

AMARNATH YATRA

Dry Run Conducted On National Highway

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Jammu: With just two days left for commencement of annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) administration, along with the police and security forces, successfully conducted a dry run of the Amarnath Yatra convoy on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway on June 26.

The Dry run started from Jammu and successfully crossed Udhampur District. The dry run was aimed at assessing the security arrangements and logistical requirements for the Yatra convoy. It involved a mock movement of a convoy of vehicles, carrying pilgrims and supplies. The convoy was accompanied by security forces and medical teams. The dry run was observed by senior officials from the J&K administration, the police, and the security forces.

A multi-layer security cover deployed to secure highways and maintain a tight vigil during nights was chalked out by security agencies this year as yatra comes in the backdrop of a flip in militancy in the Jammu region, with back to back attacks and terror violence incidents.

This year's enhanced security measures follow the June 9 terror attack on a pilgrim bus in Reasi, which resulted in the deaths of nine individuals, including the driver and conductor, and left more than 33 others injured.

Subsequent attacks in Kathua and Doda further underscored the need for stringent security, with one CRPF trooper and two militants killed, alongside injuries to one civilian and six security personnel.

The J&K administration also set a cut-off timing for pilgrims who intended to travel by vehicles or by foot. | More on P06

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CONCLAVE

Foreign Arrivals Clocking 300% YoY Rise In J&K: LG

"New Era In J&K Has Created International Interest"

J&K Has Become Most Preferred Destination For Filmmakers

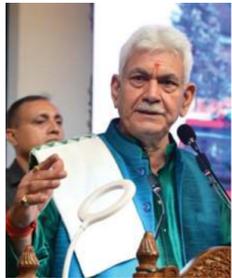
Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said that J&K has witnessed unprecedented growth post Covid pandemic and roughly 300% YoY (Year-on-Year) increase in foreign tourists. "Greater efforts and attention were paid to new policies, conducive environment, stimulus for the tourism industry and new experiences and value creation for year-round employment," the LG said.

Addressing the two-day Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Conclave-2024 at Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), Sinha said that J&K's tourism industry has gone through a massive transformation over the past few years.

In his address, the LG extended his felicitations to the esteemed members from industry, film, trade and travel management agencies.

He highlighted the efforts of the UT Administration to



develop a sustainable tourism model to build J&K as one of the most popular tourist attractions in the world.

At the Conclave, the LG shared the impressive strides of J&K's Tourism sector and emergence of Jammu Kashmir on the global tourism map.

"Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the new era in J&K has created international interest while also encouraging domestic tourists to visit J&K. This transformation is enriching local

SPEECH HIGHLIGHTS

- Sustainable Tourism Model
- Decentralization of Tourism
- Bollywood Returns To Valley
- Strategic Roadmap For Investment
- Quality Certification Mechanism
- Brand-Building And Promotion
- Focus On Skilled Manpower
- Collaborative Efforts
- Focus On Adventure And Heritage Tourism
- Economic Boom
- Low Crime Rate And Affordable Power
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communities and helping us to build a modern tourism industry," the LG said. He said, | More on P06

'G-20 Meeting In Srinagar Was A Turning Point'

Agencies

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Wednesday said that last year's successful and peaceful G-20 working group meeting in Srinagar was the turning point in boosting the UT's tourism potential and removing the scars from the once struggling tourism industry. He said post G-20 meeting foreign as well as domestic tourists started flocking to J&K in large numbers.

Sinha addressed 'J&K Tourism Development Conclave', organized by J&K Tourism Department, in Srinagar on Wednesday. The LG said that J&K's tourism industry has gone through a massive transformation over the past few years.

"The turning point to give to give J&K's once ailing tourism sector a real



J&K IS GETTING THE CHEAPEST POWER IN THE COUNTRY THAN HIMACHAL, PUNJAB and Haryana, and has the lowest crime rate in the country."

boost was the successful and peaceful G-20 Tourism working group meeting in Srinagar last year. Those who participated in the working group meeting here became the brand ambassadors of J&K's tourism," the LG said.

He said post G-20 working group meeting in Srinagar, foreign and domestic tourist arrivals showed a significant increase. "Those who participated in the Tourism working group | More on P06

Kashmir Will Be Integral To All Indian Stories: G20 Sherpa

Kashmir will be an integral part of all stories of India and more films will be shot in the valley which would benefit the local people, the country's G20 Sherpa and former NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant said here on Wednesday. Talking to reporters on the sidelines of the two-day Tourism Development Conclave-2024 at the SKICC, Kant said Kashmir needed safety and security which has | More on P06

Crores Invested To Boost Economic Activities In J&K: CS

The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday said that crores of rupees are being spent on infrastructure projects in the Union Territory, which is set to give a boost to the economic activities like tourism. Stating that the improvement in the law and order situation has led to the increase in the footfall of tourists here, Chief Secretary | More on P06

3 Terrorists Killed In Doda Encounter

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Three terrorists, suspected to be affiliated with the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit, were killed in a gunfight that lasted for more than six hours in a forest area in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Wednesday, police officials said.

A policeman was also injured in the gunfight that broke out in Bajaan village in the Gandoh area around 9:50 am amid an intensified cordon-and-search operation launched by the police, Army and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), following twin terrorist attacks in the hill district on June 11 and 12, the officials added.

Six security personnel were injured when terrorists attacked a joint check post at Chattargalla on June 11, while a policeman was hurt in a gunfight with terrorists at the Kota top in Gandoh the next day.

After the twin attacks, the security forces intensified their anti-terrorist operations and announced a cash reward of Rs 5 lakh each on information about four Pakistani terrorists believed to have infiltrated into the district.

During an operation in a village in Sinoo panchayat, the forces came under heavy fire from the terrorists hiding in a "dhok" (mud house) on a slope, the officials said, adding that one ultra was killed in the retaliatory fire after he came out and started firing on the search parties.

Heavy gunfire and explosions rattled the village as two more terrorists were eliminated by the security forces as the day progressed, the officials said, adding that a huge quantity of arms and ammunition, including two M4 carbines and an AK-series assault rifle, were seized from the possession | More on P06

BABAR QADRI MURDER CASE

Mian Qayoom Remanded To Police Custody Till July 1

Observer News Service

Jammu: Mian Abdul Qayoom, a former president of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, was on Wednesday sent to police custody till July 1 by a special court in connection with the 2020 murder conspiracy of fellow advocate Babar Qadri.

Qayoom, who was arrested on Tuesday and brought to Jammu from Srinagar, appeared before the special court, which ordered his police remand during in-camera proceedings.

Officials said the police requested a 15-day remand to interrogate Qayoom but the judge granted remand till July 1 and directed that he be presented before a designated National Investigation Agency (NIA) judge, who is currently undergoing training, on Monday.

During the hearing, Qayoom claimed that he was not



informed about the grounds of his arrest. However, the claim was challenged by the police, which informed the court that the entire proceeding had been videographed and was part of the case diary.

Accompanied by armed guards, Qayoom -- a notable figure in Kashmir linked with the All Party Hurriyat Conference and the banned | More on P06

Hope No Muslim MP Is Called Terrorist: Ruhullah In LS

Speaker Warns Him To Be Cautious When He Raises Art 370 Abrogation Issue

Agencies

New Delhi: Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, the newly-elected MP from Srinagar, on Wednesday urged Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to ensure the sanctity of the House by restraining members from making disparaging remarks like dubbing a Muslim parliamentarian a "terrorist" or rushing legislations like the abrogation of Article 370.

In his two-minute inaugural address after Birla was elected Speaker, the National Conference member made a passionate appeal and emphasised, "I would request you that from today you are neither BJP nor Congress or Samajwadi, and you have only one party, and that is the Constitution of India."

He expressed hope that the Speaker would uphold the Constitution and lead the house as a beacon of democracy.



Ruhullah cryptically alluded to the Speaker's legacy, stating that his actions in handling both the government and opposition forces would define his tenure. "This House would remember you for your actions whether you forced treasury benches to listen to the opposition or you silenced the opposition," he said. Ruhullah highlighted the importance of respecting elected

representatives and cited a past incident where a member termed a fellow MP, who was Muslim, as "terrorist".

"You will be remembered how you silenced the voices in the House that called an elected Muslim MP a terrorist or did you allow those voices. If an elected MP is called a terrorist in this House, then I wonder what would be happening to other Muslims in the country," Ruhullah said after which Birla interrupted.

Ruhullah stressed the significance of preventing instances where elected representatives are disparaged in the House, expressing concerns about the treatment of Muslims across the country if such behaviour goes unchecked.

He was referring to the incident during a special session last September where former BJP MP Ramesh | More on P06

Municipal Elections In J&K Likely By Year-end

Preparations for Delimitation Begin

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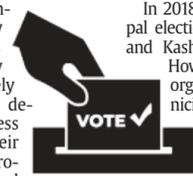
Srinagar: As proposed assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir approach, preparations for municipal elections have also commenced. The state is gearing up for fresh delimitation in its municipal bodies, with the State Election Commissioner instructing deputy commissioners from all twenty districts to actively participate in the delimitation process and provide their suggestions and proposals. Municipal elections are anticipated to be held by the end of the year.

As per a local news agency, State Election Commissioner BR Sharma held a one-and-a-half-hour meeting via video conference with the Deputy

Commissioners on Tuesday evening to discuss the civic election process. The primary focus of the meeting was on delimitation, which will see the expansion of many municipal bodies. These upcoming civic elections will be the first since Jammu and Kashmir was reconstituted as a Union Territory.

In 2018, the last time municipal elections were held, Jammu and Kashmir was a full state. However, following its re-organization in 2019, municipal elections were postponed. The terms of the municipal bodies ended in November 2023. Jammu district, for example, comprises 75 wards, including the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) and several municipalities such as Arnia, Akhnoor, Bishnah, Gho Manhasa, Jyodiyian, Khod, and RS Pura.

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80% Of New Drug Addicts At GMC Srinagar Use Heroin: Experts

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Around 1,700 fresh drug addicts visited the Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar's Drug De-addiction Centre last year.

An official from the Department of Psychiatry at the Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (IMHANS), GMC Srinagar, said that around 1,700 new patients visited the centre between January 2023 and December 2023.

"Between March 2022 and March 2023, a total of 3,036 new drug addicts sought help at the centre's outpatient department (OPD). Additionally, hundreds of patients on follow-up visits continue to return annually," he said.

Dr Yasir Hassan Rather, a professor in the Department of Psychiatry at IMHANS, GMC Srinagar, said the number of fresh drug addicts visiting the centre is on the decline due to stringent government actions against drug peddlers.

"The availability of drugs has decreased, making it less accessible than before," he said.

Despite the decline, the centre registered 856 new patients last year, with around 70 percent of heroin users suffering from hepatitis.

Dr Rather said that approximately 80 percent of drug abusers use heroin, with many now turning to synthetic heroin. "Synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl, methadone, pethidine, tramadol, | More on P06



DISPROPORTIONATE ASSETS CASE

ACB Registers FIR Against Kulgam DySP

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Wednesday registered a case and conducted raids on the various properties allegedly owned by a deputy superintendent of police (DySP) in J&K and Himachal Pradesh in connection with a disproportionate assets (DA) case, officials said.

The ACB is investigating allegations of acquisition of disproportionate assets, including two hotels in Manali in Himachal worth crores of rupees accumulated by DySP Chanchal Singh, they said.

"The Anti-Corruption Bureau has registered a case on the outcome of a secret verification conducted into

the allegations that the accused DySP has acquired huge assets disproportionate to his known source of income," a spokesman of ACB said.

Singh is currently serving as DySP in Kulgam area of South Kashmir.

The verification conducted by the ACB found that the accused officer, during his posting at lucrative posts, indulged in corrupt practices and accumulated various moveable and immovable properties in his own name and in the names of his family members and relatives, he said.

These included benami properties, which include immovable properties comprising residential houses, plots, shops and business establishment in | More on P06

High Court Imposes Rs 50K Costs On Petitioner For Hiding Facts

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has dismissed a petition by a resident of Baramulla regarding compensation for over 7 Kanals last at the rate of Rs.70 lakh per kanal in the north Kashmir district and imposed Rs 50,000 as costs on him for concealing material facts before it.

The petitioner's land, along with that of others, totalling over 26 kanals, had been acquired around a decade ago for expansion of the Kansipora Fruit & Vegetable Market having been established in 2006 on over 44 kanals and 14 marlas of land, for infrastructure requirement of the fruit growers of the area.

