hedges Treaty: Bataafse Republic becomes French vassal state
- 1803 - Peace of Amiens between French Republic and Great Britain ends
- 1811- Peninsular War: Allies defeat French at Albuera
- 1822 - Greek War of Independence: Turks capture the Greek town of Souli.
- 1860 -Chicago: Republican convention selects Abraham Lincoln as candidate
- 1863 - Battle of Champion's Hill, Mississippi-bloodiest action of Vicksburg Campaign
- 1875 - Earthquake in Venezuela & Colombia kills 16,000
- 1907 - In the Pact of Cartagena, Great Britain, France, and Spain agree to maintain the status quo in the Mediterranean and along the Atlantic coast of Europe and Africa
- 1918 - The Sedition Act of 1918 is passed by the U.S. Congress, making criticism of the government an imprisonable offense.
- 1936 - 1st British air hostess Daphne Kearley flies to France
- 1941 - Last great German air attack on Great Britain (Birmingham)
- 1945 - Violent battles around Sugar Loaf and Half Moon, Okinawa
- 1948 - Chaim Weizmann elected 1st President of Israel
- 1948 - Egyptians enter Gaza
- 1956 - Egypt recognizes People's Republic of China
- 1957 - US launches its 3rd atomic submarine, USS Skate, at Groton Conn
- 1960 - Big 4 summit in Paris collapses as USSR levels spy charges against US
- 1960 - Theodore Maiman operates the first optical laser, at Hughes Research Laboratories in Malibu, California.
- 1965 - Bomb destroys USAF base Bien Hoa South Vietnam
- 1968 - Earthquake kills 47 in Japan
- 1969 - Venera 5 lands on Venus, returns data on atmosphere
- 1974 - USSR performs nuclear Test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalitinsk
- 1975 - India annexes Principality of Sikkim
- 1975 - Junko Tabei from Japan becomes 1st woman to reach summit of Mt Everest
- 1983 - Lebanese parliament accepts peace accord with Israel
- 1989 - Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev and Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping meet in Beijing and formally end a 30-year rift
- 1991 - Queen Elizabeth II becomes 1st British monarch to address US congress
- 1992 - US space shuttle STS-49 lands (maiden voyage of Endeavour)
- 2003 - In Casablanca, Morocco, 33 civilians are killed and more than 100 people are injured in the Casablanca terrorist attacks.
- 2007 - Nicolas Sarkozy becomes the 23rd President of France
- 2011 - Space shuttle Endeavour launches for its final commission in space
- 2013 - Human stem cells are successfully cloned
- 2013 - Bill Gates regains his position as the world's richest man with \$72.7 billion after losing the position in 2008

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Post-Article 370  
Politics

In the ongoing Lok Sabha election campaign in Jammu and Kashmir, a battle royale is brewing between the established political order and the emergent challengers. The political landscape is divided between the old guard, comprising the National Conference (NC), the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), and the Congress, and the new contenders, including the Apni Party led by Altaf Bukhari, the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) headed by Ghulam Nabi Azad, and the People's Conference (PC) led by Sajad Lone - albeit, the PC's provenance goes back to eighties..

The BJP's ascendancy in Jammu and Kashmir post-2015 elections, followed by its coalition with the PDP, has significantly altered the political dynamic of the region. However, the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019 further reshaped the politics of the region, giving rise to new players like the Apni Party and the restructured People's Conference.

The battle lines are drawn most sharply in the constituencies of Anantnag and Kupwara. In Anantnag, PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti faces off against NC's Mian Altaf, while in Kupwara, NC's Omar Abdullah is pitted against PC leader Sajad Lone. The outcomes of these contests will offer a glimpse into the future political scenario of the region.

The unraveling of the Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), formed to advocate for the restoration of Article 370, reflects the deep-seated divisions within the opposition ranks. The NC and the PDP, once integral members, have now begun charting independent courses.

However, this fragmentation, coupled with the BJP's strategic maneuvering, presents a formidable advantage for the saffron party. The growing number of political parties in the Valley has caused unease among many, who fear it will fragment the Kashmiri mandate and diminish the Valley's political sway.

The emergence of the PC as a significant player in North Kashmir, traditionally held by the NC and the PDP, adds a new dimension to the political landscape. Should Lone succeed in rallying North Kashmir around his party, it would transform the electoral dynamics of the Valley, splitting it among the NC, the PDP, and the PC.

However, challenges lie ahead for the new contenders. While the Apni Party's pro-New Delhi stance may not translate into votes, the DPAP is yet to make its mark. In contrast, the PC commands a definite support base in Kupwara, and its influx of leaders from the PDP and the NC has bolstered its position.

As the Lok Sabha elections draw on, the contest between the old guard and the new contenders intensifies. While the outcome of these elections will provide insight into the current political scenario, the future assembly elections will reveal how the post-Article 370 political landscape plays out on the ground.

Pakistan-administered Kashmir has experienced significant turmoil over the past weeks, with daily life severely disrupted due to the violent suppression of protests by Pakistani security forces. Normalcy was only restored after the Jammu Kashmir Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC), an alliance of civil rights groups, called off their protest.

The protests were among the largest and most intense in recent years, driven by widespread discontent over the Pakistani government's policies on basic amenities, including high electricity tariffs, reduced subsidies on wheat, and a general lack of development.

The situation escalated dramatically following the pre-emptive arrests of local leaders by Pakistani police on May 11 to prevent their planned march to the regional capital, Muzaffarabad. This heavy-handed approach, coupled with pre-existing grievances, turned the demonstrations into a full-blown crisis that refocused attention on the long-standing grievances regarding the colonial and imperial policies enforced by Pakistan in the region.

Several incidents of severe use of force and alleged human rights violations marked the protests. In Muzaffarabad, the capital, police reportedly used tear gas and shelling in residential areas, resulting in injuries to innocent bystanders, including women and children. The use of such measures in densely populated zones drew widespread condemnation for their recklessness and the harm inflicted on civilians.

In another disturbing event, police in the Belah Noor Shah area of Muzaffarabad fired at a transformer, causing it to explode and leaving the area without power. This act of targeting critical infrastructure highlighted the dangerous escalation of force and the resulting chaos for the local population.

One of the most distressing reports from Muzaffarabad involved police firing guns directly at protesters at Neelum Bridge, marking a troubling development in their engagement strategies. Similarly, in Bela Nur Shah, what began as a peaceful protest turned violent when a police van was smashed by demonstrators, reflecting the pent-up frustrations and anger of the public. In another particularly harrowing incident, over fifty policemen were allegedly involved in the torture of a child in Muzaffarabad. Such actions, if verified, represent severe violations of human rights and deepened the mistrust between the community and law enforcement.

Public anger reached a peak when the Assistant Commissioner of Sehnsa, Kotli, was captured by protesters in the village of Baroiana. This incident underscored the extent of public grievance and the drastic measures people were willing to take against perceived injustices by government officials. Further inflaming the situation, a provocative poster in Rawalakot declared that Kashmir had been merged with India, exacerbating regional instability. Meanwhile, the Canada-based Jammu and Kashmir community showed solidarity with the protesters outside the Genesis Centre, indicating the diaspora's engagement and concern over the unfolding events.

In District Mirpur, at Akalgarh, police firing resulted in dozens of injuries and one fatality. A protester was fatally injured by a bullet to the chest. A policeman named Adnan Qureshi was killed during an exchange of fire in Islam

Garh, Mirpur, adding to the growing list of casualties. In another tragic incident, during a lathi charge in Muzaffarabad, a protester fell into the Neelum River.

Moments of public intervention also highlighted the unrest, such as the detention of police officers accused of violence against protesters in Sahansa by civilians, who then handed them over to authorities. This rare instance of civilian arrest of law enforcement officers underscored the public's desperation for justice.

On May 12, a mobile service internet shutdown was enforced in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), further complicating the situation. At Sangola village on the outskirts of Rawalakot, people surrounded Frontier Corps (FC) vehicles and blocked the road from both sides. The deployment of significant forces, including 50 vehicles from the Pakistan Army and 65 from the Rangers, highlighted the government's attempt to quell the unrest.

Negotiations between the joint action committee and the government committee failed initially, leading to the senior leader of the Joint Action Committee, Sardar Umar Nazir Kashmiri, announcing a march toward Muzaffarabad. The government's offer of a flour subsidy was deemed insufficient, and other demands were not met, prompting continued protests.

On May 13, a Pakistani Army helicopter conducted aerial surveillance over the protesters in Muzaffarabad. At the Kohala entry point, protesters removed the flag of Pakistan and replaced it with the flag of AJK, symbolizing their defiance. In Bararkot, Rangers opened fire on protesters, who managed to repel them. The DSP, who had come to receive the Rangers, was also attacked by protesters. In the Lohar Gali area, Rangers engaged in stone pelting, which led to further violence.

In the United Kingdom, Kashmiris organized a protest in front of the Pakistan Embassy, supporting the JAAC. This international attention reflected the widespread concern over the situation in Pakistan-administered Kashmir.

The protests underscored broader issues of neglect and exploitation by Islamabad towards Muzaffarabad. The region has long been ignored, exploited, and plundered by Pakistani military dictatorships and governments. It lacks basic and essential infrastructure like mobile connectivity, roads, healthcare, and education. The Pakistani government's failure to address the basic needs of the people in Pakistan Administered Kashmir is not just a matter of poor governance but also a reflection of its colonial approach to the region.

For over a year, Pakistan Administered Kashmir has witnessed protests demanding essential services from the indifferent Pakistani government and its local toothless clientele administration in Muzaffarabad. The unrest began in May 2023 when residents of Rawlakote in the Poonch division protested against increased electricity charges and the withdrawal of subsidies on wheat and other staples, adding to people's misery amidst rising inflation in this severely underdeveloped region. The civil unrest spread to the whole of Paki-

Why is ‘Azad’  
Kashmir on Boil?

