

NO MORE IPC, CRPC, EVIDENCE ACT 3 New Criminal Laws Take Effect

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New Delhi: Three new criminal laws came into effect in the country on Monday, bringing far-reaching changes in India's criminal justice system.

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) take into account some of the current social realities and modern-day crimes.

The new laws replaced the British-era Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively.

From Monday, all fresh FIRs will be registered under the BNS. However, cases filed earlier will continue to be tried under the old laws till their final disposals.

The new laws brought in a modern justice system, incorporating provisions such as Zero FIR, online registration of police complaints, summonses through electronic modes such as SMS and mandatory videography of crime scenes for all heinous crimes.



The new laws have tried to address some of the current social realities and crimes and are going to provide a mechanism to effectively deal with these, keeping in view the ideals enshrined in the Constitution, official sources said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who piloted the laws, had said the new laws would give priority to providing justice, unlike the colonial-era laws that gave primacy to penal action.

"These laws are made by Indians, for Indians and by an Indian Parliament and marks the end of colonial criminal justice laws," he had said.

Shah had further said the

laws were not just about changing the nomenclature but bringing about a complete overhaul.

"Soul, body and spirit of the new laws is Indian," he had said.

Justice is an umbrella term that encompasses both the victim and the culprit, the home minister had said and added these new laws would ensure political, economic and social justice with an Indian ethos.

According to the new laws, judgment in criminal cases has to come within 45 days of completion of trial and charges must be framed within 60 days of first hearing.

Statement of rape victims will be recorded by a woman police | [More on P6](#)

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Centuries-Old Shackles Of Colonial Legacy Broken: LG

Says New Criminal Laws Will Ensure Justice, Equality For All

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said the three new criminal laws implemented in the country today will ensure justice and equality for all.

"Commencement of three new laws -- Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam -- break the centuries-old shackles of colonial legacy. These new laws will ensure justice and equality for all, moving away from the repressive colonial framework," Sinha said at a



function held at the Police Headquarters here.

Sinha said the new laws reflect a major shift towards a more humane and just system.

"These laws, based on individual freedom and human rights, reflect a major shift towards a more humane | [More on P6](#)

Justice Replaces Punishment: Shah



KO Web Desk

New Delhi: Justice replaces punishment in the three new criminal laws that came into force today, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said. Shah, who led the exercise to review the country's criminal law system, told the media today that 77 years after Independence, the country has a completely 'swadeshi' legal system.

With the overhaul of the colonial-era criminal code, an "Indian soul" has been added to the justice system, he said. "The provisions are such they many groups would be benefited. Many sections from the British era have been replaced by sections in sync with today."

On crimes relating to violence against women, Shah said the new law provides | [More on P6](#)

First FIRs Under New Laws Registered In J&K

Jammu and Kashmir Police registered its first FIRs under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the new criminal laws that came into effect on Monday, in Anantnag, Srinagar, Baramulla and Kulgam districts, a police spokesperson said. "This historic event marks the beginning of a new era in the justice delivery system within | [More on P6](#)

NHIDCL Barred From Blasting Under New Law

On the first day of the implementation of three new criminal laws, the authorities in Kishtwar district on Monday took serious note of uncontrolled blasting and improper muck disposal by the NHIDCL and ordered immediate ban on blasting activities under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS). District Magistrate, Kishtwar, | [More on P6](#)

New Laws To Tackle Cross-border Terror: DGP



Director General of Police R R Swain on Monday said that the Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita provides clear Legal Mandate to tackle Cross-Border Terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. Addressing on the occasion of implementation of three | [More on P6](#)

Babar Qadri Murder Case Police Remand Of Mian Qayoom Extended By 6 Days

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Jammu: The police remand of Mian Abdul Qayoom, former president of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, was extended by six days by a designated NIA court in Jammu on Monday.

Qayoom was arrested on June 25 for his alleged involvement in the murder conspiracy of fellow advocate Babar Qadri in 2020.

The 76-year-old accused, a prominent figure in Kashmir associated with the All Party Hurriyat Conference, was taken into custody by the State Investigation Agency (SIA) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

Qadri, a human rights expert, was fatally shot at his residence in September 2020.

During the court proceedings,



the judge noted that the investigation is still at an initial stage and further remand of the accused is necessary for the progress of the case.

"After considering the rival submissions of the parties, perusal of the latest entries in the case-diary and giving thoughtful consideration | [More on P6](#)



A farmer picking lavender at Lavender Park in south Kashmir's Sirhama. KO Pix Abid Bhat

Jailed Er Rashid To Take Oath As MP On July 5

Agencies

New Delhi: Jailed Kashmiri leader and newly elected MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid, popularly known as Engineer Rashid, is likely to take oath on July 5 after the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday gave its consent before a special court. Additional Sessions Judge Chander Jit Singh will pass an order on the matter on Tuesday.