In his plea, the petitioner, M A Dar, had demanded price of the land under Acquisition Act and sought the award be passed and amount be fixed as per



Market rate of the land.

However, officials said that the petitioner has misled the Court as his land came to be acquired pursuant to the private negotiations meeting held on 15 July, 2014, wherein the rate of the land of the petitioner came to be approved by the Private Negotiations Committee on 15 July 2014 itself at the rate Rs. 20 lacs per kanal and same came to be accepted and agreed by

him in person in the meeting without any pressure or coercion and that he also affixed his thumb impression on the minutes of the meeting as a token of acceptance.

After hearing both sides, a bench of Justice Javed Iqbal Wani said that the petitioner cannot be allowed to turn around after having participated in the private negotiations undertaken in the matter by the officials and also agreeing to the amount of compensation assessed and determined and subsequently received by him.

"There is yet another angle of the controversy raised in the petition which cannot be overlooked by this Court, that being, that the petitioner admittedly has concealed, suppressed and misrepresented material facts before this Court not only in the instant petition | More on P06



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Nearly 50% Adults In India Insufficiently Physically Active In 2022: Lancet

Press Trust Of India

Almost 50 per cent of adults in India engaged in insufficient levels of physical activity in 2022, according to a study published in The Lancet Global Health journal.

Far more women in India (57 per cent) were found to be insufficiently physically active, compared to men (42 per cent), in line with trends across the South Asian region, the study found.

The insufficient levels of physical activity in women in the region were, on average, 14 per cent higher than those in men, it said.

The South Asian region also ranked the second highest in terms of adults being insufficiently physically active after high-income Asia Pacific region, an international team of researchers, including those from the World Health Organization (WHO), said.

Globally, the authors found that about a third of the adults (31.3 per cent) were insufficiently physically active -- defined as not performing at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity per week or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity per week.

This was up by five per cent from 26.4 per cent of the adults worldwide insufficiently engaging in physical activity in 2010, they found, and if the 2010-2022 trends continued, the authors said that the global target of improving physical activity engagement by 15 per cent would not be met.



In India, a little over 22 per cent of the adults engaged in insufficient physical activity in the year 2020, while in 2010, close to 34 per cent of the adults were insufficiently physically active, the researchers found.

They projected that in 2030, 60 per cent of the adults could be insufficiently engaging in physical activity, should current trends continue.

For the study, the researchers analysed data of physical activity reported by adults (aged at least 18 years) in population-based surveys to estimate the number of adults performing insufficient physical activity from 2000 to 2022.

The team also found that around the world, older adults, both men and women, aged 60 years and above, were increasingly engaging in insufficient physical activity.

Physical inactivity is known to heighten risk of developing non-communicable diseases, including diabetes and heart disease. Rising levels of physical activity, along with an increasingly sedentary lifestyle, are contributing to increase in cases of these diseases and burdening healthcare systems around the world, according to the WHO.

A 2023 Indian Council of Medical Research-India Diabetes (ICMR-IN-DIAB) study, published in The Lancet Diabetes and Endocrinology journal, estimated that 101 million people in India were diabetic in 2021, and about 315 million had hypertension the same year.

Further, 254 million were estimated to have obesity and 185 million estimated to have high levels of LDL or 'bad' cholesterol, according to the study.

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INDIAN RAILWAYS

"PUBLIC NOTIFICATION"

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under noted section of the Northern Railway that the 25 kV, 50 Hz, AC overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all time and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

Section	Date
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INDIAN RAILWAY

INTRODUCTION OF 25 KV AC TRACTION

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Roll No: 2121509

Class 10th

Year & Session: BI-Annual 2016

Registration: N13340420010

Name: Nadeem Ahmad Mir

Father's Name: Mohammad Ayoub Mir

Mother's Name: Aisha Bano

Date of Birth:- 03-02-2000

Residence:- Farash Gund Daharmanah Budgam

According to the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate DOB Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & II KD within the period of 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice.

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 No: F(Ceris-I-DQC)B/KD/24
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Assistant Secretary
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University of Kashmir, Srinagar

Notice

The candidate whose particulars are given below has reported to the University that he / she has lost his/her University Certificate/s and has applied for issuance of duplicate certificate/s:

Name: Mehwish Shafi Mir

Parenage:- Mohammad Shfi Mir

Residence:- Chatterhama

Registration No : 4770-SEM-2020

Certificate/s lost:- BSC Nursing 1st Year

Roll No/s:- 20121187019

Session/ Year 2022

Before University will consider issuance of Duplicate Certificate/s in favour of the candidate, any person having any objection shall report to the undersigned within one week from the date of issuance of this notice. The original certificate/s issued to the candidate be treated as cancelled

No: F(Duplicate/ MC-6th Sem/PA /KU/24

Assistant Controller
 of Examinations (PG/UG/Prof
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Subject.Grant of registration of the proposed Travel unit under the name "M/s Travelling Buddy Travel Tour and Travels " situated at Bemina, Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas I Mr./Ms Aamin Sadnan S/o Mohammad Subhan Dar R/o Nundresh Colony A , Bemina , 190018 Srinagar Travelyn Buddy intends to apply in the Department of tourism for registration of my proposed Travel unit under the name and style" M/ s Travelling Buddy "situated at Bemina Srinagar Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas,I will submit state subject/Domicile certificate, Qualification Certificate,Pan card, Experience certificate (minimum 05 years), Character certificate (Police department), Bank statement (minimum balance 1000),site plan, Affidavit,Rent Deed duly attested sub-registrar, printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting),Photograph of the unit (indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size photograph to the department of tourism as prescribed checklist prior to registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency/Adventure tour operation.

Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act1978/82/2011-12, before my case is processed for registration by the competent Authority the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/financial institutions/Ban/ Organisation, etc for objection,if any and the same should reach to the deputy director tourism Registration (e-mail ID:-ddtreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspaper of the valley.No objection beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained

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Government Of Jammu And Kashmir Office Of The Child Development Project Officer

POSHAN PROJECT PULWAMA

Subject:- Provisional Selection list of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) of Poshan Project Pulwama and inviting of objections thereof.

Public Notice

In pursuance to the Government Order No.103-JK (SWD) of 2023 Dated 28-04-2023 and approval from Mission Director Poshan J&K vide No.SMD/ICDS/Recruitment/2022-23/6231-34 dated: 21.02.2024 and advertisement Notices were issued vide Notification No. CDPO/Poshan/Adv/Pul/2024/897-908 Dated:23.02.2024 for selection of 05 Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) for 05 Anganwadi Centers of Poshan project Pulwama. In response to these notifications 12 applications were received within cut-off date against advertised vacancies of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers).Merit list of the candidates has been prepared as per the criteria laid down vide Govt. Order No. 103-JK (SWD) of 2023 Dated 28-04-2023 and SMD/ICDS/Recruitment/2022-23/21349-72 Dated:- 14.07.2023 and accordingly Provisional selection list has been framed for 05 Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) on the basis of merit list by the Selection Committee. Provisional Selection list (Annexure-A) are hereby published for information of public in general and Applicants/Candidates in particular for filing appeal/Objections if any. The appeal/Objection if any against the selection list shall be filed in the office of the Child Development Project Officer Pulwama against proper receipt within 07 days (in Office Hours) in black and white from the date of publication of this provisional selection list. No objection /Appeal shall be entertained after expiry of last date of filing Appeal/objection.

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DIPK-1867/24 Dated:-26.06.2024

Sd/
 Child Dev. Project Officer
 Poshan Project Pulwama

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2	Nowpora	8	Armutia A	Saima Jan	Ab Hammed	Gatur Ahmad Ali	20.03.1995	Armutia	8th	249/500	41.5	no	yes	Unmarried	28	yes	no	Selected

S.No	Name of Panchayat Halga	Ward No.	Name of AWC Applied for	Name of Applicant	Parentage (M/O & D/O)		Date of Birth	Residence	Educational Qualification	Marks Obtained out of	Sage	If Applicant is a member of AWW/AWH (Yes/No)	whether Listed on Electoral roll	Marital Status	Age as on 01.01.2023	Required Certificate & Released (Yes/No)	If the Applicant is Widow,Orphan or divorcee	Remarks
					D/O	W/O												
1	Putrigam A	1	Putrigam A	Shagufta Mansoor	Shagufta Mansoor	Abdul Ahmad Gande	05.01.1997	Putrigam	10th	260/500	52	no	yes	Married	26	yes	no	Selected

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					D/O	W/O												
1	Payer	3	Payer A	Tabassum Akhter	Muht Akhter	Dar	01.04.1989	Payer	10th	190/500	38	no	yes	Unmarried	34	yes	no	Selected

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in my J&K Bank Account as Rifat Bano D/o Gh Mohd Rather while my correct name is Rifat Bano w/o Imtiyaz Hussain Hajam which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the J&K Bank Branch Singhpora within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Rifat Bano
 W/o Imtiyaz Hussain Hajam
 R/o Habaq Tengoo Tehsil Singhpora

BMG

Subject.Grant of registration of the proposed Homestay under the name "M/s Waters Edge Homestay " situated at Cherwan Kangan Ganderbal Kashmir

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas I Mr./ Mohammad Rafi Sufi S/o Ghulam Mohammad Sufi R/o Bal garden Karan Nagar Srinagar 190010 intends to apply in the Department of tourism for registration of my proposed Homestay under the name and style" Waters Edge Homestay situated at, Cherwan Kangan Ganderbal, Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas,I will submit state subject/Domicile certificate, Qualification Certificate,Pan card, Experience certificate (minimum 05 years), Character certificate (Police department), Bank statement (minimum balance 1000),site plan, Affidavit,Rent Deed duly attested sub-registrar, printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting),Photograph of the unit (indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size photograph to the department of tourism as prescribed checklist prior to registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency/Adventure tour operation.

Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12, before my case is processed for registration by the competent Authority the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/financial institutions/Ban/ Organisation, etc for objection,if any and the same should reach to the deputy director tourism Registration (e-mail ID:-ddtreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspaper of the valley. No objection beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of "D Class" Contractor Card. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the S.E R&B Circle Shopian/Pulwama H.Q Pulwama within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Isfaq Ahmad Mir
 S/o Abdul Gani Mir
 R/o Heypora Batagund Shopian

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THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION NEW CAMPUS BEMINA SRINAGAR

ATTENTION PLEASE

The candidate whose photograph is above reports that he/she has lost his/her qualification certificate/s having the following description:-

Roll No: 505185

Class:- SSE 10th

Year & Session: March-April 1985

Registration No:-

Name:- Tabassum Amin Mufti

Father's Name:- Mufti Mohd Amin

D.O.B:- 15-03-1969

Residence:- Baba Mohalla Bijbehara Anantnag

Now the candidate has applied for issuance of DUPLICATE QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE/S. Before the case will be processed under rules, if somebody have any kind of objection in this regard he/she shall approach, the office of the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publishing of this notice after expiring date no objection shall be entertained.

(Besides, the losted "QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE", bearing Serial No/s 1750/ls are treated as "CANCELLED").

No:-F(Certs-I-D

Dr Farooq Visits Bohri Kadal Fire Site

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President Dr. Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday visited the site of the tragic Bohri Kadal Bazar Masjid fire.

Accompanied by party's Chief Spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq, Dr. Abdullah's purpose was to assess the situation and extend support to those affected by this unfortunate incident.

During the visit Dr. Farooq, along with local party unit functionaries, expressed his heartfelt condolences to the families impacted by the tragedy and offered prayers for their swift recovery. He assured the victims and traders that he would advocate for their rehabilitation and recovery with the government agencies concerned.

In his interactions with the fire victims, Dr. Farooq acknowledged their hardships and promised to do everything in his capacity to support their rehabilitation efforts. He also called for a thorough investigation into the circumstances leading to the incident and appealed for community-based assistance in helping the fire victims rebuild their lives.

Highlighting the apparent inadequacy in infrastructure as a major cause for this alarming trend, he emphasized the urgent need to address the increasing incidents of fires in Srinagar. "There is a pressing need to address the deficiencies in the firefighting infrastructure in Srinagar. The current state of the infrastructure is inadequate and poses a significant risk to the safety and well-being of the residents. The authorities must prioritize this issue and allocate the necessary resources to improve the firefighting infrastructure in Srinagar."

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SANJY-2024 Foolproof Security Arrangements In Place For Seamless Yatra: DC Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Foolproof security measures have been put in place by Srinagar police together with security agencies to ensure smooth and peaceful conduct of Shri Amarnathji Yatra, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar Dr Bilal-Mohi-ud-Din Bhat said on Wednesday.