Mohsin Mir

The hydel power projects and power scarcity in Pakistani Kashmir exemplify the broader issues. Pakistan generates nearly 3500 MWs of its total 8000 MW of hydel power from Pakistan Administered Kashmir, mainly from the Mangla Dam (1000 MW) and the Neelum-Jhelum project (969 MW) power projects. Despite this, all electricity generated in Kashmir is transferred to the National Power Grid in Punjab by WAPDA, which runs these projects.

stan Administered Kashmir, bringing to the fore the decades-long systematic oppressive policies of the Pakistani government.

The persistent protests were a response to recurrent interference by the Pakistani government and its military establishment in the governance affairs of Pakistan Administered Kashmir. There is a consensus among local stakeholders that the Pakistan Administered Kashmir government works under the direction of a two-star military general of the Pakistan Army's Murree-based 12 Infantry Division in Punjab. According to a Human Rights Watch (HRW) report on PAKISTAN ADMINISTERED KASHMIR, the corps commander in Murree is known to summon the Azad Kashmir prime minister, president, and other government officials regularly to outline the military's views on all political and governance issues in the territory. This was demonstrated by the Pakistan military's overnight coup to oust the elected government of Sardar Tanvir Ilyas in April 2023 and install its puppet administration under Chaudhry Anwarul Haq in Muzaffarabad to secure its interests.

This recurrent meddling by Pakistan is facilitated by Pakistan Administered Kashmir's constitutional arrangement with Islamabad under the 'Azad' Jammu Kashmir Interim Constitution Act of 1974. While the Act provides for the region's nominal self-governance, its Section 56 nullifies everything by empowering Islamabad with unchecked powers to dismiss any elected government in Azad Kashmir irrespective of the support it may enjoy in the AJK Legislative Assembly. This provision reduces the Pakistan Administered Kashmir Government to an entity functioning by the Pakistanis for Pakistan, as it establishes the 'Azad' Kashmir Council, which operates under Pakistan's prime minister and holds unchallenged authority over 52 subjects, including everything of importance to everyday life of people and the region.

Additionally, Pakistan deposes its civil services and police officers to oversee the administration in the region to ensure the compliance of the local government. As such, this administration is seen as merely an extension of Islamabad's control, lacking genuine concern for the region's welfare. This has

contributed to the growing resentment among the common people against the local administration.

The manner in which successive Pakistani governments have handled Pakistan Administered Kashmir and pursued discriminatory policies relegates its residents to second-class citizens, demonstrating Islamabad's colonial approach. This is evident in the disproportionate diversion of Pakistan Administered Kashmir's significant resource contributions, particularly hydroelectric power, to Pakistan's Punjab province, while locals endure extended load-shedding and inflated electricity tariffs. Had that not been so, people would not have been forced on the roads over basic life essentials for nearly a year now, with the Pakistani administration demonstrating its disdain and indignation for the people through its indifference.

JAAC, composed of members from all districts of Pakistani Kashmir, had to negotiate basic services and essentials that had been denied by Islamabad to the locals over the years, in its 10-point Charter of Demands with Pakistan's federal government. Some of the specific demands raised in the charter include subsidies on 48 daily-use products/groceries like wheat flour, 10% free electricity generated by the Pakistani government in Pakistan Administered Kashmir, transferring of ownership of all hydroelectric projects to Pakistan Administered Kashmir government, establishment of a National Grid Station in the region to curb load-shedding, extension of 4G internet services, tax exemptions, and refurbishment of basic infrastructure damaged by Pakistan's resource exploitation of the region.

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This exploitation is exacerbated by the ecological price Pakistan Administered Kashmir has paid, including displacement and environmental degradation caused by these projects, to sustain Pakistan's national power requirements. For instance, the Mangla Dam project, commissioned in 1967, forced the displacement of hundreds of thousands of residents in the Mirpur division, with nearly 180 villages submerged and

wiped out forever. In the case of the Neelum-Jhelum project, Pakistan wrought ecological disaster in Muzaffarabad by changing the course of the Neelum and Jhelum rivers, exacerbating not only the issue of clean water availability in the capital division but also affecting the limited agricultural avenues.

Moreover, the Pakistani government has not paid the agreed-upon water royalty to the Pakistan Administered Kashmir Government in the last 56 years of Mangla Dam's functioning, effectively sitting over billions that the local government could have used to sponsor development in the region. As such, while its waters light up the whole of Pakistan, especially Punjab province, Pakistan Administered Kashmir is subjected to darkness by the colonial approach of Islamabad. The Pakistani government and its military establishment should be thankful that the JAAC's Charter of Demands asks for a mere 10% of free electricity from the power projects in Pakistan Administered Kashmir, which is the region's peak demand. This is the least that the Pakistan government could return to the people to start with, given the level of resource exploitation it has engaged in the region for the last seven decades without any accountability ever.

Additionally, the Pakistani government has weaponized the supply of wheat, a staple food in Pakistan Administered Kashmir. As local wheat production is low due to the region's topography, Pakistan Administered Kashmir depends on external supply. A mere 40 kg wheat bag is sold at over PKR 3100, which is beyond the economic means of much of this impoverished region that has a quarter of the population reeling under multidimensional poverty. The Pakistani government has gradually withdrawn subsidies for essential foods, forcing residents to pay unaffordable prices amidst high inflation and broader economic distress.

In a significant development, the JAAC called off their protest march in AJK after several days of clashes over high prices in which four people were killed and over 100 injured. The protests ended after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif approved a grant of Rs23 billion to help meet most of their demands, which included subsidies on flour and electricity prices. The alliance's head, Shaukat Nawaz Mir, announced the decision in Muzaffarabad, calling on protesters to return to their homes and businesses. The government committed to reducing wheat prices by Rs1,100 per 40kg and providing electricity at production cost. Additionally, a judicial commission was formed to scrutinize the perks enjoyed by the ruling elite, and all detainees were to be released, with cases filed against demonstrators nullified.

Despite the resolution, the violent clashes and the brutal use of force by security forces have left a deep scar on the community. The brutal suppression of protests, including the firing of live ammunition, tear gas shelling, and reports of torture, highlight severe human rights violations. The tragic loss of lives, including those of Saqib from Plate, Waqar from Dara Batangi, and Azhar from Chehla Bandi, serves as a grim reminder of the high cost of this unrest.

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Is Hard Work the Only  
Way to Wealth? No.

Did You Know?

Irshad Mushtaq

Hard work is undoubtedly important, it is not the only factor that contributes to wealth creation? Many people believe that income and wealth can only be created through hard work because that's the narrative that has been ingrained in society for generations. From a young age, we are taught that success comes from putting in effort, working long hours, and climbing the corporate ladder. This belief is reinforced by the media, with stories of self-made millionaires and successful entrepreneurs who have achieved wealth through sheer determination and hard work. However, there is another side to the story. While hard work is undoubtedly important, it is not the only factor that contributes to wealth creation. Investing is a powerful tool that can help individuals grow their wealth exponentially and achieve financial freedom. Investing allows individuals to put their money to work for them, rather than relying solely on their own labor. By investing in stocks, real estate, or other assets, individuals can leverage the power of compounding returns to grow their wealth over time. This passive income can provide financial security and freedom, allowing individuals to achieve their long-term goals and create a legacy for future generations. Despite the benefits of investing, many people are hesitant to take the plunge due to fear of risk or lack of knowledge. However, with the right education and guidance, anyone can learn how to invest wisely and build wealth for the future. In conclusion, while hard work is an important factor in wealth creation, investing is also a key tool that can help individuals achieve financial success. By understanding the power of investing and taking small steps to get started, anyone can grow their wealth and secure their financial future. It's time to shift the narrative and realize that wealth creation is not limited to just hard work, but also smart investing.

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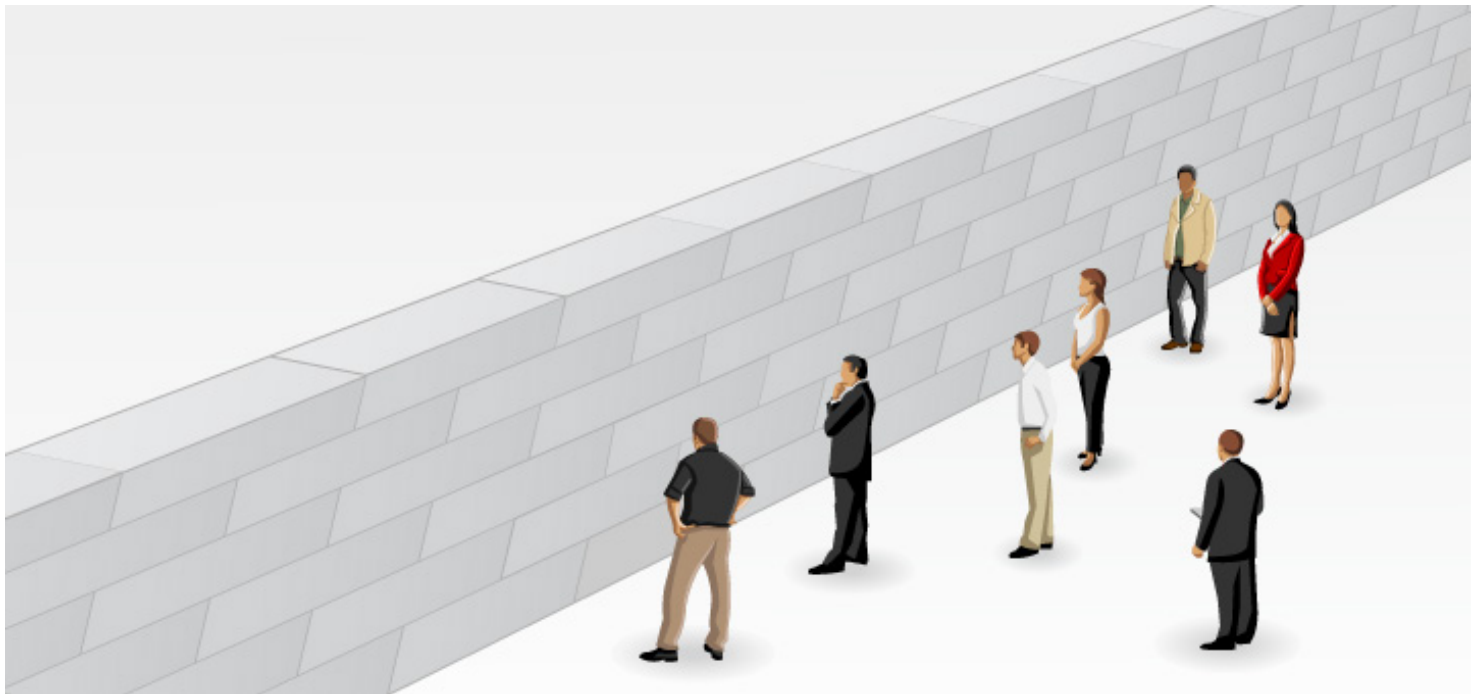
# The Weight of Society Roadblock to Personal Growth