The NIA's counsel said Rashid's oath taking should be subject to some conditions like not speaking to the media. He also said Rashid, who is in Tihar Jail, must complete the process within a day, everything within a day.

Rashid, an Independent MP from Baramulla who has been arrested in a 2017 Jammu and Kashmir terror funding case, had moved the court seeking interim bail, or custody parole in the alternative, to take oath and perform



his parliamentary functions. On June 22, a special court here had adjourned the matter and asked the NIA to file its response.

The agency has been consulting with Parliament and jail authorities on the matter.

While Rashid's counsel had cited AAP leader Sanjay Singh being granted custody parole to take oath as a Rajya Sabha MP, the court noted that Rashid's charges were different.

This session | [More on P6](#)

Curb Menace Of Child Labour: Centre

Agencies

Srinagar: The Centre has asked all the states and Union Territories including Jammu and Kashmir to take measures for curbing the menace of child labour.

The Centre took this step following multiple incidents of factories in Madhya Pradesh employing children under the age of 14 years.

The government has written to Jammu and Kashmir apart from other states and Union Territories to strengthen the enforcement mechanism to prevent child labour and expedite the rescue and rehabilitation of the affected children.

"Strengthen the enforcement mechanism to prevent any violation of the Child and Adolescent Labour Protection Act, 1986. It is also requested to expedite the rescue and rehabilitation of the affected children, ensuring that they receive | [More on P6](#)

ASSEMBLY POLLS IN J&K

ECI Bans Transfer of Electoral Roll Revision Officials

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has banned transfer of officials engaged in revision of electoral rolls in Jammu & Kashmir during the revision period, which would start on July 25 with publication of draft electoral rolls and culminate on August 20.

In a letter to chief secretaries of Jammu & Kashmir and three poll-bound states, the commission has directed that no officials connected with the exercise of revision of electoral rolls like district election officers, deputy district election officers, electoral registration officers and assistant electoral registration officers etc. should be transferred from their places of posting without the prior concurrence of the Election Commission during the special summary

revision in the state/ union territory.

"It is to clarify that during the current round of revision of electoral rolls such ban on transfer and posting would be effective from the date of draft publication of electoral roll to the date of final public of electoral roll in your state/UT," the letter states.

According to the commission, the transfer of officials engaged in roll-revision work during the period of revision adversely affects the work and quality of the revision work.

The commission has said that if it becomes essential to transfer any officer like DEO/EROs etc. a reference, giving full justification, should be made by the state government in consultation | [More on P6](#)

July Commences With Heat Wave

Srinagar Records Season's Hottest Day At 34.3°C

Agencies

Srinagar: The arrival of the new month has commenced with the heat wave in three stations of Kashmir including Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir where the hottest day of the season was recorded on Monday at 34.3 degree Celsius.

According to the details available, Srinagar, Kokernag and Qazigund, the gateway of Kashmir, have recorded the heat wave today.

Pertinently, Srinagar and Qazigund were hotter than Kolkata today where the mercury settled at 31 degree



Celsius.

As per the details, Qazigund recorded a maximum temperature of 32.4 degree Celsius

while Kokernag recorded a maximum temperature of 31.9 degree Celsius. The temperature in | [More on P6](#)

J&K To Witness Intermittent Rains: Lotus

After a prolonged heatwave, Jammu Kashmir is expected to have 'moderate to heavy' rainfall from July 5 onwards. Weather experts however ruled out the possibility of floods but advised people especially those living in hilly areas of Chenab Valley to be vigilant. Talking about the weather scenario in Jammu and Kashmir, Weather Expert Sonam Lotus told a | [More on P6](#)

CAT Upholds Widow's Right To Remarriage

Junks Plea To Cancel Compassionate Appointment

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The Central Administrative Tribunal has dismissed as "meritless" a plea, seeking cancellation of compassionate appointment of a widow for marrying again, underlining that rights under Article 21 of the Constitution of India cannot be curtailed on account of remarriage by a woman.

A bench of M.S. Latif (Member (J)) and Prasant Kumar (member (A)) underlined that companionship of choice by remarriage by a widow cannot be denied as companionship is one of the faculties by which life can be enjoyed.

"The right of remarriage is a personal choice of the individual and right to marry with the person of | [More on P6](#)



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Office Of The Executive Engineer, TLMD-VI (6), Bemina, Srinagar

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No: TLMD-VI/03 of 2024-25 Dated: 01/07/2024

Executive Engineer, TLMD-VI, Bemina Srinagar on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir UT invites e-tenders (In Two Cover System) valid for 180 days from reputed, experienced and financially sound Contractors and Executors...