In order to give final touch to the preparations to host Shri Amarnathji Yatries at Pantha Chowk Transit Camp for their temporary stay during their journey, the DC Srinagar accompanied by officers visited the Transit Camp.

During his visit, the DC inspected elaborate arrangements with respect to accommodation, bedding, electricity, drinking water, sanitation and langar facilities at the venue.

Training Imparted To ICCC Staff For Real-Time Communication

Srinagar: As the annual holy pilgrimage of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) shall be commencing within a few days, training camp sensitization program was today held at Integrated Command Control Centre (ICCC), HMT Srinagar for the staff of various departments deployed for smooth conduct of Yatra.

The resource person at the Training program was Nodal

Officer Yatra and Revenue Attorney of Divisional Administration Kashmir, Tahir Ahmad Magray. He educated and sensitized officers and officials regarding execution of their responsibilities in a professional and sophisticated manner for successful conduct of SANJY, 2024.

Besides, Head of ICCC, Zahoor Ahmad Magray, the senior officers of civil departments and police were present on the occasion.

ity of the Camp has been upgraded manifold and about five thousand yatrias at a time can be provided accommodation in view of expected surge in devotees.

The DC added that to make the stay of yatries comfortable, all the necessary arrangements including drinking water, electricity, langar besides toilet and sanitation facilities have been made well in advance.

Dr Bilal said that the District Administration Srinagar and civil society is ready to welcome yatries with enthusiasm and affection.

He also said that foolproof security measures have been made by the SSP Srinagar along with other security agencies to ensure smooth and peaceful conduct of the Yatra.

International Day Against Drug Abuse

'Collective Efforts Imperative To Combat Drug Menace'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Commemorating the celebration of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, J&K Legal Services Authority in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar and Burn Hall School, Gupkar Road Srinagar, organized a mega awareness program titled "Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking."

Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir

and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority was the chief guest on the occasion.

Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary and Muzamil Hayat Kabli, Under Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Fr. Stalin Raja, Principal, Burn Hall School, Jahangir Ahmad Bakshi, Secretary, DLSA Srinagar, Feroz Ahmad, Secretary, Burn Hall School and other staff members of the school were present at the event.

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HIGHWAY STATUS
Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
Mughal Road - (Open)
Srinagar-Leh - (Open)

HIJRI CALENDAR
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PRAYERS
FAJR 3:36
ZUHR 12:33
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Magrib 7:50
ISHA 9:31

This Day In History

- 1709 - Peter the Great of Russia defeats Charles XII of Sweden at the Battle of Poltava.
- 1862 - Battle at Garnett's/Golding's Farms, Virginia
- 1864 - Atlanta Campaign: Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia
- 1940 - Soviet Army attacks Romania
- 1940 - USSR returns to Gregorian calendar
- 1950 - North Korean troops reach Seoul, UN asks members to aid South Korea, Harry Truman orders US Air Force & Navy into Korean conflict
- 1957 - The British Medical Research Council publishes a report suggesting a direct link between smoking and lung cancer.
- 1960 - British Somaliland becomes part of Somalia
- 1961 - Ghana imposes a total ban on exports to South Africa and South West Africa
- 1962 - NASA civilian pilot Joseph A. Walker takes X-15 to 6,606 kph, 37,700 m
- 1962 - Ross Perot begins Electronic Data Systems
- 1962 - In South Africa, the General Law Amendment Act (Sabotage Act) No 76 commences, increasing the state president's power to declare organisations unlawful and to add further restrictions to banning orders
- 1973 - Uruguayan president dissolves parliament and heads a coup d'état
- 1976 - Air France Airbus hijacked in Germany to Uganda
- 1978 - Soyuz 30 carries 2 cosmonauts (1 Polish) to Salyut 6 space station
- 1978 - US Seaset 1, 1st oceanographic satellite, launched into polar orbit
- 1979 - Heavyweight Muhammad Ali confirms that his 3rd retirement is final (it isn't)
- 1980 - Italian plane crashes into Tyrreense Sea, kills 81
- 1982 - STS-4, 4th NASA Space Shuttle mission, launches
- 1983 - NASA launches space vehicle S-205
- 1983 - Soyuz T-9 carries 2 cosmonauts to Salyut 7 space station
- 1994 - Aerosmith become first major band to let fans download a full new track free from the internet
- 1995 - Space shuttle STS-71 (Atlantis 14), launches
- 2001 - The International Court of Justice finds against the United States in its judgement in the LaGrand Case.

Office Of The Executive Engineer Kashmir
Power Distribution Corporation Ltd. O&M Division Pulwama
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STANDARD BIDDING DOCUMENT
for
Annual Rate Contract for the year 2024-25.
e-NIT NO: 04 of 2024-25.
Dated: 25-06-2024.
Tender Floating Division: Executive Engineer KPDCI O&M Division Pulwama.

1	e-bid submission start date and time	25.06.2024; (2:00 PM onwards)
2	e-bid submission end date and time	08.07.2024; (upto 12:00 PM)
3	Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time	08.07.2024; 02:00 PM
4	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Bidders)	Any convenient date after evaluation of technical bids in the office of undersigned.
5	Venue of opening of techno-commercial Bids	Office of the Executive Engineer, O&M Division Pulwama, Kashmir Pin Code 192301 Address near DC office Pulwama Kashmir
6	Tender Value	Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) (Non-Refundable)
7	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) (Non-Refundable)
8	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 20000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)

DIPK-NB-609/24
DATED: 26-06-2024
No. O&M/Pu/1575-80 Dated: 25-06-2024.
Executive Engineer O&M Division Pulwama

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Office Of The Warden Gujjar And Bakerwal Boys Hostel, Pulwama.
Advertise Notice No 01 of 2024 dated 25-06-2024

Sub:- Advertisement Notice for engagement of Part time tutors on contract bases in Gujjar & Bakerwal Boys Hostel Pulwama for the academic session 2024-25.
Applications on plain papers are invited from the desirous unemployed/retired trained Teacher/ Graduate/Post Graduate candidates for engagement as part time tutors in Gujjar & Bakerwal Boys Hostel, Pulwama for academic session 2024-25 for a period of six months only. The engagement confirms no right of confirmation, regularization or continuation and will automatically be disengaged after the academic session or completion of 6 months (whichever is earlier). The applications accompanied with attested copies of the qualification certificates, recent passport size photograph and other testimonials duly attested by Gazetted Officer should reach to this office by or before 1st July 2024 up to 4 Pm. The tutors have to teach before 08:00 AM and after 04:00 PM. The other details are as under:-

S.no	Class to be taught	Honorarium
1.	6 th to 8 th	1000=Per/month
2.	9 th & 10 th	1200=Per/month
3.	11 th & 12 th	1500=Per/month
4.	P.E.T	1000=per/month
5.	Computer Operator	1500=per/month

The date of interview can be obtained after the last date of submission of application forms on cell Nos. 9906694261 or 7006237096 and 9797035975 during office hours.
The candidate who will show negligence during coaching, the Hostel administration will terminate his/her services without any notice.

GBH/PUL/2024/ 165 Dated 25/6/2024
Warden
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dated: 26-06-2024

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STANDARD BIDDING DOCUMENT
for
Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Workshop Materials (materials required for repairs of damaged transformers) and Line Materials (materials required for repairs of maintenance of power supply) for the financial year 2024-25.
e-NIT NO: 05 of 2024-25.
Dated: 25-06-2024.
Tender Floating Division: Executive Engineer KPDCI O&M Division Pulwama.

1	e-bid submission start date and time	25.06.2024; (2:00 PM onwards)
2	e-bid submission end date and time	08.07.2024; (upto 12:00 PM)
3	Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time	08.07.2024; 02:00 PM
4	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Bidders)	Any convenient date after evaluation of technical bids in the office of undersigned.
5	Venue of opening of techno-commercial Bids	Office of the Executive Engineer, O&M Division Pulwama, Kashmir Pin Code 192301 Address near DC office Pulwama Kashmir
6	Tender Value	Rs. 30.00 Lacs
7	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) (Non-Refundable)
8	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 20000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)

DIPK-NB-613/24
DATED: 26-06-2024
No. O&M/PUL/TS/1581-86 Dated 24-06-2024.
Executive Engineer O&M Division Pulwama

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
E-NIT No: -IUST/EW/23/TEND/CVL/SCP/06A; Dated: 26-06-2024
For and on behalf of Vice Chancellor, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora, J&K UT, E-Tenders (in Two cover system) are invited on percentage basis, from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. / CPWD / Railways or other State / Central Govt. Departments for the following work.

Name of work:	Stage contract Civil and Plumbing works (2024-25) at IUST campus, Awantipora.
Advertised Cost of Construction	Rs. 1,00,00,000.00
Bid submission Start Date	26-06-2024.
Bid submission End Date	03-07-2024 Up to 6:00 PM.
Date of Submission of DD (Hard Copy).	04-07-2024 From 10:00 AM Up to 4:00 PM
Bids shall be opened at IUST on	05-07-2024 at 2:00 PM
Tender document can be downloaded from website.	(https://iktenders.gov.in.)

Detailed Tender Notice is available on university website www.iust.ac.in
DIPK-NB-625/24 dated: 26-06-2024

From KO Archives

J&K To Stop Shahtoosh Trade

Observer News service

Srinagar: the government will stop Shahtoosh trade owing to world-wide criticism and problem being face by traders dealing in it outside, the chief minister of the State Dr Farooq Abdullah told mediapersons here today.
Dr Abdullah said that though the state has its own act regulating the Shahtoosh trade, yet it has become problematic to sell it beyond the state in view of ban in the rest of the country. Even weaving of Shahtoosh invites action.
The chief minister also referred to the recent judgement of the High court on this issue.
To a question Dr. Abdullah said the government is contemplating to amend the state law in this regard. He said the government is considering several proposals to rehabilitate the Shahtoosh traders of the State.
"Instead of Shahtoosh we will promote Pashmina in a big way which is State's one of the monopolized items having tremendous potential," the chief minister said, adding that exhibitions would be held at important centres to popularize Kashmiri shawls world-over.
(Kashmir Observer, June 27, 2000)

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Sustainable Tourism

The J&K Tourism Development Conclave held in Srinagar underlined the unprecedented growth in tourism, with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha highlighting the Administration's efforts to create a sustainable tourism model. The model aims to position Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) as one of the most sought-after tourist destinations globally.

Post-COVID-19, Kashmir has witnessed a remarkable 300% Year-on-Year increase in foreign tourist arrivals. The surge is attributed to the administration's focus on creating a conducive environment, formulating new policies, and providing stimuli to the tourism sector.

The return of Bollywood to the valley, spurred by the Competitive Film Policy, has created a vibrant film ecosystem, drawing prominent filmmakers like Imtiaz Ali, Vishal Bhardwaj, and Kabir Khan. Their projects showcase Kashmir's breathtaking landscapes and contribute to a growing film tourism trend.

However, the rapid growth in tourism necessitates a balanced approach to ensure sustainability. The Lt Governor emphasized the importance of developing a roadmap to facilitate private investment in the tourism and hospitality sector. Adventure tourism, border and heritage tourism, offbeat destinations, golf, bird-watching, agro-tourism, and destination weddings are identified as key segments with immense potential. Leveraging these can diversify the tourism portfolio and mitigate the risk of over-dependence on traditional tourist spots like Srinagar, Gulmarg, and Pahalgam.

Sustainability in tourism is paramount. It involves not only preserving the natural environment but also maintaining the cultural and social fabric of the region. The administration must focus on strategic collaborations between government, local communities, travel trade, and industry players. The collaborative effort can lead to value addition and enhance the overall tourist experience. The implementation of mandatory quality standards and a quality certification mechanism for facilities and resources in the tourism and hospitality sector is crucial to maintaining high service standards.

Moreover, the influx of tourists and the booming film industry can put pressure on local resources and infrastructure. Thus, infrastructure development, including improved connectivity, efficient waste management systems, and the promotion of eco-friendly practices, should be prioritized. The administration's focus on ease of travel, high customer value, and professional and skilled manpower will further strengthen the sector.

Brand-building and promotion through innovative marketing, IT, and digital tools are essential to sustaining interest in Kashmir. Highlighting lesser-known destinations can distribute tourist footfall more evenly across the region, preventing the overburdening of popular areas and promoting economic benefits across a wider area.