Mubashir Arshid

Society plays a significant role in shaping our beliefs, values, and behaviors. From a young age, we are taught to adhere to societal norms and expectations in order to fit in and be accepted by the larger community. While this sense of belonging can provide a feeling of security and connection, it can also act as a roadblock to personal growth and self-actualization.

Throughout the history, societal norms and expectations have been used to control and dictate the behavior of individuals. From the rigid gender roles of the Victorian era to the conformity of the post-World War II era, society has imposed a set of rules and standards that dictate how we should think, act, and behave. These expectations can create a sense of pressure and limitation, preventing individuals from exploring their true potential and pursuing their passions.

Key figures in the field of psychology have long emphasized the importance of breaking free from societal expectations in order to achieve personal growth and fulfillment. Carl Jung, for example, believed that true self-actualization could only be achieved by confronting and overcoming the collective unconscious, which is shaped by



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societal norms and expectations. By recognizing and challenging these influences, individuals can liberate themselves from the constraints of society and em-

bark on a journey of self-discovery and personal growth.

The impact of societal norms on personal development is profound and far-reaching.

From a young age, we are bombarded with messages and images that shape our beliefs and influence our behavior. These influences can lead to self-

doubt, insecurity, and a lack of confidence in our own abilities. The fear of judgment and rejection can prevent us from taking risks, pursuing our passions, and stepping outside of our comfort zone.

In order to break free from the weight of society, it is essential to cultivate self-awareness, self-acceptance, and self-compassion. By acknowledging and challenging the societal norms

and expectations that have been imposed upon us, we can begin to redefine our sense of identity and purpose. Through introspection and reflection, we can uncover our true desires, values, and aspirations, and begin to live a life that is aligned with our authentic self.

Creating a more inclusive and supportive environment is essential in order to foster personal growth and self-actualization. By challenging traditional gender roles, stereotypes, and biases, we can create a society that celebrates diversity, individuality, and authenticity. By promoting acceptance, empathy, and understanding, we can empower individuals to embrace their uniqueness and pursue their dreams without fear of judgment or rejection.

In conclusion, the weight of society on personal growth is a complex and multifaceted issue that has been a topic of debate for centuries. While societal expectations can provide a sense of belonging and security, they can also act as a roadblock to individual growth and self-actualization. By understanding the historical context, key figures, and impact of societal norms on personal development, we can strive to create a more inclusive and supportive environment that allows individuals to flourish and reach their full potential.

## Screening Just in Time May Help With Lung Cancer

Nina Thomas

Many medical organizations have been recommending lung cancer screening for decades for those at high risk of developing the disease.

But in 2022, less than 6% of people in the U.S. eligible for screening actually got screened. Compared with other common cancer screenings, lung cancer screening rates fall terribly behind. For comparison, the screening rate in 2021 for colon cancer was 72%, and the rate for breast cancer was 76%. Why are lung cancer screening rates so poor?

I am a pulmonologist who specializes in screening and diagnosing lung cancer. In my research to improve early detection of lung cancer, I've found that numerous complex barriers hinder the widespread adoption of lung cancer screening.

### Basics of lung cancer screening

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death in the world. But early detection can significantly improve outcomes.

Survival rates for early stage lung cancer are nearly seven times higher than lung cancer that has spread in the body. Between 2015 and 2019, survival rates for lung cancer have improved by 22%, in part because of an increase in earlier diagnosis.

Most patients with early-stage lung cancer, however, have no symptoms and aren't diagnosed until they reach more advanced stages that are harder to treat, underlining the need for effective lung cancer screening.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends lung cancer screening for people 50-80 years old, people who currently smoke or previously smoked but quit within the past 15 years, and people who smoked at least 20 pack-years. Pack-years is an estimate of cigarette exposure in a person's lifetime, calculated by multiplying the total number of years someone has smoked by the average number of packs smoked per day. For example, if someone smoked half a pack per day for 40 years, they would have smoked for 20 pack-years.



### Low-dose CT scan for lung cancer

One of the primary barriers to lung cancer screening is lack of public awareness and understanding. Many people are unaware they qualify for lung cancer screening or have misconceptions around what to expect from the screening process.

Lung cancer screening involves a yearly low-dose computed tomography, or CT, scan, a diagnostic imaging tool that uses X-rays to create detailed cross sections of the inside of the body. Screening 250 patients can prevent one lung cancer death. In comparison, 645 people screened with a mammogram can prevent one breast cancer death.

Some people have reservations surrounding the scan itself because of radiation exposure. The radiation from a low-dose CT scan, however, is about 1.4 millisieverts – the scientific unit used to measure ionizing radiation – which is less than the 3 to 5 millisieverts of background radiation a person may be exposed to in a given year on average while living on Earth.

The whole process takes only a few minutes and does not require any needles, medications or infusions. During the scan, the patient lies on the scanner's sliding table and raises their arms above their head. The technologist may ask them to hold their breath for 5 to 10 seconds as the table passes through the scanner.

A radiologist summarizes the results of the test for their doctor in a report. If the result is negative for findings in the lungs, the patient would return in one year for another scan. If the result is positive, it usually means the radiologist saw a lung nodule, or a spot on the lung. Not all lung nodules are cancer, and patients may re-

quire additional imaging or a biopsy to confirm.

### Disparities in lung cancer screening

Public health campaigns and education initiatives work to engage the public and increase awareness of the availability and benefit of lung cancer screening. However, these efforts have been less effective in some of the communities most at risk for developing lung cancer.

African American men have the highest rates of developing and dying from lung cancer compared with other groups, even at younger ages and among those with less smoking history. The tobacco industry has explicitly targeted the Black community with pervasive marketing tactics in predominantly Black neighborhoods and stores. Since the 1970s, the tobacco industry has aggressively marketed menthol cigarettes to African Americans using tailored messaging and imagery. This compounds and exacerbates the socioeconomic disparities in health care and cancer care already seen in these underserved and underrepresented communities.

Rural communities face geographic barriers to lung cancer screening. About 80.5 million Americans live in counties with high rates of lung cancer and poor access to a quality screening center. Many of these counties are clustered in the Appalachian and southeastern regions of the U.S. where smoking rates are highest. Over 60% of people living in rural areas who are eligible for lung cancer screening have to travel over 20 miles to a screening facility.

Lung cancer screening may also be costly. While most private insurances and Medicare cover the cost of lung cancer screening, Medicaid policies

vary state by state and may not cover the cost of lung cancer screening. In addition, while some plans may cover the initial low-dose CT scan, they might not cover follow-up testing, procedures and treatment. Supplementary costs such as transportation, time off from work, child care and other logistical issues can also add up to create additional socioeconomic barriers to screening.

Communities that are under- or uninsured are at the highest risk of developing lung cancer. They often lack access to primary care providers, let alone specialists who can facilitate screening.

### Erasing smoking stigma

Because lung cancer is linked to smoking, stigma plays a significant role in preventing many people eligible for screening from pursuing it. Many people eligible for lung cancer screening fear being blamed for their previous or current tobacco use.

Stigma also discourages patients from discussing lung cancer screening with their health care providers or community. Clinicians can partner with patients and communities to destigmatize lung cancer and tobacco dependence, extricating the disease from blame. Framing screening as a proactive measure to help those at risk of developing lung cancer and as a collaboration with those who need help quitting smoking can empower people to actively engage in screening rather than dreading or avoiding it.

Fear is another barrier. Many people believe that a lung cancer diagnosis is a death sentence. When diagnosed early, however, doctors treat lung cancer with an intention to cure. Additionally, advances in lung cancer treatment over the past 10-15 years have led to remarkable improvements in survival for all stages of the disease. Reassurance and education around next steps and paths to treatment at the time of screening help diffuse some of the distress surrounding lung cancer.

Public health researchers are exploring how to minimize the significant and complex barriers to lung cancer screening for those who need it most.

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## Taking Health Literacy To The Next Level

Kristen A. Carter

Health literacy is a concept that addresses an individual's ability to "find, understand, and use information and services to inform health-related decisions and actions for themselves and others." This is the latest definition from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2020).

Putting it into an everyday context, health literacy can play out in many ways. Often treatment of chronic diseases like heart failure or diabetes involves compliance with medications and making lifestyle changes such as being more physically active and eating a healthier diet.

The same can be true for relatively healthy individuals. Getting people motivated to get more exercise and eat healthy foods can be an uphill battle in many different situations.

Health literacy also speaks to the issue that many individuals do not have much understanding of how their bodies work.