The Standard Bidding Document is available at website http://jktenders.gov.in.

Table with 6 columns: S.No, Scope of work, Qty, Adv. Cost (in Rs.), Cost of T/D in Rs., EMD/Time of Completion

The information regarding schedule of downloading of the tender document and submission dates thereof is as per the table below:

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Table with 3 columns: S.No, Issue of NIT, Date

Only the bidders possessing the qualifying criteria as mentioned in the SBD should participate in the bidding process.

Clarifications can also be sought from the office of the under signed on E-mail tlcldistpdd@gmail.com.

Before participating in the bids, the bidder shall acquaint himself with the site of work and local conditions.

The department reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

No: TLMD-VI/755-58 DIPP-NB-694/24 Dated :- 01-07-2024

Office of the Naib-Tehsildar Tangmarg

Executive Magistrate 1st Class Tangmarg/ Assistant Collector 2nd Class

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the applicant Elza Shabeer S/o Shabeer Ahmad Dar R/o Russu Narbal Budgam has applied for the issuance of Birth certificate of his Daughter namely Elza Shabeer.

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

Executive Magistrate 1st Class Naib Tehsildar Tangmarg bmg

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I have applied for the issuance of Fertilizer Licence .If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Plant Protection officer Agriculture Office Budgam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

Shahir Ahmad Dar S/o Bashir Ahmad Dar R/o Russu Narbal Budgam bmg

NOTICE

I Masooda Amin D/O Mohd. Amin Jagoo R/O Malaratta opened a Saving Account in J&K bank Bohri Kadal unit. The name of the Bank Account holder was changed from Masooda Amin to Fozia W/O Riyaz Ahmad Mahajan after marriage and due correction was made in the records of the said bank.

Masooda Amin W/O Riyaz Ahmad Mahajan D/O Mohd. Amin Jagoo Media Line

Government of Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Executive Engineer (R&B) Mechanical Division South Kashmir

NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No: MDSK(R&B) /01/ of 2024-25. Dated:- 29-06-2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-tenders, valid for 180 days, are invited from original equipment manufacturers of Lifts or their authorized dealers/ representatives or Registered/ reputed and experienced firms for the below mentioned work:-

Table with 7 columns: Name of Work, Advertised Cost (Rs. in Lacs), Cost of Tender Document (In Rs), Time of completion, Earnest Money (in Rs), class of contract, Position of Funds

Intending Authority: District Development Commissioner Pulwama Accord of Administrative Approval: AAA vide Order no: 50/DDCP of 2023 Dated:-15-06-2023 Technical Sanction:TS No 01 of 2024-25 Dated 27-06-2024

The critical dates for the tendering process are:

Table with 2 columns: S.No, Date of event, Time

All other details/eligibility criteria and terms and conditions can be downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in. and Queries if any may be made by email at xenr-bmdsk@gmail.com and should be made by or before 22.05.2024. No queries what so ever will be entertained after 22.05.2024

- 1. The bidders are required to submit their offers online in two (02) covers Cover-I will contain: Scanned copies of following documents: i. Earnest money deposit in shape of CDR/FDR pledged in the name of Executive Engineer (R&B) Mechanical Division South Kashmir from any nationalized/ scheduled bank having a branch in Anantnag. ii. Cost of Tender document in the shape of e-challan in account Account no: - 001401020000198. Name: - Executive Engineer (R&B) Mechanical Division, South Kashmir Name of the Bank: - Jammu & Kashmir Bank. Branch Name: - TP Anantnag. Branch Code: - EMPIRE IFSC Code: - JAKAEMPIRE MICR CODE: - 192051007 or by uploading a copy of treasury challan /receipt indicating treasury voucher number and date and also indicating the name of work in favour of the Executive Engineer, (R&B) Mechanical Division, South Kashmir to be deposited in Major Head 0059-PWD (Revenue). iii. Documents pertaining to Pre-qualification of the bidders viz. GST registration certificate, proof of latest GST clearance as applicable under GST. PAN. iv. Duly accepted of Annexure(s) of this NIT. v. Technical data sheets / brochures of offered model/ makes of lifts. vi. Documentary proof of having successfully supplied, installed, tested and commissioned Lift (s) amounting to at least 80% of the estimated Cost in single work contract or 50% of the estimated cost in two contracts each or 40% of the estimated cost in three contracts each in the last (07) seven years within the country in any Govt./Semi Govt. Department along with satisfactory performance certificate issued by a competent authority not below the rank of Executive Engineer. (The Department may physically inspect the work as reflected by the Bidder in Experience Documents, before accepting the Bid).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, (R&B) Mechanical Division, South Kashmir