While the booming tourism industry in Kashmir holds immense potential for economic growth, it is crucial to adopt a sustainable approach. By ensuring strategic investments, maintaining high standards, and fostering collaborative efforts, Kashmir can not only preserve its pristine beauty but also offer a memorable and sustainable experience to tourists from around the world.

Perseverance of Kashmir Artisans Finally Recognized

From Creative City Network to World Craft Council
Srinagar city gets acclaimed designation

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

Now it is imperative upon the artisans and traders of handicrafts especially to promote and propagate genuine Kashmiri products and ensure no cheating is done with customers. There are reports that duplicate products are being sold in the market calling them Kashmiri handmade items

After being designated as part of the Creative City Network by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in November 2021, Srinagar has now been recognized as World Craft City. This was recently announced by the noted institution of international repute the World Craft Council. This acclaimed and esteemed designation is being celebrated as a great achievement for Jammu & Kashmir. This is not only an attainment and accomplishment for the artisans of Kashmir but this is recognition for our creativity and innovative work as well for which Government institutions and few NGOs have also done tremendous work especially Directorate of Handicrafts & Handlooms, Craft Development Institute-CDI & Indian National Trust for Art and Heritage -INTACH Jammu & Kashmir chapter.

Pertinent to mention that Srinagar city was designated as the creative city in the field of Crafts and Folk Arts by UNESCO few years back only second city in India in this category after Jaipur. The UNESCO recognition gave Srinagar city a recognition in the art and craft field as well and it entered the club of 295 creative cities network at global level. It is important to mention that every year UNESCO seeks applications for various cities across the globe for putting them under its UNESCO creative cities network UCCN project. The applications in India are routed through the Ministry of Culture. As mentioned above Jaipur was included in the UCCN project in the crafts and folk arts category and Varanasi and Chennai were included in this network in 2015 and 2017 respectively in the music category. In 2019 Hyderabad was included under Gastronomy (cooking, food etc) category and Mumbai was also included under creative cities network in film category in the same year.

Kashmir a Treasure Trove

Kashmir has been known for its natural beauty since ages. In spite of the fact that we had so much to showcase vis a vis culture, heritage, food, arts and crafts etc but these were not recognized due to various reasons. Kashmir is like a treasure trove of multiple things but our own people in Government and other institutions failed to take Kashmir to the global level. We had so much to portray but we could only sell Dal Lake, Shalimar garden, Nishat garden, Pahalgam and Gulmarg to the tourists. Why are international tourists not visiting Kashmir now? It is not because of security concerns but the reality is that we didn't promote Kashmir in a way it should have been in the last 30 to 40 years. There are the best alps, lakes and mountains in other parts of the world especially Europe and foreign and high end domestic tourists don't come to Kashmir to see them now. These things would fascinate them maybe until late 1980's or early 1990's but not now? The people across the globe need to be made aware about our 4000 year old history. We have so much to offer in the categories of culture, arts, crafts, food etc. Our Srinagar old city is itself a heritage city but our governments in the past didn't know how to promote and project it? I must give credit to Mr Saleem Beg, former DG Tourism J&K who worked hard in the last 15 to 20 years to promote our culture and heritage. As head of INTACH Jammu & Kashmir chapter he has done great work. People like Dr Hakim Sameer Hamdani are also doing incredible work and very recently he organised first ever open exhibition in Srinagar on calligraphy and allied things. The calligraphic inscriptions on historic buildings, including khanqahs, mosques, temples, shrines, and mausoleums of Kashmir were portrayed before august audience at Emporium Gardens Srinagar.



Handicrafts & Handloom Department

The work done by Mr Mahmood Shah as Director Tourism and presently as Director Handicrafts and Handlooms is also remarkable. This has paved the way for Srinagar getting its recognition which it should have got decades back. Sometimes I wonder why Srinagar didn't get recognition under the Gastronomy (Food) category like Hyderabad in the creative cities network? We can compete in that category as well. Our Kashmiri wazwan is much richer culturally than Hyderabad food?

Kashmir has much more to showcase but that couldn't happen in the past. We have been bestowed with everything like natural beauty, arts, crafts, food etc etc. Why wasn't all this recognized in the past? The reason I see is that Govt officers in Handicrafts, Handlooms, Tourism and Culture didn't explore possibilities to showcase Kashmir in a more presentable way. Lack of technological interventions can also be a reason. Our officers in J&K worked in a typical babu style rather than doing research and development in the past. They didn't get a chance to participate in workshops and seminars at national and international level. They were not exposed to the outside world and this made them like a Frog in Well? Unfortunately!

Same thing happened with our artisans as well. They had great skills but their talent remained hidden and unexplored for decades. We have people like Farooq Ahmad Mir from Srinagar old city who was conferred the prestigious Sant Kabir award in Handloom category (Kani Pashmina) in 2014 by the President of India, but how much was written about this great artisan in local press or media? Mir sahib is 5th generation Kani shawl weaver and he has kept the tradition alive that has now passed on to his 6th generation. His sons Majid, Altaf and Fayaz are also great artisans and Kani Shawl weavers who have been conferred national awards in this category but they also are like unsung heroes. I believe during the last 10 to 15 years only most of our artisans were recognized at national level which is really unfortunate. We have many such people in Kashmir and I believe their talent will get exposed to the outside world now after Srinagar got recognized as World Craft City

What is World Craft City?

World Craft City is innovative

work that was launched in 2014 by the World Crafts Council also called WCC International. The Convener of Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) Jammu & Kashmir, Saleem Beg while interacting with media recently said the international jury of the World Crafts Council WCC were surprised by the art and crafts of Kashmir and were surprised to see the hidden treasures of Kashmiri arts and craft which according to them had remained hidden from the outside world. The WCC Jury had visited Srinagar in April this year and a number of craft products of Kashmir including Pashmina Shawls, Kani Shawls, Papier-Machie, Hand Knotted Carpets, Pashmina Shawls, and Sozni work were examined by them. The jury members were stunned and surprised to see the fine work done by our respected artisans.

Conclusion

As Srinagar gets recognized as the World Craft City, I appreciate the role played by 20,000 artisans of Srinagar. These are the people who kept the Kashmiri handicraft art alive even after facing huge challenges during last several decades. Infact many people belonging to traditional artisan communities shifted and switched their profession but we must applaud those who remained steadfast and kept the tradition alive. Farooq Ahmad Mir's educated sons Majid, Altaf and Fayaz could have opted for some other job but they worked like torch bearers of this sector. We have many such people like them in Kashmir who didn't give up. Now it is imperative upon the artisans and traders of handicrafts especially to promote and propagate genuine Kashmiri products and ensure no cheating is done with customers. There are reports that duplicate products are being sold in the market calling them Kashmiri handmade items. This illegal trade must end and Govt particularly the Handicrafts and Handlooms department plus Craft Development Institute have a more challenging task now to accomplish so that we maintain decorum and sanctity of our Kashmiri handicraft and handloom products.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer



Did You Know ?

The list of investment principles is comprehensive and covers a wide range of best practices for financial management. Here's a summarized version:

1. **Seize Dips:** Invest during market downturns.
2. **Diversify Holdings:** Spread investments across various sectors.
3. **Strategic Allocation:** Allocate assets wisely to manage risk and optimize returns.
4. **Consistent Investment:** Regularly increase Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) and make lump-sum contributions.
5. **Benchmark Outperformance:** Aim to exceed market benchmarks.
6. **Balanced Portfolio:** Invest in a mix of gold, silver, equity, ETFs, and mutual funds.
7. **Volatility Patience:** Stay patient and disciplined through market fluctuations.
8. **Avoid Aggressive Trading:** Steer clear of emotional, high-leverage trading.
9. **Financial Discipline:** Stick to a trading strategy, avoid impulsive decisions.
10. **Proactive Planning:** Achieve financial success through careful planning.
11. **Professional Guidance:** Seek advice from financial experts.
12. **Emergency Savings:** Maintain an emergency fund covering 3-6 months of expenses.
13. **Debt Management:** Prioritize paying off high-interest debt.
14. **Long-term Vision:** Focus on long-term goals despite short-term market changes.
15. **Regular Monitoring:** Periodically review and rebalance your portfolio.
16. **Tax Efficiency:** Invest in a tax-efficient manner and utilize deductions.
17. **Risk Awareness:** Understand and manage your risk tolerance.
18. **Retirement Savings:** Start saving for retirement early to benefit from compound growth.
19. **Live Within Means:** Budget wisely and avoid financial stress.
20. **Ongoing Education:** Continuously learn about financial markets.
21. **Avoid Speculation:** Avoid high-risk investments without proper research.
22. **Diversified Income:** Create multiple income streams for financial security.
23. **Automate Savings:** Set up automatic transfers to your savings account.
24. **Adequate Insurance:** Have suitable insurance coverage, focusing on health and term insurance, not as investments.
25. **Stay Informed:** Regularly consult trusted and experienced professionals for wealth creation.

These principles should guide you toward a well-rounded and informed approach to investing and financial management, helping you build and protect your financial future.

Learn from the insights of writer and investor, founder of MI Securities and Business Partner at Sharekhan! Reach out to him at Irshad@bp.sharekhan.com for valuable knowledge on financial matters

Compassion in Action

The Role of Islam in Modern Social Work

Zahid Ahmad Lone

In our fast-paced, technologically driven world, the principles of compassion and empathy remain vital to maintaining social harmony. Social work, as a profession, embodies these values, focusing on alleviating human suffering and promoting social justice. Among the various influences shaping modern social work, Islam stands out, deeply rooted in compassion, charity, and justice. Islamic teachings emphasize compassion (rahma), social justice (‘adl), and charity (sadaqah and zakat). These are not just spiritual guidelines but practical directives for societal conduct. The Quran and Hadith, the primary sources of Islamic teachings, repeatedly stress the importance of helping those in need, protecting the vulnerable, and fostering a just society. The Quran states, “And they give food in spite of love for it to the needy, the orphan, and the captive, [saying], ‘We feed you only for the countenance of Allah. We wish not from you reward or gratitude’” (Quran 76:8-9). This verse encapsulates the essence of altruism and selflessness that Islam advocates, aligning closely with the ethos of social work.

One significant way Islam institutionalizes compassion is through zakat, an obligatory form of charity. Every Muslim is required to give a portion of their wealth to those in need, typically amounting to 2.5% of their savings annually. This practice ensures a systematic redistribution of wealth, aiming to reduce economic disparities and support the underprivileged. In modern social work, the principles of zakat manifest in initiatives aimed at poverty alleviation, community development, and financial inclusion. Many Islamic organizations operate welfare programs funded by zakat to provide education, healthcare, and housing to marginalized communities, meeting immediate needs and empowering individuals to improve their socio-economic status sustainably. Mental health is another critical area where Islamic principles significantly contribute to social work. Islamic teachings advocate for holistic well-being, encompassing physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Counseling services that incorporate Islamic perspectives often address the stigma associated with mental health in many Muslim communities. Islamic counseling integrates spiritual guidance with therapeutic techniques, offering a comprehensive



approach to mental health. Social workers in this field utilize Islamic concepts of patience (sabr), trust in God (tawakkul), and communal support to help individuals cope with stress, anxiety, and depression, providing culturally relevant care that reinforces the individual's faith as a source of strength and resilience.

Islamic teachings strongly advocate for social justice and human rights protection. The Quranic verse, “O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness” (Quran 5:8), underscores the importance of justice and fairness. Modern social workers, inspired by these principles, engage in advocacy and policy-making to address systemic injustices. Whether fighting against discrimination, promoting gender equality, or ensuring access to education and healthcare, these efforts reflect the Islamic mandate to uphold justice and dignity for all individuals.

To fully harness the benefits of Islamic values in social work, integrating these principles into social work education is essential.

Universities and training institutions recognize the importance of religious and cultural competencies in their curricula. By including Islamic perspectives on social justice, charity, and compassion, these programs better prepare social workers to serve diverse populations. Courses on Islamic

culturally competent communication and intervention strategies can enhance social workers' ability to engage effectively with Muslim clients.

The future of Islamic social work holds significant promise. As the global Muslim population grows, the demand for culturally

competent communication and intervention strategies can expand the reach of social services, making it easier for individuals to access support. Virtual counselling, telehealth services, and digital educational resources can bridge gaps in service delivery, particularly in underserved areas. On-going re-

search and scholarship in Islamic social work can further refine and validate practices

Islamic values enhance social work, informing policy-making, program development, and educational curricula. Thus, the integration of Islamic values into modern social work represents a powerful confluence of faith and practice. Through the principles of compassion, charity, and social justice, Islam offers profound insights and directives that align with the core objectives of social work. By embracing these values, social workers can provide more effective, culturally sensitive, and spiritually enriching support to those in need.