### Fleshing out the scope of health literacy

According to a systematic review in 2020, health literacy is considered a very promising and effective way to deal with the rise of what they term "non-communicable diseases." Our society is getting sicker with these diseases, and we are in dire need of being able to use health information to manage our health.

Lack of health literacy has been connected to poor health, high risk of mortality, and rising costs related to managing chronic diseases. Getting a grip on medical advances and new pharmaceuticals, and sorting out information presented on various forms of media are growing challenges in our modern society. Health literacy is more important than ever.

The 2020 systematic review presented research that filled in some critical elements of the concept of health literacy. It is not just about using knowledge to inform decisions. It is about knowing how to process that information and then taking actions to maintain health.

Other research cited in the review presented additional concepts. Health literacy can also include the ability to work with health providers to maintain health. In this context, it means being able to describe one's situation and preferences.

The review article concluded that there needs to be a new definition of health literacy as the "ability of an individual to obtain and translate knowledge and information in order to maintain and improve health in a way that is appropriate to the individual and system contexts."

This new definition refers to what each individual may be bringing to the table. Level of education, social support, beliefs about the importance of health, and previous experiences in the health care system can all play a part.

### It's not always about literacy

Maintaining or improving health can be a tall order, even for someone who is considered health literate. There are other things that can influence an individual's ability to manage their health.

For example, two studies of groups experiencing heart failure were concerned with the connection between health literacy and the ability to manage the disease. One study (2018) concluded that effective patient actions were not related to health literacy or knowing about heart failure. The other one (2014) found that health literacy was associated with knowledge, but that self-efficacy was associated with being able to initiate self-care for the disease.

### Going beyond health literacy

As noted in the studies of patients with heart failure, self-efficacy was a determining factor in successful self-management. People need to have a belief in their ability to organize and manage a complex situation like maintaining health.

To that aim, there are some processes that can create a solid framework for building confidence, competency, and feelings of empowerment:

#### 1. Mindset

Growth mindset is spelled out in Carol Dweck's book,

Mindset. She explains that growth mindset is the ability to convert challenges into learning experiences. It is a way to use creative thinking to solve problems or address barriers in a productive way. A growth mindset can create confidence in the individual's ability to manage their own health. On the other hand, having a "fixed mindset" means that a person may become locked into a self-perception that stifles exploration of new actions or solutions. As Dweck notes, it is possible to teach and nurture a growth mindset. Some aspects of the research have been challenged, but the concepts can be helpful.

#### 2. Motivational interviewing

Motivational Interviewing involves empathetic listening and making sure the conversation is about the individual. It is a process of asking open-ended questions that gently steer that conversation to change. Using this process, clients come to their own conclusions about what they are willing to change about their health and why. It is a supportive process that can work in concert with the constructs of health literacy.

Importantly, research tells us that motivation to adopt sustained health behaviors often comes from being committed to a deep personal value. Motivational interviewing can help to uncover what that is and link it to specific actions that contribute to healthy changes.

#### 3. Exploration

My book The End of Try Try Again and its accompanying Action Workbook address health behavior change or maintenance using many of the concepts mentioned above. Answering questions increases self-awareness, lets the person individualize their strategies, and helps them build the skills they need to make healthy changes.

These methods can be used effectively to expand and successfully implement what health literacy is hoping to achieve.

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# Paras Health Srinagar Saves Kashmiri Woman from Kargil with Advanced Stroke Care Despite Delayed Arrival by 8 Hours

The First Successful Thrombectomy in Jammu and Kashmir

Srinagar: A 35-year-old woman from Kargil, battling for her life after a sudden stroke, received a second chance thanks to the advanced 24x7 stroke care services offered by Paras Hospitals in Srinagar. As strokes are time-sensitive emergencies, and could have caused life-long paralysis to the patient, in this case despite delayed arrival, doctors at Paras Health Srinagar managed to save the life of the young woman in a remarkable 20 minutes procedure.

The patient, a housewife, a mother of four young children, experienced a stroke in Kargil. While initial medical attention was provided there, doctors determined she needed a thrombectomy, a critical procedure that removes blood clots from the brain. Ideally, this procedure is most effective within the first six hours of a stroke.

Unfortunately, the journey to a healthcare facility equipped for thrombectomy presented significant obstacles. Harsh weather conditions and transportation delays in the region due to heavy rainfall and landslides extended their travel time to nearly 12 hours. This



delay significantly reduced the typical window for a successful thrombectomy.

Despite the extended timeframe, Paras Health Srinagar, renowned for its advanced stroke care services, offers the crucial advantage of 24x7 MRI scans. This technology is vital for diagnosing strokes and determining the viability of thrombectomy

and its presence even during the night ensures swift assessment and treatment for the young woman.

Upon arrival at Paras Hospitals after nearly 12 hours, a team of specialists led by Dr Hilal Ahmad Ganaie, Associate Director- Neurology and Neuro Interventions, at Paras Health Srinagar, swiftly assessed the

woman's condition. The advanced MRI scan, a key differentiator for Paras Hospitals in the region, provided critical information. Though outside the usual timeframe, the scan indicated potential benefit from thrombectomy.

Dr Hilal Ahmad Ganaie, Associate Director- Neurology and Neuro Interventions, Paras Health Srinagar, said, "The MRI provided a series of 5-10 images that allowed us to identify a mismatch between blood flow and brain tissue. This indicated that while some damage had occurred, there was still viable tissue that could be salvaged by reopening the blocked artery. The MRI essentially guided our decision-making. Following the MRI, we performed a perfusion study to further assess the situation." He further added, "The entire procedure, including femoral puncture and clot retrieval, was completed within a remarkable 18-20 minutes using minimal devices (aspiration catheters) to maximize efficiency. This technique is called ADAPT technique, and while it can sometimes take up to an hour, our team achieved

success in this case within a much shorter time frame."

Dr. Hilal Ahmad Ganaie further informed that, "The patient's improvement was evident even during the surgery. From a state of complete confusion before the procedure, she began to understand our language on the operating table, demonstrating a significant improvement in consciousness. The local anesthesia used during the procedure allowed her to be awake but drowsy, and upon completion, she regained full consciousness with comprehension. This swift intervention was critical, as any further delay could have resulted in permanent paralysis."

The patient is expected to make a near to complete recovery within the next 4-5 months. This case exemplifies the importance of seeking immediate medical attention after a stroke. Strokes can strike anyone, regardless of age, and early intervention is paramount for maximizing recovery chances. Paras Hospitals' commitment to providing advanced 24x7 stroke care ensures hope, even in complex situations with logistical challenges.

## Should we fight climate change by re-engineering life itself?

Life has transformed our world over billions of years, turning a dead rock into the lush, fertile planet we know today. But human activity is currently transforming Earth again, this time by releasing greenhouse gases that are driving dramatic changes in our climate.

What if we could harness the power of living organisms to help rein in climate change? The field of engineering biology, which uses genetic technology to engineer biological tools for solving specific problems, may be able to help.

Perhaps the most dramatic success to date of this nascent field is the mRNA vaccines that helped us weather the COVID pandemic. But engineering biology has enormous potential not only to help us adapt to climate change, but also to limit warming. In our latest paper in Nature Communications, we reviewed some of the many ways engineering biology can aid the fight against climate change and how governments and policy makers can make sure humanity reaps the benefits of the technology.

Could engineering biology

help fight climate change?

We identified four ways engineering biology might help to mitigate climate change.

The first is finding better ways to make synthetic fuels that can directly replace fossil fuels. Many existing synthetic fuels are made from high-value crops such as corn and soybeans that might otherwise be used for food, so the fuels are expensive. Some engineering biology research explores ways to make synthetic fuel from agricultural waste. These fuels could be cheaper and greener, and so might help speed up decarbonisation.

For example, it would be much faster for airlines to decarbonise their existing fleets by switching to synthetic zero-carbon jet fuels, rather than waiting to replace their aircraft with yet-to-be-developed planes running on hydrogen or batteries.

The second is developing cost-effective ways to capture greenhouse emissions (from industrial facilities, construction and agriculture) and then use this waste for biomanufacturing valuable products (such as industrial chemicals or biofuels).

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### Amit Shah Likely

formed after the abrogation of Article 370.

Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency went to polls in the 4th phase on May 13, recording a voter turnout of over 38 percent – the highest since 1996 in the Lok Sabha elections.

Baramulla and Anantnag-Rajouri seats will go to polls on May 20 and May 25 respectively in the 7-phase Lok Sabha polls. Results will be declared on June 04.

### PoK Part Of India

"After the abrogation of Article 370 by the government in 2019 peace has returned to Kashmir. But now we witness protests in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Earlier slogans of Azadi were heard here, now the same slogans are heard in PoK. Earlier stones were pelted here, now stones are pelted in PoK," he said.

Hitting out at Congress leaders for not supporting the demand of taking over PoK, Shah said, "Congress leaders like Mani Shankar Aiyar say it should not be done as they have an atom bomb. But let me say this Pakistan-occupied Kashmir is part of India and we will take it."

Shah said the present Lok Sabha elections are about "choosing between corrupt leaders of INDI alliance and honest politician Narendra Modi, who despite being Chief Minister and then Prime Minister never had an allegation of single paisa against him."

"It's a fight between the 'Chinese guarantee' of the INDI Alliance and the concrete promises of Modi Ji. It's a fight between infiltration and the guarantee of citizenship under the CAA. It's a fight between 'Vote for Vikas' and 'Vote for Jihad'. The choice is yours," he said.

Dubbing West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as "Hirak Rani" in an apparent reference to the film "Hirak Rajar Deshe" by Oscar-awarded filmmaker Satyajit Ray, Shah said, "Satyajit Ray was a great artist and filmmaker. He made a movie - Hirak Rajar Deshe. It was quite a famous movie."