No: MDSK(R&B)/ DIPP-2164/24 Dated: 01-07-2024

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I have changed my name from Syed Furqan Ahmed Rizvi S/o Syed Mohd Rizvi Mother's Name Rubena To Syed Furqan Ahmad Razvi S/O Syed Mohd Razvi Mother's Name Rubena Hamdani in future I will be known as Syed Furqan Ahmad Razvi S/O Syed Mohd Razvi Mother's Name Rubena Hamdani if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Regional Passport Office Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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Traffic Police Headquarters J&K Jammu/Srinagar

जम्मू एवं कश्मीर यातायात पुलिस मुख्यालय जम्मू/श्रीनगर Fax No: 0191-2467307 (Channi Rama Jammu) 0194-2470230 (M.A.Road Sgr) email igtrafic@jkpolice.gov.in

REVISED TRAFFIC ADVISORY FOR SHRI AMAR NATH JI YATRA-2024 (Valid between 29th June 2024 and 19th August 2024)

In context to the above subject, the cut off timings for Yatra Convoys/Yatris for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2024 (SANJY-2024) is hereby issued as under:-

A. Yatra convoy cut off timings for movement between Jammu Zone and Kashmir Valley:-

UP Baltal Convoy

Table with 4 columns: S.No, Location, Distt., timing

DOWN Baltal Convoy

Table with 4 columns: S.No, Location, Distt., timing

UP Pahalgam Convoy

Table with 4 columns: S.No, Location, Distt., timing

DOWN Pahalgam Convoy

Table with 4 columns: S.No, Location, Distt., timing

B. Cut off timings for Non-Convoy/Yatris/Tourists from NAVYUG Tunnel to Valley & vice versa

From Jammu to Pahalgam (other than Main Convoy arriving from Jammu)

Table with 4 columns: S.No, Location, Distt., Cut off timing

From Pantha Chowk to Manigam, (other than Main Convoy arriving from Jammu)

Table with 4 columns: S.No, Location, Distt., Cut off timing

From Baltal to NAVYUG Tunnel (Jammu bound other than Main Convoy leaving at 0600 hrs from Baltal)

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Table with 4 columns: S.No, Location, Distt., timing

From Nunwan, Pahalgam to NAVYUG Tunnel (other than Main Convoy leaving at 0630 hrs from Nunwan)

Table with 4 columns: S.No, Location, Distt., Cut off timing

From Mir Bazar to NAVYUG Tunnel (other than Main Convoy leaving at 0600 hrs from Pahalgam and at 0630 hrs from Nunwan)

Table with 4 columns: S.No, Location, Distt., Cut off timing

UP Yatra/Tourist vehicles (other than convoy) from Jammu towards Kashmir Valley

Table with 4 columns: S.No, Location, Distt., timing

C. General cut off timings

Table with 4 columns: S.No, Movement, Distt., After

Note:- This advisory is valid only for Yatris/Yatra Convoy/Tourists. For other HMVs/LMVs/SFs Convoys, please refer to the Daily Traffic Advisory issued by Traffic Police.

Sd/- (Bhim Sen Tuli)-IPS Inspector General of Police, Traffic J&K Jammu/Srinagar No:THQ/Advisory-02

DIPP-2204/24 dated: 01-07-2024

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I have lost the RC of my motor cycle bearing regd no: JK0IL 7741. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the RTO Srinagar or Police Station Magam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Muzaffar Nazir S/o Nazir Ah Dar R/o Naikpora Kursoo Padashai Bagh Srinagar bmg

از نیابت گوم احمد پورہ مضمون: درخواست نیابت: فیاض حسین راتھرو ولد غلام حسن راتھرو ساکنہ موضع بدی بگ تحصیل چن بخت نوبت عطا کیے تاریخ پیدائش سرٹیفکیٹ: بخت مومن فیاض اشتہار برآمد گاہی ہر خاص و عام معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان صدر کے نسبت کا نفاذ عدالت حد امین زیر کاروائی ہے نیز مطابق اسکول ریگازو مطابق رپورٹ چوکیدار علاقہ سائل مذکور کا پرسی مومن فیاض مورخہ 27-03-2018 کو پیدا ہوئے نسبت سائل مذکور اپنے پرسی کیلئے DOB سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہاں ہے اس بارے میں اگر کسی شخص یا شخص کو کوئی مذکور یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ ساتھ ہی کے اندر پیش کرے معیاد کرتے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ نائب تحصیلدار fko