As we navigate the complexities of contemporary society, the timeless teachings of Islam offer a guiding light for social workers committed to making a positive difference. Whether through zakat and sadaqah, holistic mental health care, or interfaith collaboration, the role of Islam in social work exemplifies the transformative power of compassion in action. This synergy not only uplifts individuals and communities but also contributes to a more just and harmonious world for all.

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ONLINE PLATFORMS AND MOBILE APPLICATIONS CAN EXPAND THE REACH OF SOCIAL SERVICES, MAKING IT EASIER FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ACCESS SUPPORT. Virtual counselling, telehealth services, and digital educational resources can bridge gaps in service delivery, particularly in underserved areas. On-going research and scholarship in Islamic social work can further refine and validate practices

social work principles can cover topics such as the historical context of Islamic charitable practices, the theological foundations of social justice in Islam, and contemporary applications in social services. Additionally, training on

competent social services will increase. Innovations in social work practice, informed by Islamic principles, can lead to more effective and compassionate interventions. Technology also plays a crucial role in this evolution.

search and scholarship in Islamic social work can further refine and validate practices. By documenting successful interventions and developing evidence-based models, scholars can contribute to a deeper understanding of how

Technology and Your Intuition

Justin James Kennedy

In today's world, it's easy to fall prey to the flood of trivial information that bombards our brains. The ability to connect with so much information in such an immediate manner has introduced new challenges to our brain's ability to function; for example, the data come at a pace which far exceeds the brain's ability to adapt. One critical aspect which is often overlooked is the impact of digital overload on the brain's intuitive abilities.

Our exploration of technology's impact on the neuroscience of intuition, how digital overload affects it, and how we can harness technology to enhance intuition in a connected world begins with an alarming vignette.

PIECES OF THE PUZZLE

Meet Muhammad, a former professor and educator, now deeply invested in fostering his professional network and constantly connected and engaged with digital platforms. His mind once thrived on curiosity, but the allure of TikTok soon captivated his attention. Brain fog crept in, clouding his ability to synthesize complex information. The relentless stream of hypnotic social media posts dulled his ability to think deeply, transforming his cognition into a “click-and-enjoy” system rather than one of

deep reading and processing.

Muhammad began struggling to piece together intricate concepts both at work and in life. His professional network company required him to be an event organizer but he found it increasingly difficult to synchronize travel arrangements for speakers at an international medical conference, even booking a week-long layover in Egypt for one professor by mistake.

SCROLLING TO ETERNITY

Each scroll through TikTok's endless feed further blurred his mental clarity, but he couldn't seem to stop. Even during bathroom breaks, his phone was ever-present. Longing for the days when his thoughts flowed freely, Muhammad realized the toll social media overexposure had taken on his cognitive abilities. He struggled to focus on tasks for extended periods and noticed a decline in memory retention.

Determined to reclaim his acuity, he limited his TikTok time to morning coffee and after dinner for an hour. Though challenging at first, the fog gradually lifted, and clarity returned. Empowered by newfound focus, Muhammad rekindled his intellectual curiosity, even rediscovering the pleasure of reading books and highlighting a newfound understanding of the corruptible nature of his brain's intuitive function.



function.

Like Muhammad, many of us experience shorter attention spans due to increased social media use, making it more challenging to tap into intuitive abilities. Intuition is the brain's ability to make decisions based on subconscious information processing and pattern recognition. It relies on the rapid and automatic activation of various neural networks and neurotransmitters, such as dopamine and serotonin. These neurotransmitters play significant roles in modulating attention, reward, and decision-making processes, all vital for intuitive reasoning.

IT'S IN THE GUT

What many people colloquially call their “gut” could also be called intuition — a natural instinct supported by dynamic neural networks across various brain regions. Dopamine and serotonin are two key neurotransmitters in this context. Dopamine, involved in the brain's reward system, sharpens focus and enhances attention, enabling rapid information processing and pattern recognition. Serotonin regulates mood, emotions, and social behavior, contributing to well-being and confidence — essential factors for intuitive decision-making. Optimal se-

rotonin levels promote cognitive flexibility and creativity, necessary for generating novel insights and solutions.

The interplay between these neurotransmitters, along with diverse neural network activity, underpins the complex processes of intuitive reasoning. As information is rapidly processed and patterns recognized subconsciously, dopamine and serotonin modulate attention, enhance cognitive flexibility, and regulate emotional responses, ultimately influencing intuitive decision-making.

THINK OR SINK

Despite the challenges

posed by digital overload, recent advances in neuroscience suggest that technology can improve the brain's natural intuitive functions. By understanding the neural mechanisms underlying intuition, we can develop targeted interventions to boost attention, focus, and decision-making.

Strengthening neurotransmitter activity is crucial for enhancing intuition. A study by Baas et al. (2016) showed that individuals with higher dopamine synthesis capacity exhibited lower attentional control, suggesting that interventions enhancing dopamine transmission may improve intuitive abilities. Similarly, mindfulness-based interventions have been shown to increase serotonin levels, contributing to better intuitive decision-making (Goldberg et al., 2018).

OVERLOADING ATTENTION

We can adopt various strategies to counteract the negative effects of digital overload and enhance attentional intelligence. One promising approach is digital detox, in which individuals disconnect from digital devices for a set period to reduce information overload and regain focus. Incorporating regular mindfulness practices into daily routines has also been shown to improve attentional functioning and coping strategies (Goldberg et al., 2015).

Emerging technologies like neurofeedback and brain stimulation can further enhance intuitive abilities. Neurofeedback trains individuals to alter brain activity patterns, leading to improvements in attention and decision-making. Brain stimulation can modulate neural activity in specific brain regions involved in intuitive reasoning, potentially enhancing intuitive capacity.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Intuition emerges from the intricate interplay of neural networks and neurotransmitters, enabling rapid and adaptive decision-making based on subconscious information processing and pattern recognition. Dopamine and serotonin play key roles in modulating attention, reward, and emotional states, influencing the intuitive reasoning process. While digital overload poses significant challenges to our intuitive abilities, recent neuroscience advances and technological solutions offer promising ways to counter these effects.

By harnessing the power of technology and incorporating targeted interventions into our lives, we can enhance the brain's intuitive function, leading to improved attention, decision-making, and overall well-being.

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Dutch pilot struggles to maintain control as aircraft's canopy opens mid-air

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Imagine this! What would you do if a plane's canopy all of a sudden burst open mid-air? Fear and panic are likely to grip before figuring out how to manage the situation. Such a frightening situation happened with Dutch pilot Narine Melkumjan.

A video shared by the pilot on social media shocked the users. In the video, she struggled to maintain control of her Extra 330LX aircraft.

The aircraft's canopy, a transparent enclosure that protects the cockpit unexpectedly opened mid-air. The incident occurred a couple of years ago when Melkumjan was on her second aerobatic training flight.

In the video, she toiled to keep her eyes open against the wind. However, she applied all her skills to land the two-seater safely.

"It was a challenging experience that could have been avoided if I had made a proper visual check before taking off...



The canopy locking pin had never gone into the locked position, and I failed to notice it during my checks" she wrote.

"Additionally, flying without any eye protection made the flight even more challenging than it already was," she added. She explained that the flight

was a "distressing experience, filled with noise, breathing difficulties and impaired visibility. It took me nearly 28 hours to fully recover my vision. Aerodynamically, I've experienced some buffet and controllability challenges. Probably the most difficult part was to keep

the power in, thus trading my vision and breathing for kinetic energy," said Melkumjan.

Sharing the footage, Melkumjan urged all her fellow pilots to be safe. "I hope that my story serves as a cautionary tale and that you will learn from my mistakes," she said.

Garware Hi-Tech Films Launches its Paint Protection Film Application Studio in Srinagar

Srinagar: Garware Hi-Tech Films Ltd. (GHFL), a leading player in the Speciality film industry, proudly announces the grand opening of its cutting-edge Paint Protection Film Application Studio in Srinagar. This milestone marks a significant expansion in GHFL's commitment to delivering superior vehicle protection solutions, further cementing its leadership in innovation. The inauguration of the Srinagar studio was graced by Mr. Dharmender Kapoor, Vice President GHFL, Mr. Arjun Kapoor Suri, General Manager GHFL, joining them was Mr. Manish Kumar Kaundal-Regional Head, GHFL, Mr. Fardeen-Underground Detailing and Spa, Srinagar, Studio owner.

With an illustrious legacy spanning 90 years, Garware Hi-Tech has become synonymous with excellence in the Indian manufacturing sector. As the world's No. 1 fully integrated 'Chip to Film' technology company, GHFL stands at the forefront of technological



advancement, producing high-performance films that cater to the Indian & global market. The company's products are exported to over 100 countries, underscoring its international acclaim and dedication to quality.

The new Paint Protection Film Studio will feature GHFL's latest product offerings, designed to meet the evolving needs of the automotive industry. These high-tech films provide unparalleled

protection, enhancing the durability and aesthetics of vehicles while ensuring superior performance. As part of its ambitious growth strategy, GHFL plans to expand its product portfolio and strengthen its market presence in India. The Srinagar studio is a strategic move to bring advanced paint protection solutions closer to customers, offering them the best-in-class services and products.

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Dry Run Conducted

A structured and secure flow of pilgrims along the designated routes is being worked out, officials said.

In response to these threats, Home Minister Amit Shah convened a high-security meeting in Jammu and Kashmir, directing the security forces to adopt a robust anti-terror policy.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has also emphasised the importance of an incident-free Yatra, stressing co-ordinated efforts among various security and administrative agencies.

A special drill was also conducted and searches were carried out around the base camp, Jammu. An identification drive of those living in the area was also held.

"Three-tier security measures have been put in place for the base camp in Bhagwati Nagar area in Jammu," Dr. Vinod Kumar, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Jammu, said. He said police have stepped up area domination, especially on the highway. "All points from borders have been plugged.

To thwart any terrorist attempts, special Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs) have been constituted with the security forces planning to secure the high-rise buildings as part of the area domination. The Bhagwati Nagar camp will be under constant vigil of 360-degree cameras, the police said. Additional security forces have been posted in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure a safe yatra.

There are two arduous Amarnath yatra routes in Kashmir, where pilgrims scale up to an altitude of 13,000 feet through picturesque tourist spots of Pahalgam and Sonmarg to pay obeisance at the cave shrine. Pilgrims trek 20 kms on foot from Chandanwari up to the cave shrine in Pahalgam and 14 kms from Baltal to the shrine. The yatra will start from June 29.

Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who visited the Amarnath yatra base camp at Baltal yesterday, also directed senior officers of the administration, police, security forces and other stakeholder departments to coordinate with each other for better security and yatra management—(KNO)

Foreign Arrivals

The increase in domestic tourist arrivals is a testament to the strength and potential of our holistic approach for the development of the tourism sector and developing partnership between industry and communities for growth of associated business activities and employment.

The LG gave valuable suggestions on important segments to boost the tourism sector and transform the socio-economic condition of the stakeholders.

He called for collective efforts from experts and industry leaders to explore the potential of adventure, border & heritage tourism, offbeat destinations, golf, bird-watching and agro-tourism in Jammu Kashmir. Destination weddings can also become a key driver for the growth of the tourism sector of Jammu Kashmir, he said.

The LG emphasised on chalking out a strategic roadmap to facilitate maximum private investment in the tourism and hospitality sector.

After decades, Bollywood has returned to the valley. The Competitive Film policy has created a vibrant film ecosystem in the UT. Today, Jammu Kashmir has become the most preferred destination for the filmmakers. Experts and our representatives from the Filmindustry must draw a roadmap to realise its full potential, the LG observed.

We must lead the country by

ensuring mandatory quality standards through the quality certification mechanism for facilities and resources in the tourism & hospitality sector, the LG said.

The LG provided valuable inputs on brand-building and promotion of J&K's tourism sector through innovative marketing, IT and digital tools.

In the past few years, we have witnessed an unprecedented tourist influx to the UT. Ease of Travel for tourists, high customer value and professional & skilled manpower are some of the areas we must focus on to strengthen this sector, the LG said.

He called for strategic collaborations of administration, community, travel trade and industry players for value addition and enhancing the experience of tourists.

The LG emphasized on time bound implementation of suggestions and inputs received from experts and stakeholders during the conclave.

During the two-day Tourism Development Conclave-2024, the participants will deliberate on strategies, development models and innovative approaches to promote sustainable tourism practices in J&K.