"But when Mamata ji came to power, Satyajit Ray was not there, otherwise, he would have made a movie named 'Hirak Rani', instead of 'Hirak Rajar Deshe'. Mamata Banerjee is the Hirak Rani," he said.

"Bengal is the land which gave us Vande Mataram and the national anthem Jana Gana Mana and played a key role in Bengal's freedom struggle. Both the communists and the TMC tried to end nationalism and patriotism in Bengal," he said.

Hitting out at the TMC over various scams, Shah said "No one will be spared even if Mamata Banerjee tries to protect them."

"Those involved in corruption and scams and looting common people of Bengal should be prepared to go to jail. No one will be spared," he added.

Shah slammed Banerjee for opposing the CAA and "taking out rallies in support of infiltrators" to appease her vote bank.

"Mamata Banerjee is spreading lies and canards about CAA. Why is she against refugees obtaining citizenship? She is supporting infiltration in Bengal but opposes Hindu refugees getting citizenship. She is taking of supporting infiltrators and Mullahs," he said.

The Centre in March implemented the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, notifying the rules four

years after the law was passed by Parliament to fast-track citizenship for undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan who came to India before December 31, 2014.

Referring to politics of appeasement by the TMC in Bengal, Shah said invitations for the consecration ceremony were sent to both Mamata Didi and her nephew (Abhishek Banerjee), but they chose not to attend it, "as they are afraid that infiltrators, who are TMC's vote bank, might get offended."

Hitting out at TMC candidate and sitting MP from Serampore Kalyan Banerjee for mimicking Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Shah said Mamata Banerjee and TMC leaders are known for flouting the constitution.

"Mamata Banerjee and TMC continue to flout the Constitution. Mamata's 'representative' and the TMC leader Kalyan Banerjee's ridiculous act of mocking the vice president has been a shameful case of insulting a high constitutional position in the country," he said.

A political row unfolded last year after Kalyan Banerjee mimicked Dhankhar during the opposition's protest on the Parliament stairs, condemning the suspension of opposition MPs.

Criticising the TMC's resistance to central projects in Bengal, Shah said during the Congress-led UPA regime Bengal received around Rs 2 lakh crore in a period spanning 10 years from 2004-2014.

"On the other hand, the Modi government in the last 10 years has provided a whopping Rs 9.25 lakh crore. But this money did not benefit the common people as this fund was siphoned by TMC goons..." he said.

### First Set Of

for granting Indian nationality to persecuted Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist, Parsi and Christian migrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan who came to India on or before December 31, 2014.

After the enactment, the CAA got the president's assent but the rules under which the Indian citizenship was granted were issued on March 11 this year after over a delay of four years.

While granting the citizenship certificates, the home secretary congratulated the

14 applicants and highlighted the salient features of the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024.

Secretary Posts, Director of the Intelligence Bureau, Registrar General of India and senior officers were also present during the interactive session when the certificates were issued.

Home Minister Shah said the Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian brothers and sisters who fled religious persecution in the three countries have started getting Indian citizenship and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has fulfilled the promise made at the time of the country's independence.

"I express my gratitude to Modiji for giving justice and rights to these people who suffered for decades. I also assure all my refugee brothers and sisters that the Modi government will give citizenship to all of them through the CAA," he said on X in Hindi. "Modi's guarantee...the guarantee of fulfilling promises."

The CAA rules envisage the manner of application form, procedure for processing applications by the District Level Committee (DLC),

scrutiny and grant of citizenship by State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC).

"In pursuance of these rules, applications have been received from persons belonging to Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist, Parsi and Christian communities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who have entered into India up to December 31, 2014 on account of persecution on grounds of religion or fear of such persecution," the spokesperson said.

The DLCs chaired by Senior Superintendents of Post or Superintendents of Post as designated officers, on successful verification of documents, have administered the oath of allegiance to the applicants.

After processing as per rules, the DLCs have forwarded the applications to SLEC headed by the Director (Census Operation). Processing of applications is completely done through the online portal.

The empowered committee, Delhi, headed by Director (Census Operation), Delhi, after due scrutiny, has decided to grant citizenship to 14 applicants. Accordingly, Director (Census operation) granted certificates to these applicants, the spokesperson said.

The passing of the CAA in 2019 sparked protests in different parts of the country with agitators terming it "discriminatory". Over a hundred people lost their lives during the anti-CAA protests or police action in various parts of the country.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has been maintaining that no one can stop the implementation of the CAA as it is the law of the land. He accused the opposition of misleading the people on the issue.

### Access To Safe

Jal Jeevan Mission.

The LG took stock of the IEC activities and dedicated measures undertaken by the department for Community Mobilization and capacity building of human resource with regard to Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance.

The LG also reviewed the Action Plan for Summer season and directed for effective measures to meet the water demand.

Progress under Centrally Sponsored schemes, PMDP projects and various other key projects, works under Shri Amarnathji Yatra, UT Specific Action Plan for Water Sector and governance initiatives of Jal Shakti Department were also discussed.

Meeting was attended by Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to LG; Atal

Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Shaleen Kabra, Financial Commissioner, Jal Shakti Department; Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Finance Department; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to LG; Dr. Ghulam Nabi Ito, Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission J&K, Chief Engineers and other senior officers.

### 'Ensure Hassle-free

infrastructure development for ease of living for citizens and quality and speedy delivery of services is our top priority, the LG said.

He directed the Revenue Department, Divisional Commissioners and all the Deputy Commissioners to streamline the on-line services with regard to mutations, change of land use, legal heir certificates, SC, ST, and OBC certificates.

He also asked the officers to ensure hassle-free access of land records and necessary certificates to all the citizens.

The chair was briefed on the progress achieved in scanning, uploading and digitization of data, status of properties pertaining to Evacuee, Waqf assets and transfer of land for various public purposes.

The meeting also discussed the progress on Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA), realization of Revenue collection, services provided on Revenue Plus and computerization of Revenue Courts.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to LG; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Shaleen Kabra, Financial Commissioner Revenue; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to LG; Prasanna Ramaswamy G, Secretary, Revenue; Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and other senior officials attended the meeting.

### Search Operation

sources said that sometimes these pieces of information turn out to be wrong, but in a few instances, the details shared by people, especially women, have some substance. However, despite these efforts, no tangible results have been achieved.

"We receive information from the public on a daily basis, and to verify the authenticity of the information, police officers accompanied by the Army and other intelligence agencies reach out to the people. Subsequently, search operations are launched, but so far, nothing significant has been discovered," a source said.

A few days ago, Udhampur Police had apprehended a suspect from

Kathua district and had released sketches of terrorists allegedly involved in the killing of the VDG member. However, the terrorists have managed to evade capture thus far.

Meanwhile, an official said the search operation will continue until it is formally called off by Udhampur police. (KNO)

### 6 Killed In Road

hit by a truck coming from the wrong side on a bridge in Samba along the Jammu-Pathankot highway, they said.

The accident took place around 10 am when the two were headed towards Pathankot.

The driver of the truck, which was on its way to Jammu, fled the scene and efforts are on to arrest him, police said.

In the Surankote area of Poonch, a passenger vehicle driven by 26-year-old Mohd Naseer Khan skidded off the road and fell into an over-100 metre gorge near his house in Buzliaz around 11.30 am. He died on the spot.

A 17-year-old girl, identified as Saboor Rafiq, was killed when she was hit by a speeding truck near the Banihal court complex along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Ramban district, police said, adding, they have arrested the driver.

In another incident in Ramban along the same highway, a driver was killed and two passengers injured, when a rashly driven truck hit a parked dumper near Dalwas.

They said the injured were rushed to hospital, while efforts are on to identify the deceased truck driver. |

### HC Clears Path

if the same is continued," the bench said.

The judge said there was no blanket stay order which could have caused legal impediment for the respondents to have finalized the tender.

"The respondents have misinterpreted the staying of the communication as a stay on the entire tender process," the order said, adding that the court deemed it proper to modify the interim order by giving liberty to the respondents to proceed with the tender issued on August 6, 2022, or publish another tender, if circumstances so warrant.

### NIA Court Grants

for the custodial interrogation of the accused/applicant(Asif)," the court said, adding, "The accused/ applicant was already under PSA till Feb

2024."

Further, the court said, it has not been brought to its notice that the conduct of accused person, Asif, in judicial custody is such that it does not warrant the release on bail.

"The further detention of the accused person/applicant in the custody shall not serve any purpose," the court said and admitted Asif to bail provided he furnishes bail bond to the tune of Rs.1,00,000 with one surety in the like amount. However the court imposed at least 11 conditions, among others directing Asif not to use any secret or encrypted messaging apps or any proxy network (viz VPNS) to remain "anonymous and circumvent provisions of India Telegraph Act and Indian Wireless Act."

He has also been asked to provide mobile numbers issued in his name along with telecom network to the Investigating Officer/SHO of the concerned police station.

Besides, he has been asked to disclose the details of the cell phone device to be used by him (IMEI number and make like MI, Samsung, Oppo etc) to the investigating officer/ SHO. He has also been barred from using any mobile number or device other than the ones disclosed to the Investigating Officer /SHO of the concerned police station.

In case Asif wants to buy another mobile handset or a new SIM Card in the event of damage, loss, theft or to upgrade, he has been directed to seek prior permission from the court as well as furnish the information to the IO / SHO of the concerned police station.

He has also been asked to appear before the Investigation Officer of the case as and when required, not "misuse" liberty or get in touch with any of the witnesses or try to influence the course investigation. He has also been directed not to leave the territorial jurisdiction of the court without its prior permission or change his residence during the period of bail without informing the court.

"That the accused/applicant shall not commit any offence in the future," the court added. |

### Lawyer Files Case

submitted the complainant before the court of Judicial Magistrate Pampore in a written form according to sources.

The complainant further appealed to the Court for an investigation into the matter so that the accused can be dealt with under the provisions of law, they added.