Prominent personalities associated with the film and entertainment industry including Imtiaz Ali, Vishal Bhardwaj, Kabir Khan and Sanjay Suri are attending the conclave.

Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa; Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to LG; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Yasha Mudgal, Commissioner Secretary Tourism Department, senior officials, industry leaders and various stakeholders were present.

'G-20 Meeting

meeting in Srinagar last year talked highly of Kashmir's hospitality and beauty. The result of the word they spread is before us..." the LG said.

He said even though the Tourism sector contributes to J&K's economy, Agriculture and allied sectors too have a huge potential of generating employment to boost the economy of the UT. "I met a few youth who left their government jobs mid-way and shaped their future in Agriculture and allied sectors. Today, they provide employment to dozens of other youths as well," LG Sinha said.

The LG took a jibe at some people, who according to him, claim to be "jack of all jobs." "This mind-set needs to be changed. A prominent hotelier Mushtaq Chaya owns half of Srinagar land. He came to me once and sought land for setting up his office. I told him I need one kanal from him for the government," the LG said sarcastically.

About the people having "conflict properties", the LG said that these properties need to be identified. "We stand by our commitment of not touching the innocents but accused and those trying to destabilise peace won't be spared at any cost," he warned.

About the Tatoo Ground in Srinagar that was vacated by the army after 50 years, the LG said that the place will have a start of the art amusement park where tourists would love to spend the entire day. "Srinagar will host lakhs of tourists soon just because of the renovated Tatoo Ground," he said.

On renovated Polo View Srinagar, the LG said that he met the shopkeepers of the market and came to know that their business has increased three times due to tourist rush.

The LG urged the participants of the meeting and stakeholders to come up with a road map for promotion of spiritual tourism, adventure tourism, summer tourism, eco-tourism, wildlife tourism, religious tourism, Bird Watching and Agriculture Tourism. "India has a 130 million dollar

wedding industry and J&K is the best Wedding destination. I hope that J&K gets its share from this huge industry," he said.

Stating that J&K is getting the cheapest power in the country than Himachal, Punjab and Haryana, the LG said J&K has the lowest crime rate in the country and is safe for all.

3 Terrorists

of the slain terrorists. The identity and group affiliation of the slain ultras could not be ascertained immediately, they said.

However, the officials added that according to a preliminary investigation, the terrorists believed to have recently infiltrated from across the border are JeM members and likely from Pakistan.

An Army helicopter was also seen hovering over the area for surveillance during the encounter, the officials said.

They said the encounter ended around 4 pmbut a thorough search operation is still continuing to ensure that no other terrorists are there in the area.

Additional Director General of Police, Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, along with Deputy Inspector General of Police, Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban range, Shridhar Patil and Senior Superintendent of Police, Doda, Javid Iqbal, rushed to the encounter site to supervise the operation.

This was the second such encounter in the Jammu region this month. On June 11-12, two Pakistani terrorists and a CRPF jawan were killed in a 15-hour-long operation in the Hiranagar sector of Kathua district.

Jammu has witnessed a spurt in terror activities, attributed by authorities to an attempt by Pakistani handlers to revive terrorism in the region and disturb the peaceful atmosphere.

On June 9, terrorists struck a bus carrying pilgrims returning from the Shiv Khori temple in Reasi district, killing nine people, including the driver and the conductor of the vehicle, and injuring 41.

The officials said internet mobile services in Gandoh and adjoining areas have been suspended as a precautionary measure.

Meanwhile, a Chinese hand grenade was found in Pind village in the Chingus area of Rajouri district, they said.

The officials said the grenade was found late on Tuesday evening by a patrolling party of security forces.

Kashmir Will Be Integral

been assured.

"Several filmmakers have shot their movies and web series in the Kashmir valley. These are remarkable filmmakers... among the best in India. Kabir Khan, Imtiaz Ali, Vishal Bhardwaj, and Sanjay Suri -- all of them are top filmmakers.

"They have all come here and shot great films which have been remarkable success stories. You already have a vast number of films being shot here," he told reporters.

Referring to the recent visit of cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar to the valley, the former NITI Aayog CEO said it was a delight to see him play cricket on the streets of Kashmir.

"Ajay Devgn and Jackie Shroff were hugged by the people of Kashmir in downtown (during the shooting). Bollywood divas Waheeda Rehman, Asha Parekh and Helen came here on their own. They spent their own money to come here and see Kashmir and revive their nostalgic memories.

"So, all filmmakers will come here, they will shoot here, Kashmir will form an integral part of all India stories," he added.

Asked if the tourism conclave would have a positive outcome, Kant said

Kashmir would witness an economic boom and its people would reap the benefits.

"Kashmir needs safety and security which has been assured now... Kashmir and the people of Kashmir will be the greatest beneficiaries," the G20 Sherpa said.

Actor-producer Sanjay Suri said such conclaves would increase tourist footfall to Kashmir.

"These conclaves really help enhance tourism. They talk about challenges and also opportunities. It is just about promoting tourism. Infrastructure and support is needed," Suri, who was born and brought up in Srinagar, said.

He said Kashmir never needed to be sold as a destination as it has always been on everyone's wishlist.

However, with the increase in tourism activity, places like Srinagar are seeing a lot of rush, Suri said, adding that the focus should be shifted away from the golden triangle of Srinagar-Gulmarg-Pahalgam.

"It has never taken me two hours to reach Nishat from Hyderabad before, but these days it takes so much time. There are more tourists coming, more vehicles. I think there is a need to decentralise tourism to other areas, far-flung areas also.

"Enough of this golden triangle of Srinagar-Gulmarg-Pahalgam, we need to focus on developing other areas also. There are beautiful places which I have been to, they should be developed," he said.

Suri said he expects a lot of Indian filmmakers to come to Kashmir to shoot their films.

"If shootings can take place for 365 days in Goa, why not in Kashmir?" he said.

Crores Invested To Boost

Atal Dulloo while addressing a gathering at SKICC, said that Jammu and Kashmir has seen transformative changes in the last couple of years.

"As we are planning to formulate a roadmap for development of tourism in J&K, we need suggestions from the concerned stakeholders including tour operators, travel agents and others in this regard," Dulloo said. He said that crores of rupees are being spent here, which will help boost the economic activities in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dulloo said that other sectors like power have seen massive changes in terms of transmission and distribution and that both have witnessed an increase of over 30 per cent in the last couple of years. He also said that four new highways are coming up while travel time from Srinagar-Jammu and vice-versa has reduced by over four hours.

Mian Qayoom

Jamaat-e-Islami -- was escorted under tight security to the district court complex in Janipur.

He was seen dressed in a white Pathani attire and wearing a mask, walking with a slight limp as he was moved to the State Investigation Agency (SIA) office for questioning regarding his alleged involvement in the conspiracy.

Qadri, a human rights advocate who frequently appeared on television debates, was fatally shot at his residence in the Hawal area of downtown Srinagar in September 2020. He had narrowly survived an assassination attempt in 2018.

The officials suggested that Qadri's killing highlighted the use of violence to silence dissent within the bar association. Qadri had publicly questioned the legitimacy and actions of Qayoom in various speeches and social media posts.

Qayoom's rise to prominence within the legal community was marred by allegations of intimidation, threats and violence for maintaining control over the association, which he allegedly treated as his personal domain.

The case was transferred to a Jammu court from Srinagar in January on grounds of ensuring a fair trial by the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court.

The high court's decision had come in response to Qadri's father citing the reluctance of Srinagar-based lawyers to render assistance due to the involvement of influential figures.

Qayoom, who is the father-in-law of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court judge Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, has been under scrutiny in multiple cases, including alleged grabbing of temple land and dishonouring the national flag.

Throughout his career, Qayoom has been a vocal advocate for Kashmir's integration with Pakistan, employing tactics such as protests and incitement of violence to further his separatist agenda, leading to tensions in the region.

His association with banned terrorist organisations and unlawful associations led by the likes of Yasin Malik, Asiya Andrabi and Syed Ali Shah Geelani raised concerns over his role in propagating a secessionist narrative in the Valley.

With a track record of criminal cases, including charges under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Qayoom's confrontational approach towards the Indian government and judiciary drew criticism and scrutiny.

The officials alleged that his actions have had far-reaching consequences, impacting businesses, livelihoods, and the overall stability of Jammu and Kashmir.

His relentless pursuit of secessionist goals not only polarised communities but also drew international attention to the unrest in the region.

Hope No Muslim

Bidhuri called former BSP's Danish Ali a 'Muslim terrorist'.

In his letter to the Speaker, Ali said the BJP South Delhi MP had called him "bhad-wa (pimp)," "katwa (circumcised one)" and "Mullah aatankwadi (Muslim terrorist)".

The remarks were expunged by the Speaker from the records. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who was present in the Lok Sabha during the exchange, had apologised to the House for Bidhuri's remarks soon after.

Later Bidhuri expressed regret for his objectionable remarks during a meeting of the Lok Sabha Privileges Committee in December.

Ruhullah also underscored the need for thorough discussions on critical bills, referring to the passage of the Article 370 bill.

Birla responded by informing the House about the extensive debate that preceded the bill's passage, countering Ruhullah's assertion of a rushed legislative process.

Municipal Elections

time, Other Backward Classes (OBC) reservations may be implemented in the upcoming municipal elections in Jammu and Kashmir. Previously, there was no provision for OBC reservation in these elections. The delay in holding the elections last year was due to the process of ensuring an OBC reservation system. On December 28, 2023, the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Council amended the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, allowing for OBC reservations in urban and rural local bodies—(KNO)

80% Of New Drug

and carfentanil, reduce pain

perception and can cause drowsiness, confusion, euphoria, nausea and constipation," he said.

Dr Yasir called for preventive methods to combat the drug menace. "Preventive methods are essential tools in combating drug abuse. These approaches focus on stopping drug use before it begins and are often more effective and sustainable than dealing with the consequences after it has occurred," he said.

"While treatment and rehabilitation are vital for those struggling with addiction, preventive strategies aim to address root causes and mitigate risk factors, effectively stopping drug use before it starts," he added.

Officials stressed the role of religious scholars in eradicating social evils like drug abuse. "Thousands of people listen to religious scholars. If they deliver Friday sermons on the ill effects of drug abuse, they can raise awareness and help parents understand how to interact with their children," they said.

The Imams and Khateebis can also counsel drug addicts effectively, promoting a 'forget and accept' approach to encourage those involved in drug abuse to seek treatment without stigma, the officials added—(KNO)

ACB Registers

different districts of Jammu province and two hotels located in district Kullu (Manali), Himachal Pradesh. He also acquired huge bank balances and valuables, the spokesman said.

The ACB obtained search warrants from the court and conducted searches at the residences and offices of the accused as well as family members and relatives, including residential houses and business establishments located at different districts of Jammu province, Srinagar and Manali.

During the course of searches, many incriminating documents and valuables were found, which were seized and taken for investigation purposes, the spokesman said.

The ACB team also searched two hotels at Manali and recovered one agreement of sale of 12.03 hectares of land at Mohal and Phati Burua areas, executed between one Ved Parkash of Shimla and Rekha Devi, wife of Singh, he said.

For this sale, the spokesman said, a consideration of Rs 2.85 crore was fixed, out of which she gave Rs 50 lakh in advance -- Rs 25 lakh through cheques and Rs 25 lakh in cash.

During the search conducted at Hatli in Kathua, some documents pertaining to benami properties in the shape of will deeds of huge chunks of land were also recovered, he said.

The searches at different locations

are still in progress.

High Court Imposes

but previously as well while maintaining OWP No. 1841/2017, which petition have had been filed on 13 November, 2017 i.e. admittedly much after the holding of private negotiations dated 15th July, 2014, inasmuch as the receipt of final amount of compensation by the petitioner on 24th April, 2017," the court said, adding, "... the petitioner has deliberately chosen to conceal the said material facts in both the petitions and has in the process while maintaining the petitions abused the process of law."

Resultantly, the court dismissed the petition with costs of Rs. 50,000 to be deposited by the petitioner within three weeks' time before its Registrar Judicial. Upon depositing the amount, the court directed that the same shall be credited by the Registry in Account maintained in the name of "Yateem Khannah, Bemina, Srinagar".

REVIVAL OF TRADITIONAL MODE OF TRANSPORTATION:

Sgr Youth Comes Up With 'Royal Horse Cart'



Agencies

SRINAGAR: In yet another instance to revive the traditional mode of transportation, the Srinagar youth have come up with a 'Royal Horse Cart' on the famous foreshore road here, attracting the visitors as well as the local populace here.

The unique initiative has been taken by the four youth from Srinagar, who include Shahid, Momin, Imtiyaz, and Aadil—all graduates. The reels of trio ferrying tourists on famous Boulevard road is trending on social media and the internet.

The unemployed youth have come up with a beautiful and royal Tonga Ride for locals as well as tourists here.

Shahid shared, this idea struck their minds as they were thinking about what tourists have in Srinagar except for the Shikara ride. "The Tonga Ride was the first thing that struck our minds," he said.

"As it is the first of its kind in Srinagar, except for the one at Lalit, we thought to revive our

old tradition of the Tonga Ride, and with that concept, we have added a historical touch," said Shahid. He added, "We got the cart ready from Punjab and also have two horses, one white and one brown."

Sharing details, he added, "We have three stops: from Nishat parking to Shalimar park costing Rs 1000, the second one to Duck Park with a fare of Rs 1500, and the third one from Nishat to Habbak Srinagar for Rs 2000. We bought one horse for Rs 2 lakh, another for 1.5 lakh, and got the royal cart ready at the cost of Rs 4.4 lakh with a GST of Rs 20,000," said Shahid, adding, "We have taken permission from all the departments including Deputy Commissioner (DC), Police, Srinagar Smart City, and the tourism department, and everyone has helped them with permissions for the initiative."

Pertinently, the "Tonga Ride," has a profound history in Kashmir. It was once used as the cheapest means of transport by people to carry their essentials—(KNO)

ENGINEERING GRADUATION DAY

Certificates Distributed To 600 Students At SSM College



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Kashmir, Ganderbal, Prof. Qayyum Husain, Vice-Chancellor of Cluster University Srinagar, and Prof. Khurshid Ahmad Butt, Dean College Development Council of University of Kashmir, distributed certificates to 600 students at SSM College of Engineering on its Graduation Day.

Mrs. Dilafrose Qazi, Vice-Chairperson, in her welcome address highlighted the achievements, performance, and future plans of the Institute.

Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, the chief guest, stressed the importance of multitasking in the fast-changing scenario, urging students to embrace

unique challenges in a field full of opportunities.

Prof. Qayyum Husain congratulated the students and lauded the efforts of the Management and Board for developing a campus with excellent facilities. He emphasized the need for additional knowledge and skills to improve marketability and expressed hope that the college would achieve University status once the private university bill is passed, recognizing its potential.

Prof. Khurshid Ahmad Butt congratulated the students and encouraged them to develop critical thinking to overcome future challenges. He conveyed best wishes on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kashmir and assured full assistance to the esteemed Institute.

Ex MLA Nizamuddin Bhat Disassociates Self from People's Conference

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Senior leader and MLA from Bandipora Nizamuddin Bhat has disassociated himself from Sajad Lone led People's Conference.

Bhat confirmed that he has disassociated himself from the party with "dignity and respect" He said that when he joined the party he was not actively involved. "I was appointed as chairman of the party's Parliamentary Board, but when Sajad Lone declared his candidature for Lok Sabha polls, he didn't consult the board and announced the decision on his own. I was virtually insulted," Bhat said.

He further said that he still supported his best in the election and when there was core group meeting yesterday, he was not invited, which was a humiliation on him. "No conscientious person will tolerate such humiliation. So I am no more with the party," he added. While Bhat claimed that he supported PC, the par-

ty stood distant third in Bandipora segment. The party managed to get only 6000 votes in the segment, raising questions on Bhat's political future.

Bhat further said that he disassociated from the party with dignity and respect, he has no complaint. "These two instances led to the decision of me parting ways with the party," he said. The decision of him parting ways comes at a time when the party faced defeat in the recently concluded Lok Sabha polls for which Sajad Lone was party's candidate from Baramulla constituency. Sajad Lone lost to independent candidate Er Rashid by a huge margin and was placed at number 3 after former chief minister Omar Abdullah who was National Conference candidate for Baramulla seat.

JAMMU & KASHMIR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CONCLAVE

Director Information Delivers Insightful Presentation On Film Tourism In J&K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In the ongoing Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Conclave being held at Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) here, Director Information, Jatin Kishore, delivered an insightful presentation on Film Tourism in Jammu and Kashmir during the afternoon session of Conclave.

The Conclave is being organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department, aimed at exploring new avenues for promoting tourism in the region.

During the presentation, Director Information highlighted the rich cultural tapestry and breathtaking landscapes of Jammu and Kashmir that serve as ideal settings for film productions. Emphasizing on the economic and promotional benefits of film shoots in the region, Jatin Kishore outlined several strategic initiatives of the J&K Government to attract filmmakers and production houses from across the country for film shootings here.

He remarked that after the launch of J&K Film Policy, more than 350 film shooting permissions have been issued to various filmmakers. He added that a Single Window System has been established for processing of film permissions so that the filmmakers are facilitated at all levels.

After the presentation, a panel discussion on 'Film Tourism and its potential in promoting J&K Tourism' was held in which Director Information, Jatin Kishore, renowned Bollywood filmmakers and writers like Imtiyaz Ali, Vishal Bhardwaj, Kabir Khan, Actor Sanjay Suri and line producer Khawar Jamsheed participated.

The participants discussed the potential of Kashmir valley, having scenic beauty and cultural heritage, in film shooting and its prospects for promoting tourism as well as boosting local economies and creating



Shooting In Kashmir Easy Compared To Many Places Of India: Kabir Khan

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Bollywood Director Kabir Khan Wednesday said that shooting in Kashmir was way much easier compared to many states of India citing the ample landscape choices and cooperation from the public.

Addressing media after attending Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Conclave, Khan, who was flanked by Bollywood directors Vishal Bhardwaj and Imtiyaz Ali, said shooting in Kashmir has been a good experience for them.

"Kashmir is surprisingly an easy location to shoot. Permission is easily available compared to some other places and people here are helpful for a filmmaker to shoot. We get ample beauty and a variety of landscapes here," he said.

Imtiyaz Ali said they are serious about making films and shows rooted in Kashmir. "We always look for some good scripts. If a good script comes up with a Kashmir theme, we can work on it."

employment opportunities. The session also involved an interaction of the panelists with stakeholders associated

Ali said for a Kashmiri to make a mark in Bollywood will require hard work. "I think people of Kashmir will have to dispel the persisting resistance regarding opening of cinema halls and people choosing films as a career," he said.

Vishal Bhardwaj said the government's film policy was providing enough opportunity to the local filmmakers to make films based on Kashmir.

"Local filmmakers can avail double subsidy which amounts to Rs 3 crore. So in a way the government is giving you money to make films," he said.

Bhardwaj said the local artists can reach them with scripts for Kashmir based films.

"We are always hungry for scripts. Anyone who has a good script can reach us through our agents in Mumbai or associates in Kashmir. We have dreams and hopefully they are going to become projects," he said—(KNO)

with the film and tourism industry. The panelists answered various queries raised by these stakeholders.

Congress Gears Up For Assembly Polls

High Command Convenes J&K Leaders For Strategy Meet

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Congress high command is holding a key meeting of its leaders from Jammu & Kashmir on Thursday to chalk out its strategy for the upcoming Assembly election in the Union Territory, sources disclosed.

Sources said that the party high command has summoned 20-25 leaders from J&K to New Delhi to evolve its strategy for the upcoming assembly elections in the Union Territory.

The party has already held similar sessions with the leadership of Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Haryana where the assembly elections are due later this year.

The polls are also expected to be held in Jammu & Kashmir

this year as the Supreme Court had last year directed the Election Commission of India to complete the polls in the Union Territory before September 30.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, former party chief Rahul Gandhi, AICC general secretary K C Venugopal and other top leaders of the party are expected to be part of the deliberations with leadership from J&K.

According to sources, the meeting would discuss ways to strengthen the party in Jammu & Kashmir where it has faced several setbacks after 2014.

In the recent Lok Sabha, Congress lost both Lok Sabha seats it contested in Jammu & Kashmir. It managed to lead only in seven assembly segments in these two seats. (KNO)

PIB Srinagar Organizes 'Vartalap' On Three New Criminal Laws

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Srinagar organized a Media Workshop 'Vartalap' on the three new legislations 'Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita' (BNS), 'Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita' (BNSS) and 'Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam' (BSA) of 2023.

The 'Vartalap' was organized to sensitize the media in Kashmir about the spirit and intent behind the three new criminal laws. During the workshop, the speakers explained the rationale for the introduction of these laws and highlighted some of the important departures from the Indian Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code and the Indian Evidence Act.

In his welcome address, Qazi Salman Ibrahim, Joint Director, PIB Srinagar said that the main aim of these legislations is to 'decolonize' criminal laws of the British Era.

Speaking on the occasion, Dar Rashid, Senior Prosecuting Officer, J&K Prosecution Services said, the three new laws 'Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita', 'Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita' & 'Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam' will give a new direction to the criminal justice system

in India. Describing these laws as a shift from an archaic colonial system, he said that these new laws have been designed and drafted by the Indians for the Indians and the system created by the Indian Parliament with the objective towards ensuring justice.

Advocate Sheikh Umar Farooq, Senior Advocate, J&K High Court in his address said, these new laws are in line with the Indian ethos as these have made a significant shift towards becoming more victim centric. He further said that the victim rights have been defined and protected in the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in multiple ways which make victims active participants of criminal proceedings than mere passive observers of the same.

Advocate Naveed Gul, Senior Advocate, J&K High Court in his address said, the three new criminal laws are an endeavour to make the criminal justice system more accessible, accountable, credible, and justice driven. He further said that with over 600 amendments, additions, and deletions, the criminal laws have been pushed into a transparent, modern, and technologically adept framework, equipped to address contemporary challenges that rig the criminal justice dispensation of India.

'Int'l Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking'

1109 Substance Abusers Identified In Kupwara

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Healthcare authorities in north Kashmir's Kupwara district have raised concerns following the identification of hundreds of substance abusers.

Data accessed reveals that 1,109 substance abusers were identified in the district until May 2024. Among them, 311 have recovered, while 605 are currently undergoing treatment.

An official told KNO that regular awareness programs and counselling sessions are being conducted in the district to combat the drug menace.

He said the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara has implemented several measures to address this issue. "The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Kupwara, Chief Education Officer (CEO) Kupwara, and Nodal Officer Colleges have been directed to organise awareness programmes, rallies and capacity-building counselling sessions on the harmful effects of drug abuse in all degree colleges," he said.

The CMO Kupwara has been instructed to reach out to identified drug abusers and facilitate their treatment at drug de-addiction centres, the official said, adding that the list of identified substance abusers is to be shared with all Tehsildars.

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No: Mech/k/ 226-31 DATED: 25/06/2024

AUCTION NOTICE

It is notified for the information of all concerned that auction of the Krishmi and Grass grown naturally in the premises of Brick & Tile factory (Mechanical Unit) JKPC Ltd pampore is to be made on 08/07/2024 at 2.00PM. It is obligatory for the participants to deposit cash of Rs:5,000/= (Rupees Five thousand only) in the office of under signed before start of the auction as deposit amount. The minimum reserve bid for the auction is fixed as Rs:60,000/= (Rupees sixty thousand only) The successful bidder shall have to deposit the full amount within week's time from the date of issuance of allotment in his favour.

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Deputy General Manager
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E-N.I.T NO: 07-SSCL/06/2024-25 DT: 26/06/2024

1. The Employer, Chief Executive Officer, Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL), invites bids from bidders who shall be an Agency/ Entity/ Company/ Firm incorporated in India under the (Indian) Companies Act 2013/ Firm registered under the Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008 for the work as detailed in table below:

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Organization	Estimated Cost (in Lacs.)	Cost of Tender Document	Earnest Money (in lacs.)	Head of Account	Class Of Contract	Time Allowed for completion
1	Undergrounding of Electric Network at Jehangir Chowk Srinagar (Balance Work)	Srinagar Smart City Ltd	Rs. 311.90 Lacs.	Rs. 4,000/-	Rs. 6.23 Lacs/-	SSCL	As mentioned in Bid Document	2 1/2 Months

Position of AAA = AA accorded vide order no: 26-SSCL of 2022, Dt: 22/03/2022
Position of T/S = Order No: 679-SSCL of 2023-24, Dt: 19/02/2024

1. The Bid document consisting of Information to Bidders (ITB), Information and Documents to be furnished along with the Bid, General & Special Conditions of Contract, and set of terms and conditions of contract and other necessary documents will be uploaded on the website: www.jktenders.gov.in from 26-06-2024. The Bidders can take part in the bidding process as per below tabulated schedule:

S. No.	Particulars	Schedule
1	Date of issue of IFB	Date: 26-06-2024
2	Availability of Bid Document on e-procurement portal	Date: 26-06-2024 & Time: 16:00 Hrs.
4	Dead line for Submission of bids	Date: 06-07-2024 & Time: 16:00 Hrs.
5	Last Date for receipt of physical instruments of Cost of Bid Document and Security Deposit.	Date: 06-07-2024
6	Opening of Technical Bids	Date: 08-07-2024 & Time: 14:00 Hrs.
7	Date of opening of Financial Bid	To be informed separately

2. Bids shall be received "on line" on or before 06/07/2024. The bidder must possess Compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and proper used ID.