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# Amid terror attacks, Security situation reviewed in Jammu

Agencies

**JAMMU:** A joint security review meeting with a focus on counter-terrorism operations in the Jammu region was held in view of the recent terror attacks on an IAF convoy in Poonch, officials said.

General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Jammu-based 16 Corps (also known as White Knight Corps) Lt Gen Navin Sachdeva chaired the meeting which was attended by Additional Director General of Police, Jammu zone, Anand Jain and representatives of intelligence agencies, they said.

"...the discussions concluded with a reinforced commitment to ensuring the safety and stability of the region and coordinate the ongoing anti-terror operations," the White Knight Corps wrote on X after the meeting.

The meeting assumes significance as it takes place in the backdrop of a major terrorist attack on a convoy of Indian Air Force (IAF) near Sanai top



in Surankot area of Poonch on May 4, resulting in the killing of a soldier and injuries to four others.

Terrorists have also killed a government employee Mohd Razaq, brother of an Army personnel, at Kunda Top village in Rajouri's Shahdra area on April 22, and a village defence guard

Mohd Sharief in Basantgarh area of Udhampur on April 28.

A breakthrough has evaded the security forces so far even as massive search operations are underway in densely forested areas of Rajouri, Poonch, Udhampur and adjoining areas, including Kathua and Reasi districts, to track down the

terrorists behind the attacks, some of whom are believed to have infiltrated from across the border.

The security review meeting is also significant in view of the Lok Sabha polls in Rajouri and Poonch districts which are part of Anantnag constituency that is going to polls on May 25.

## Ensure Pothole Free Roads For Smooth Riding: Div Com

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Emphasizing on smooth riding surface of all roads, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Wednesday directed concerned officers of PWD for finishing all works on the City roads and ensure pothole free roads across Kashmir Division.

He stressed on agencies entrusted with upgradation and development of roads to strictly adhere to deadlines for completion of project works at critical junctions and locations.

Besides, he directed for macadamization of roads and landscaping of walkways, and instructed officers to execute works at different sites through double shift working plan.

Underlining the utmost urgency of completion of work at Jahangir Chowk Junction, Div Com asked CE, SSCL to accelerate ongoing developmental works and finish it within a couple of days.

Bidhuri also directed CE, PWD for improvement of rid-



ing surface at Nowgam flyover besides finishing pending construction work at Bemina and Nowgam flyover within stipulated time.

CE assured the meeting smooth riding surface of service roads of Nowgam Flyover from today evening.

Among others, the meeting was attended by CE Smart City Srinagar; CE PWD and Joint Commissioner SMC besides other officers.

Earlier, Div Com chaired a meeting regarding Shri Amarnathji Yatra-2024, wherein he directed concerned officers to

enhance the registration process of service providers to saturate the requirement for smooth conduct of pilgrimage.

He also asked all stakeholder departments to initiate the tendering process for implementation of developmental work plans for SANJY.

The meeting was attended by DC, Anantnag, DC Ganderbal; ADC Bandipora; CEOs of Pahalgam & Sonmarg Development Authorities, officers of SASB, KPDCCL, R&B, Animal Husbandry, Labour Department, SMC, Sanitation, NHIDCL, BRO and other departments—(KNO)

## NIA Chargesheets 10th Accused In Drone Dropping Case

Agencies

**NEW DELHI:** The National Investigation Agency has chargesheeted one more accused in the case involving delivery of arms and ammunition from across the border in 2022 via drones by Lashkar-e-Taiba.

In a statement, issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), a spokesperson said that Zakir Hussain is the 10th accused against whom charges have been filed in the case RC-6/2022/NIA/JMU by NIA.

The statement reads that 9 other accused were previously chargesheeted under various sections of IPC, UA (P) Act, Arms Act and Explosive Substances Act.

"Zakir Hussain was supporting and assisting the operatives of LeT in collecting and delivering the arms and ammunition con-

signments dropped by the drone coming from the Pakistan side," it reads.

It added that the case was originally registered by Rajbagh police in Kathua district

of Jammu on 29th May 2022 after a drone (hexacopter) was intercepted and recovered with several rounds of Under Barrel Grenade Launcher (UBGL) and magnetic bombs near Dhalli area. NIA took over the case on 30th July 2022.

"Among the accused chargesheeted by NIA one is Faisal Muneer, identified as the main handler of the overground worker (OGW) network active in the border area villages of Kathua, Jammu. Faisal Muneer was working under the directions of designated terrorist Sajjad Gul of the proscribed LeT terror outfit.

The statement added that further investigations in the case are going on—(KNO)

## Vikas Gupta Is DIG ACB; 2 SPs, 3 DySPs Also Posted In Anti Corruption Body

**SRINAGAR:** The government has transferred Vikas Gupta (IPS), Deputy Inspector General of Police, Prisons, and posted him as DIG Anti Corruption Bureau, J&K (ACB) against an available vacancy in the interest of administration.

Separately two Superintendents of Police— Amit Verma, JKPS, Dy. CO Border Bn. Jammu and Surinder Kumar, JKPS, Dy.

CO IR 24th Bn—have been posted in the ACB.

Also, five Deputy Superintendents of Police have been transferred and posted in ACB. They include Narinder Singh from IR 16th Bn, Shwetambri Sharma from IR 15th Bn, Davinder Singh from HG Doda, Mudasir Tramboos from TRFC Pul-Shopian and Imran Malik from Crime Branch Jammu.

## Massive Voter Turnout Outcome Of People's Anger: Iltija

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Iltija Mufti arrived in Poonch on Wednesday to campaign for her mother, Mehbooba Mufti, who is contesting from the Anantnag-Rajouri parliamentary seat. With the elections scheduled for May 25, Iltija led a roadshow from Poonch Dak Bungalow to Mandi, aiming to rally support through various programs and roadshows throughout the day.

As per news agency correspondent, speaking to the media on the sidelines, Iltija emphasized the developmental work carried out by her grandfather, Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, particularly for the people of Poonch. She highlighted his contributions and contrasted the PDP's approach with that of other parties, stating, "We do not work to make people fight like other parties. We do not work to divide people in the name of caste and religion. I have come to Poonch with a message of peace and positivity."

Iltija urged the youth to exercise their voting rights wisely, underscoring the PDP's support for them. She stressed the importance of youth participation in shaping the future, stating, "I urge the youth to use their



power and vote properly. PDP is with them."

When questioned about the ongoing situation in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), Iltija chose to remain focused on the current elections in Kashmir. "Right now, my focus is on the elections going on in Kashmir," she said, avoiding entanglement in broader geopolitical issues.

Addressing the significant voter turnout in the recent Lok Sabha elections in Kashmir, Iltija interpreted it as a sign of public discontent with the decisions made in 2019, which included the abrogation of Article 370. "People are angry against the wrong decision taken in 2019, and that is why they are voting in large numbers," she said and expressed confidence in Mehbooba Mufti's victory.

Throughout the day, Iltija's campaign efforts in Poonch were aimed at galvanizing support for Mehbooba Mufti—(KNO)

## Jammu And Kashmir Participates In Cannes Film Festival 2024

KO NEWS SERVICE

**CANNES:** Today marked a historic day as the official delegation from Jammu & Kashmir participated in the 77th edition of world famous Cannes Film Festival for the first time ever. The Jammu and Kashmir Booth in the Bharat Pavilion of the famed Cannes Film Market (Marche du Film) was inaugurated by H. E. Shri. Jawed Ashraf, Ambassador of India to France and Shri Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Gol, along with dignitaries from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, National Film Development Corporation as well as leading personalities of Indian and International Cinema.

Rehana Batul, Secretary Information, J&K and Jatin Kishore, Director Information and Public Relations are representing Jammu & Kashmir at this international event, showcasing the vibrant cinema culture and scenic beauty of the region to the global audience. The presence of Jammu and Kashmir at this global stage aims to promote Jammu and Kashmir as Film Makers' paradise and will definitely



attract the attention of Film Producers of international repute to come to shoot in Jammu and Kashmir. The Cannes Film market will prove to be an ideal destination for promotion of recently launched, highly lucrative and producer friendly J&K Film Policy, 2024.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has recently accorded Industry Status to Film Making in J&K. The Film making in the Union Territory has got a fillip with Single Window Permissions and dedicated Nodal Officers for 24x7 assistance to the production houses shooting in J&K. The newly launched policy provides for attractive financial incentives by the government as well as a Local Talent Directory for promotion of Film Industry in the region.

## Youth Suffering Unjustly, Will Revise Verification Process: Omar

Agencies

**BARAMULLA:** National Conference vice president and Lok Sabha Baramulla Parliamentary constituency candidate, Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said that if voted to power, the party will revise and streamline the verification process for youth, who are "suffering unjustly due to faults they haven't committed".

Addressing a gathering in the Tangmarg village of north Kashmir's Baramulla district, Omar, as per the news agency said that youth are currently being harassed and subjected to inconvenience regarding police verifications. They are being held accountable for crimes they did not commit, he said.

"We must fight for the release of the youth languishing in jails outside Kashmir, who are detained without any charges. Only then will the people of Kashmir receive justice," he added.

Abdullah said when he was in power, he focused on halting the blacklisting system. "A mili-



tant's son is not a militant, a militant's relative is not a militant. It's not justified. Even youths who were not born during the 1990s are being denied verifications, citing that their relative was a militant at that time," he said, adding "Those who formed militant groups and provided weapons to people are enjoying themselves. Their verification was never halted and their passports were never revoked."

We will revise and streamline the verification process to ensure that youth do not face undue hardships, the NC leader promised.

The former chief minister further said that Jammu and Kashmir now tops the list of unemployment. "From civil

administration departments to top-ranking police officers, every official is from outside J&K, who cannot even understand the Kashmiri language," he claimed.