3. If any date specified herein is a holiday, then the next working day will be considered for the activity and the time will remain the same.

4. The Schedule indicated above is tentative and the Employer may change any or the entire schedule with prior intimation to all bidders.

5. Interested and eligible bidders may submit their complete proposal as prescribed in the Bid Document along with the receipt of requisite Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and non-refundable Cost of Bid Document.

6. The Cost of Bid Document is to be paid through DD/NEFT/RTGS in favour of Chief Executive Officer Srinagar Smart City Limited with Bank Account details as under:
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IFSC Code: ICIC0002527
MICR Code: 190229002

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9. The bidder is required to quote in the prescribed format provided on the e-procurement portal and the selection will be done on least cost basis.

10. Right to revise or amend this notice and / or the Bid Document, fully or partially, prior to the last date notified for submission of offers or on any subsequent date is reserved by the Employer.

11. The Employer will not be responsible for any delay in submission of bid due to any reason.

12. The Employer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, cancel the bidding process, at any time prior to the award of contract, without assigning any reason therefor and thereby assumes no responsibility of incurring any liability to the affected applicants.

13. Any information regarding the IFB and / or Bid Document can be had from the office of undersigned during office hours.

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Ten Children Per Day In Gaza Have Their Legs Amputated: UNRWA



Agencies

The head of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Philippe Lazzarini, highlighted on 25 June the horrific injury and maiming of Palestinian children resulting from Israel's bombing of Gaza.

"Basically, we have, every day, 10 children who are losing one leg or two legs on average," Lazzarini told reporters in Geneva.

UNRWA used data from the UN children's agency UNICEF and noted that the figure mentioned "does not even include the arms and the hands, and we have many more" of these.

"Ten per day, that means around 2,000 children after the more than 260 days of this brutal war," Lazzarini added. He further noted that amputations are being carried out in "horrible conditions."

Separately, the US-based NGO Save the Children estimates that about 21,000 children are missing as a result of Israel's war on Gaza.

As of Monday, Israel's bombing

of the Gaza Strip has resulted in the death of 37,626 people, about 75 percent of whom are children, women, and the elderly. Over 15,821 of the dead are children, and over 10,475 are women.

Greece has demanded that the European states respond to this "tragedy" and accept children from Gaza to be treated for their injuries and other war-related traumas.

"We need to face this tragedy very clearly," Greek Foreign Minister George Gerapetritis said last week. "Europe should be open to injured people from [Gaza] but also to children who are now facing famine or other sorts of dangers."

Gerapetritis spoke with Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Mustafa and is seeking the support of other nations to move forward with the project.

Brussels urged EU health and civil protection ministers to voice their readiness to accept Palestinian patients in a letter sent in May. Colombia has made it known that it will provide medical treatment for injured Palestinian children.

Iran's Presidential Hopefuls Hold Last Debate Ahead Of Snap Elections



Agencies

Presidential candidates in the Islamic Republic of Iran held a debate on 25 June, two days ahead of a snap election that will determine a successor to Ebrahim Raisi, who died in a sudden helicopter crash last month.

The candidates who have been chosen by Iran's Constitutional Council from 80 applicants seeking the Iranian presidency are Saeed Jalili, Alireza Zakani, Amir Hossein Qazizadeh Hashemi, Mostafa Pourmohammadi, Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf, and Masoud Pezeshkian.

Each taking an equal amount of time, the candidates presented their visions for Iran and solutions for its economic, political, and cultural issues. The leading theme of the debate was Iran's economic situation.

Jalili called during the debate for strengthening the country-

side economically, explaining that 26 percent of Iranians "are farmers and rural residents, but they do not receive a large share of the budget."

Any Iranian can improve the country's economy, he said, "provided that we look comprehensively at all of the country's capabilities and that everyone participates in its growth and development."

Qalibaf, on the other hand, vowed during his allotted time to continue on the path of Raisi's economic roadmap. He said he would complete the former president's projects, which focused on developing ties with regional countries, forming alliances, and safeguarding Iran's interests.

Pezeshkian discussed internal and external issues that Iran faces, including gaps between the government and the people and harsh western sanctions, which have been imposed on the country for decades.



UN Warns Of 'Catastrophic' Threat To Region If Israel-Hezbollah Fighting Escalates

Agencies

NEW YORK CITY: The UN on Tuesday expressed serious concerns about the risk of an escalation in the fighting between Israel and Hezbollah, warning that not only would it cause even more suffering and devastation to the people of Lebanon and Israel but also "more potentially catastrophic consequences for the region."

Tor Wennesland, the UN's special coordinator for the Middle East urged both sides to take urgent, immediate steps to deescalate the situation.

Tensions along the border between Israel and Lebanon continue to escalate. Cross-border exchanges of fire have increased in recent weeks, prompting UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to warn that the risk of the conflict spreading to the wider region "is real and must be avoided."

Wennesland was speaking during a meeting of the Se-

curity Council to discuss the implementation of Resolution 2334, which was adopted in 2016 and demands an end to all Israeli settlement activity, immediate steps to prevent violence and acts of terror against civilians, and calls on both sides to refrain from provocative actions, incitement and inflammatory rhetoric.

Wennesland said he was "deeply troubled" by continuing Israeli settlement expansion in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and reiterated that all settlements "have no legal validity and are in flagrant violation of international law." He called on Israel to cease all such activity immediately.

Escalating violence and tensions in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, are also deeply worrying, Wennesland said.

"Intensified armed exchanges between Palestinians and Israeli security forces, alongside lethal attacks by Pales-

tinians against Israelis and by Israeli settlers against Palestinians, have also exacerbated tensions and led to exceedingly high levels of casualties and detentions. All perpetrators of attacks must be held accountable," he added.

Wennesland blamed regional instability on the ongoing hostilities in Gaza and stressed the need for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, and an immediate humanitarian ceasefire.

"There is a deal on the table and it should be agreed," he told council members. "I welcome the efforts, including by Egypt, Qatar and the United States, to reach such deal."

He lamented the fact that effective mechanisms from Israel to provide humanitarian notifications, safe conditions for humanitarian operations, and sufficient access for aid workers to address humanitarian needs remain "sorely lacking and must be put in place without delay."

Israel Eyes Use Of Musk's Starlink In Event Of War With Hezbollah

Agencies

JERUSALEM: Israel is looking to use Elon Musk's Starlink to maintain Internet connectivity should there be a potential all-out-war with Lebanese Hezbollah on the northern border that causes power outages in Israel, a newspaper report said on Tuesday.

The Calcalist financial daily said that the finance and communications ministries were seeking to utilize Starlink's 5,000 low-orbit satellites to ensure stable data and information flow for state authorities during emergencies.

Both ministries did not immediately comment to Reuters.

In February, Communications Minister Shlomo Karhi gave permission to Starlink, the satellite unit of SpaceX, to operate in Israel and the Gaza Strip.

Iran-backed Hezbollah began attacking Israel shortly after Hamas' Oct. 7 assault sparked the war in Gaza, and



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Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant headed to Washington on Sunday to discuss the next phase of the Gaza war and escalating hostilities on the border with Lebanon, where exchanges of fire with Hezbollah have stoked fears of wider conflict. A full war in the north could lead to missile attacks on Israel's power grid and other infrastructure.

Glad That Speaker Strongly Condemned Emergency, Highlighted Excesses: PM Modi

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla for his condemnation of the Emergency in the Lok Sabha today and said it was a wonderful gesture to stand in silence in honour of all those who suffered during those days.

Om Birla read out a resolu-

members.

PM Modi said in a post on X, "I am glad that the Honourable Speaker strongly condemned the Emergency, highlighted the excesses committed during that time and also mentioned the manner in which democracy was strangled."

The Emergency was imposed 50 years ago but it is important for today's youth to know



tion condemning the Emergency in the Lok Sabha, shortly after he was elected speaker, and flayed the then-government headed by prime minister Indira Gandhi.

A large number of MPs stood in silence for a few moments amid protests by Congress MPs and some other opposition

about it because it remains a fitting example of what happens when the Constitution is trampled over, public opinion is stifled and institutions are destroyed, he added.

"The happenings during the Emergency exemplified what a dictatorship looks like," PM Modi said.

"Baseless, Deceitful Narratives": India Hits Back At Pak On Kashmir At UN

Press Trust of India

UNITED NATIONS: India has slammed Pakistan for its "baseless and deceitful narratives" as Islamabad's envoy here made references to Kashmir in the UN General Assembly.

"Earlier in the day, one delegation misused this forum to spread baseless and deceitful narratives, which is not a surprise," Minister in India's Permanent Mission to the UN Pratik Mathur said on Tuesday.

"I will not dignify these remarks with any response, just to save the valuable time of this august body," he said.

Mathur was delivering India's statement at the UN General Assembly debate on the Annual Report of the UN Security Council.

His retort came after Pakistan's UN envoy Munir Akram made references to Kashmir in his remarks from the General Assembly podium during the



debate.

Pakistan regularly raises the issue of Jammu and Kashmir at various UN platforms, irrespective of the subject matter being discussed or the theme of the forum and fails to get any support or traction.

India has previously rejected Pakistan's attempts to raise the Kashmir issue at international forums, asserting that the "Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the Union Territory of Ladakh have been, are and will always remain integral and inalienable parts of India."

Arvind Kejriwal's Blood Sugar Levels Drop In Court, Allowed To Have Tea

Agencies

NEW DELHI: Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) National Convener Arvind Kejriwal who was taken to Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court by CBI on Wednesday was brought out of the courtroom for tea and biscuits after his blood sugar levels dropped.

Kejriwal was taken to the Ahlmad room following court permission during which his wife Sunita Kejriwal also accompanied him. This happened just after the CBI had formally

arrested him from the courtroom, in connection with the Excise policy case.

CBI arrested Kejriwal after the Vacation Judge of Delhi Court allowed CBI to examine him in the courtroom so that the agency could proceed with his formal arrest. The court also asked the CBI to place on record the material that they have for his arrest.

Kejriwal was produced before the court of vacation judge Amitabh Rawat in compliance with the production warrant issued by the court yesterday.

Bombay High Court Dismisses Students' Petition Against College's Hijab Ban

Agencies

MUMBAI: The Bombay High Court on Wednesday dismissed the plea filed by women students challenging the ban on wearing hijab, niqab, burkha, stole, cap, etc., on campus by a Mumbai college.

A division bench of Justices A S Chandurkar and Rajesh Patil of Bombay HC refused to interfere in the decision taken by a Mumbai city-based college and dismissed a petition filed by nine female students challenging the college authorities' decision.

Earlier in July, the students who have been studying in the second and third year of a science degree course moved against the directive issued by the Chembur Trombay Education Society's NG Acharya and DK Marathe College imposing a dress code barring the students from wearing hijab, niqab, burkha, stole, cap, etc. inside the premises.

The petitioners claimed such a directive was against their fundamental rights to practice their religion, right to privacy, and right to choice.

The plea termed the college's action as "arbitrary, unreasonable, bad-in-law and perverse".

Advocate Altaf Khan, representing



the petitioners, distinguished this case from the Karnataka High Court judgment on the hijab ban in junior colleges, noting that this case concerns senior college students who have a dress code but not a uniform.

Khan argued that the dress code was imposed via WhatsApp without any legal authority, contrasting it with the Karnataka case where a pre-existing uniform policy was enforced. He claimed the dress code violates the petitioners' right to choice, bodi-

ty integrity, and autonomy.

Earlier, the college authorities claimed that the decision was merely a disciplinary one and was not against the Muslim community.

Senior counsel Anil Anturkar, appearing for the college management, said the dress code was for all students belonging to every religion and caste.

The girls, however, claimed in their plea that such a directive was "nothing but colourable exercise of power".

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