"Whether it is the recruitment in J&K banks to contracts for sand extraction from the Jhelum, outsiders are being given preference. Where should the people go?" Omar questioned.

He said Kashmir has witnessed the worst since the abrogation of Article 370. "Be it electricity or any other basic necessity, people have to pay for nothing. Our electricity is nowhere to be found; we experience hours of power cuts despite smart meters. Even our villages are now receiving electric bills above 1600 rupees. When I was in power, it used to be Rs 200-400," he said.

Urging people to vote for him on May 20, the NC leader said, "It is only a semi-final now. We have to prepare for the finals, which are the assembly elections," he said.—(KNO)

## IUST Celebrates International Nurses Day

**AWANTIPORA:** Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) celebrated International Nurses Day at its campus today. The event, themed "Our Nurses, Our Future," was jointly organized by Alamdar Memorial College of Nursing and Medical Technology and Syed Mantaqi Memorial College of Nursing and Medical Technology. The celebration highlighted the vital contributions of nurses to society's health and well-being.

Prof. A.H. Moon, Dean Aca-

demics at IUST and Chief Guest, emphasized the importance of supporting and promoting nurses' well-being, improving their working conditions, and investing in their career advancement. He affirmed IUST's commitment to providing top-notch training for nurses, recognizing them as the backbone of the health system.

Prof. Waseem Bari, Registrar IUST, expressed sincere gratitude for the daily compassion and dedication shown by nurses,

underscoring their crucial role in providing high-quality patient care. Prof. Ayub Qadri, Dean of the School of Health Sciences, spoke about the university's vibrant research culture, which ensures nursing students are exposed to advanced and updated information. Prof. (Dr.) Muneera Bashir, Principal, MMINSR shared her thoughts on the significance of Nurses Day, praising the professionalism and expertise of nurses in various healthcare settings.

## VC KVIB Reviews Bankers Performance

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Vice Chairperson, Jammu & Kashmir Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB), Dr. Hina Shafi Bhat, today chaired a Bankers meet to review progress on schemes being implemented under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) at Civil Secretariat here.

The KVIB officers gave a detailed presentation on performance of KVIB Kashmir division under PMEGP and JKREGP.

The VC held deliberations on the wide range of issues including sanctioned cases for loan, rejection of cases by banks, pendency of cases besides increasing the performance under the schemes.

The VC had exhaustive interaction with concerned officer regarding the implementation

status of these scheme in their respective districts. She asked the representatives of various banks not to reject cases on frivolous issues and approve the cases as per merit.

She expressed satisfaction over the target achieved under the schemes and stressed on the Bankers to follow guidelines strictly to reduce pendency of cases approved by KVIB. She further suggested measures to lower the rejections and directed the concerned officers to make the beneficiaries aware about the schemes to further reduce the rejection cases.

The VC reviewed the district wise performance of KVIB Kashmir division under PMEGP and JKREGP for the year 2023-24. She asked the Bankers to sensitize the branch officers of their respective banks regarding disbursement of loan cases for entrepreneurial units of applicants.

## Traders, Locals Demand Fire Station In Sonamarg

Agencies

**GANDERBAL:** The traders and locals at Sonamarg in Ganderbal district here are up in arms against the authorities for failing to establish a fire station in the area.

Shabir Ahmad, member of the Beopar Mandal in Sonamarg told the news agency—that for the past three decades, the community has been requesting a seasonal fire station, but no action has been taken so far.

The fire tender has to reach here from Gund area whenever any fire incident takes place. Gund is nearly 23 kilometers away and takes lot of time to reach Sonamarg.

"Sonamarg is a famous tourist destination in the Kashmir valley, attracting hundreds of thousands of tourists," Ahmad said and recalled that several decades ago, a devastating fire destroyed the main market of Sonamarg.

Following the incident, the community was assured that a seasonal fire station would be established, but no progress has been made in this regard.

The damage would have lessened if the fire tenders had been on the spot.

In 2006 and 2007, 2016, 2024, dozens of shops were gutted in separate devastating fire incidents and authorities assured that a fire station will be set up here, however nothing has been done in this regard, thereby leaving the local populace here to lurch at large, the traders and locals said.

In the recent fire, a residential quarter of a hotel was gutted.

Local police, residents, the Transit Camp Sonamarg, and Mega Engineering provided water tankers to douse the flames while the fire tenders reached the spot very late, local shopkeepers told KNO.—(KNO)

## Mahindra Encash Automotive Unveils The All-New Mahindra XUV 3XO In Srinagar



**SRINAGAR:** Mahindra Encash Automotive proudly introduced the all-new Mahindra XUV 3XO, an innovative addition to Mahindra's esteemed line up of SUVs.

Designed for the modern adventurer, the XUV 3XO combines cutting-edge technology with superior performance, redefining what it means to drive an SUV at its dealership situated at Hyderpora Bypass, Srinagar.

The unveiling ceremony was graced by distinguished guests Shamim Ahmad Relationship Managers LCU RESIDENCY ROAD SRINAGAR, and Abdul Wahid CCM RO Chandigarh Mahindra & Mahindra, who together unveiled the SUV. The event was also attended by Ms. Maham Rouf, CEO of Mahindra Encash Automotive, and Irfan Parry, General Manager Mahindra Encash Automotive.



# IPL 2024: SRH Look To Seal Playoff Berth Against Lowly Gujarat Titans

Press Trust of India

**HYDERABAD:** Masters of their own fate right now despite being erratic, Sunrisers Hyderabad will hope their destructive batting line-up delivers when they take on Gujarat Titans in pursuit of a playoffs berth in the Indian Premier League here on Thursday.

Another win will be enough for Sunrisers to seal a playoff berth as they need only one point to ensure qualification.

But the Pat Cummins-led side will also want to challenge for the top two spots, which is a possibility considering they have one more game after this match and a healthy net run rate of +0.406.

SRH have 14 points from 12 matches and can reach a maximum of 18 points, which may be enough to ensure a top-two finish if other results go their way.

Not only are the Sunrisers play-



ers well-rested ahead of the clash against GT as they got a week off, their morale will also be sky high after notching yet another record-breaking win against Lucknow Super Giants on May 8.

If the bowlers did a commendable job to restrict LSG to a blow-par score, the opening duo of Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma made a mockery of the hosts by chasing down 166 in just 9.4 overs

to notch a 10-wicket win at home. SRH have made a habit of securing unbelievable victories throughout the season but they have also suffered sizeable defeats, including against GT (by 7 wickets) earlier in

the competition.

The boom or bust approach by the batters has either done exceedingly well or has simply let the side down, including three times in the last five games, where SRH lost to RCB (by 35 runs), CSK (by 78 runs) and MI (by 7 wickets).

The 2016 champions would hope Head and Sharma deliver as SRH are heavily dependent on the explosive starts provided by the duo.

They will also want to do a better job at re-building their innings, especially while chasing. The likes of Nitish Reddy, Heinrich Klassen and Abdul Samad need to manage that better.

On the other hand, the Titans, who have only five wins from 13 games and are on 11 points, are out of the reckoning and will look to end their forgettable campaign on a high.

## 'Pakistan Has Mental Block When Playing India In World Cup'



Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Former Pakistan captain Misbah-ul-Haq believes his country will find it difficult to edge past India when the two sides clash in next month's T20 World Cup as there seems to be a "mental block" when it comes to playing the arch-rivals in ICC events.

India and Pakistan will clash on June 9 in New York in arguably the most awaited league stage match of the T20 World Cup that begins on June 1 in the Americas. India have lost to Pakistan just once (in 2021) in seven T20 World Cup matches.

"You call it Pakistan's jinx or mental block when it comes to playing India in World Cups. Pakistan will need to do a lot because this is a very skilled Indian team with a powerful bowling line-up and two good spinners," Misbah said on 'Star Sports Press Room' on Wednesday.

"India has quality fast bowlers in (Jasprit) Bumrah, (Mohammed) Siraj and Hardik (Pandya). The Indian cricket team's quality has risen many folds. It will be difficult to break, mental attitude matters a lot and Australia handles the mental side the best way.

"There is no pressure of excess baggage with Australia, and it needs to be seen how both India and Pakistan handle that pressure." Misbah said Virat Kohli, who has

played some memorable knocks against his country, will once again be a major threat even though there has been considerable chatter surrounding his strike rate in the ongoing IPL.

"Kohli is going to be a big factor. He has damaged Pakistan many a times. He enjoys supremacy over Pakistan mentally. He takes motivation from big occasions and not pressure," he said.

"The Virat Kohli effect will definitely be there. He is a top-class cricketer. He is one player who can win you matches, strike rates don't matter. Good players take motivation from those voices or criticism."

Misbah still hasn't forgotten the ill-executed scoop shot in the inaugural T20 World Cup final against India in 2007.

With Pakistan needing just six runs to win from the last four balls, Misbah attempted that shot over fine leg which was caught by S Sreesanth as Pakistan crumbled to 152, chasing a target of 157, handing India the trophy. But Misbah said that tournament was responsible for the rapid growth of T20 cricket.

"In 2007 T20 World Cup, all teams were not so serious. India handed captaincy to a young (Mahendra Singh) Dhoni. But the final between India and Pakistan, the greatest rivalry in the history of cricket. The hype that T20 got after that World Cup is immense.

## Inter-School Football Competition Concludes In Ganderbal

Observer News Service

**GANDERBAL:** An inter-school zonal level Football competition for boys Under-14 years concluded at GCOPE Gadoora Ganderbal on Wednesday, with YSS Ganderbal hosting the final match between New Dreamland and Qamaria HSS Ganderbal.

The event witnessed the presence of Dr. Hartej Singh, Principal of GCOPE Gadoora Ganderbal, and Dr. Mushtaq Azad, as the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour, respectively.

The final match culminated in Qamaria HSS Ganderbal's 2-0 victory over New Dreamland.

Dr. Hartej Singh extended his congratulations to both fi-



nalist teams, recognizing their dedication and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

Both the winning and runner-up teams were honored with well-deserved trophies, acknowledging their exemplary performances.

In parallel, Zone Kangan hosted an exhilarating inter-school

Handball competition for boys U-14 years at the zonal office ground in Kijpara Kangan.

A total of 152 students from 14 schools of Zone Kangan actively participated in the event.

Zone Tullamulla organised an intramural Handball competition at MS Sehpora and MS Bunpora.

## Zonal Level U-14 & U-17 Sports Events Held In Anantnag

Observer News Service

**ANANTNAG:** The Department of Youth Services and Sports Anantnag on Wednesday organised various sports competitions across district Anantnag.

Zone Mattan inaugurated a two-day Inter-School Zonal Level U-14 and U-17 (boys & girls) yoga competitions at Sports Stadium Mattan (Tik Bagh) with 175 students participating. The winners in the U-17 boys category were Mohd Saqib Dar (HS Kehribal) in 1st place, Saqlain Nazir (HSS Mattan) in 2nd place, and Riyaan Majeed (HSS Mattan) in 3rd place.

In the U-14 boys category, Fawad Yousuf (GMS Nanil) secured 1st place, followed by Fauzan Farooq and Ayan Manzoor from Ace International



School Mattan in 2nd and 3rd places, respectively.

Meanwhile in Doru, various activities were organised, including Chess, Carrom, Badminton, Sports Quiz, Painting, and Rope Skipping for U-17 girls at MS Chakpath. A total of 196 girls from both government and private institutions participated in these events.

In Zone Shangus, an inter-school zonal level Rope Skipping and Badminton competition for

U-14 and U-17 girls was held at HSS Shangus. Approximately 225 students participated in the event. In the U-14 Rope Skipping competition, Nahida Jan from MS Goswaniwooder secured 1st place. In the U-17 category, Masrat Khurshid from HSS Utersoo won 1st place. In the U-17 Badminton singles competition, Seerat Jan from HSS Utersoo secured 1st place. HSS Utersoo won the U-17 Badminton Doubles competition.

## Short TAKES

### Rohit Sharma Reveals The Batter He Enjoys Watching Currently

Indian skipper Rohit Sharma opened up on the batter he currently enjoys watching. Sharma named England opener Zak Crawley and Australian opener Steve Smith as two players he enjoys watching currently.

"I watched Zak Crawley very closely this season and enjoyed watching him bat. I also enjoyed Steve Smith's batting, although he is different from the rest, I mean he has the ability to deal with things in the middle. He has his own way but he is successful," said Rohit.

### PBKs' Kagiso Rabada Leaves IPL 2024 Early After Suffering Injury

Punjab Kings (PBKS) and South Africa pacer Kagiso Rabada has left the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 early after suffering an injury during a match but is expected to play in the upcoming T20 World Cup 2024, according to a report from ESPNcricinfo.

In the 17th season of the IPL, Rabada appeared in 11 matches for the Punjab-based franchise, where he picked up 11 wickets at an economy rate of 8.86.

### Hasaranga, Shakib Share Top Spot In T20I All-Rounders List



Ahead of the T20 World Cup, Sri Lanka's Wanindu Hasaranga and Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan share the top spot on the updated list for T20I all-rounders. Only 23 rating points separate the top five players on the T20I all-rounders rankings. Afghanistan's Mohammad Nabi held third place, just a further 10 rating points adrift.

Zimbabwe's Sikandar Raza gained two places and rose to the fourth spot, while South Africa's Aiden Markram lost one spot and dropped to the fifth spot.

### Alizadeh Aiming For Gold With Bulgaria After Fleeing Iran

Kimia Alizadeh made history by becoming the first Iranian woman to win an Olympic medal back in 2016 and, despite since defecting and all the difficulties involved, the taekwondo athlete is now aiming for gold this year in Paris.

Alizadeh won bronze in the 57kg category in Rio but left her country in 2020 and, after competing at the Tokyo Olympics for the Refugee Olympic Team, the 25-year-old will now represent her new home, Bulgaria.

### Bayern Gives Contracts To Trio Of Promising Teenagers

Bayern Munich is rewarding three promising youth players with their first professional contracts.

Croatian midfielder Lovro Zvonarek (19), who scored in his first start for Bayern in the win over Wolfsburg last weekend, and Spanish-Moroccan left winger Adam Aznou (17) have been given contracts through June 2027, Bayern announced Wednesday.

The 18-year-old defensive midfielder Noël Aséko Nkili, a German youth international, signed a deal through June 2026.

## Neeraj Chopra Strikes Gold In First Indian Event In Three Years

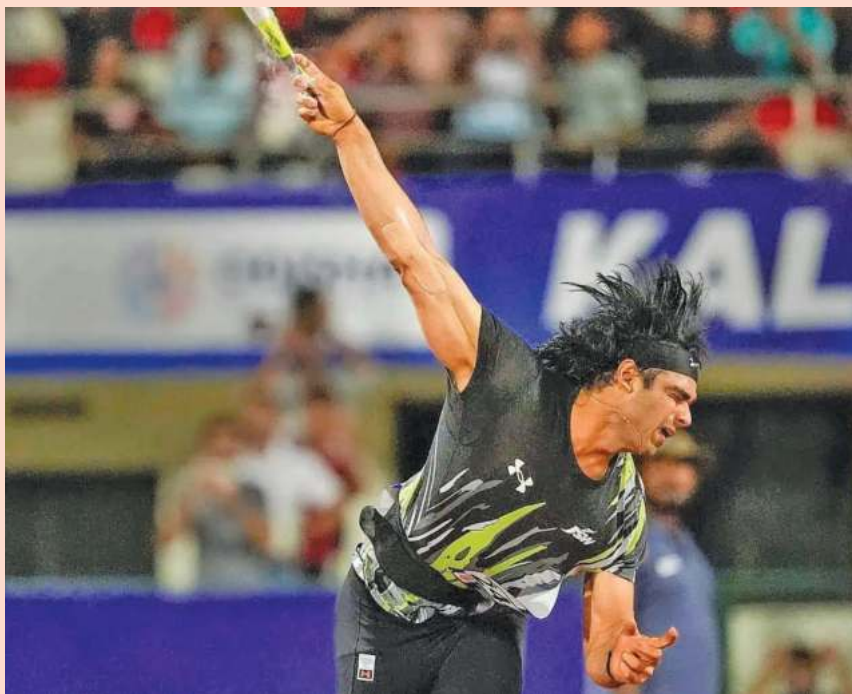
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**BHUBANESWAR:** Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra won the gold medal in men's javelin throw event of the Federation Cup here, his spear shimmering through the balmy Wednesday evening sky after an unusually slow start in his first competitive outing on Indian soil in three years.

Having arrived in the city on the eve of his competition after finishing second in the Doha Diamond League, the 26-year-old superstar did not set the stage ablaze and was placed second after three rounds.

Chopra, however, took the lead in the fourth round with an effort of 82.27m and did not take the last two throws (fifth and sixth) as he was leading after DP Manu, who settled for silver, had finished his final round throw.

Chopra was representing Haryana. Manu of Karnataka came second



with 82.06m effort, while Uttam Balasaheb Patil of Maharashtra was third with 78.39m.

Local man and Asian Games silver medallist Kishore Jena finished

fifth with a disappointing 75.49m. Jena had qualified for the Paris Olympics when he threw 87.54m for the Asian Games silver medal in Hangzhou, China last year.

Meanwhile, SS Sneha of Karnataka became the fastest woman of the meet, winning the 100m gold with a time of 11.63 seconds. Giridhrani Ravi of Tamil Nadu (11.67) and

Srabani Nanda (11.76) of Odisha were second and third respectively.

Gurindervir Singh of Punjab took the 100m dash gold with a time of 10.35 seconds. Odisha's Animesh Kujur, who won 200m gold on Tuesday, was second in 10.50 while another Punjab athlete Harjit Singh was third in 10.56.

Chopra last took part in a domestic tourney at the same event in March 2021, when he won a gold with a throw of 87.80m.

Since then, Chopra has won a historic gold in the Tokyo Olympics, became Diamond League champion in 2022, world champion in 2023 and defended Asian Games gold in China.

He also won three individual legs of Diamond League and claimed a silver in the 2022 World Championships. He is, however, yet to touch the 90m mark. His personal best and national record is 89.94m.

## ILT20 from Jan 2025; Rayudu, Warner, Russell, Pooran To Play



Press Trust of India

**DUBAI:** Global stars like Australia's David Warner, West Indians Nicholas Pooran and Andre Russell will take part in the third edition of the International League T20 (ILT20) scheduled in the UAE from January 11 to February 9, 2025, the organisers confirmed on Wednesday.

The notable name from India will be Ambati Rayudu, who has already retired from all forms of domestic cricket and is eligible to play.

Rayudu also plays in the Major League Cricket (MLC) in the USA. The 34-match ILT20 will be played at three venues -- Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah.

The six franchises in the league are: Abu Dhabi Knight Riders (Kolkata Knight Riders), Desert Vipers (Lancer Capital), Dubai Capitals (GMR), Gulf Giants (Adani Sportsline), MI Emirates (Reliance Industries), and Sharjah Warriors (Capri Global).

Some of the other big

names of franchise cricket who will be seen in action here include Matheesha Pathirana, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Sam Billings, David Willey, Sunil Narine, Tim David, Andre Russell, Rovman Powell, Shimron Hetmyer, Dwayne Bravo, Kieron Pollard, Trent Boult, Chris Woakes and Martin Gupitill.

Fans can watch this action-packed event on Zee's widely distributed and viewed linear TV channels and on one of India's leading OTT platforms -- ZEE5.