از نیابت پلہاٹن عنوان:- درخواست نیابت مندرجہ ذیل شہناز شہناز احمد صاحبہ ساکنہ پلہاٹن تحصیل چن بخت برآمد اجرائی سرٹیفکیٹ OBC تحت 294 SRO

اشتہار برآمد گاہی ہر خاص و عام معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان صدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹیفکیٹ بزمہ حجام پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے مہیاں ہے کہ سائل واقعی حجام ذات سے تعلق رکھتی ہے اور سائل پلہاٹن چن میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے سائل کا تہذیبی افراد پر مشتمل ہے گھم حجام ولد گھم حجام 70 سال گھم یلو کام بختی زید گھم حجام 70 سال گھم یلو کام شہناز احمد حجام 50 سال دوکانداری نوریہ بیگم زید شہناز احمد 45 سال گھم یلو کام منورہ بیگم زید شہناز احمد 18 سال زیر تعلیم سابق شہناز پرسی شہناز احمد 11 سال --

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Need for India-Pak dialogue

The visit of a Pakistani delegation to Kashmir and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's promise to restore statehood to the region mark a pivotal moment in India-Pakistan relations. These developments offer a glimmer of hope for easing longstanding tensions between the two nuclear-armed neighbors.

The visit by the Pakistani delegation, focusing on hydroelectric projects under the Indus Waters Treaty, is the first since the 2019 revocation of Kashmir's special status by the union government. The visit, combined with Modi's statehood promise, indicates a potential shift towards diplomatic engagement after years of strained relations.

Modi's third term presents an opportunity to adopt a more pragmatic and conciliatory approach towards Pakistan. While skepticism about the depth of these gestures is understandable, the necessity of dialogue cannot be overstated. Both India and Pakistan face considerable internal challenges that would benefit from reduced tensions. For India, focusing on its primary strategic competitor, China, requires a stable western front. For Pakistan, grappling with economic difficulties and security concerns along its borders with Afghanistan necessitates a de-escalation of hostilities with India.

Improving bilateral relations would also have significant regional implications. South Asia's stability hinges on the relationship between its two largest countries. Constructive engagement between India and Pakistan could lead to enhanced cooperation in areas such as trade, water management, and counter-terrorism, benefiting the entire region.

It is crucial for both nations to capitalize on the current momentum and engage in sustained, meaningful dialogue. Diplomatic gestures, no matter how small, can build trust and pave the way for more substantive negotiations. The leadership in both countries must recognize that peace and stability are in their mutual interest and work towards resolving contentious issues through dialogue rather than conflict.

The steps, if followed by consistent diplomatic efforts, could lead to a significant reduction in tensions and the ushering in of a new era of peace and cooperation in South Asia. Both nations must seize this opportunity to foster a stable and prosperous future for their people and the region.

As for Jammu and Kashmir, restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir is a significant step towards normalizing the region. Holding free and fair assembly elections, which have not been conducted since 2014, would further demonstrate the central government's commitment to democratic processes and regional stability. On a positive note, PM Modi during his recent visit to Kashmir assured people on both counts. Here's hoping that J&K sees elections in near future. Also, it is also about time that India and Pakistan resume engagement and together work towards a peaceful future for South Asia.



A letter to the 'Third World'

How should a Trump Presidency be dealt with

Wajahat Qazi

Come November 2024, Donald Trump is set to assume the presidency of the United States. In liberal circles, there is much hand wringing and whining about this prospect. The alarmist prognostications oscillate between Trump making the United States 'authoritarian', throwing a spanner into the post war liberal world order, crafting a more protectionist political economy bargain in the country and thereby undercutting the liberal world economic order and so on. Some of these 'fears' are legit but overblown at the same time. Consider American domestic politics first. It would appear there is some degree of intense path dependence built into the American institutional landscape. Just another four-year term cannot undo more than three centuries of political bargains. But in terms of political economy and its international orientation, there will be significant churn in the United States. What will the nature of this change?

Before postulating an answer, it may be prudent to dwell on the Trump phenomenon: what led to the rise of Donald Trump? Two themes lend themselves as answers: one is political decline-roughly the overtaking by events and forces of the institutions and capacity thereof of a given country. Two, the forces of nationalism can neither be entirely wished away. These forces are given impetus by giving more traction to civic nationalism based mainly on citizenship.

Political decline first. The United States' institutional ingress and landscape seems to have been overwhelmed over a period of time. Be it the Justice department or Homeland Security and immigration or the country's foreign policy establishment, political decay is writ large over all these. The result has been drift and even atrophy leading to diminishing returns in the quality of public and even private life of the people of the United States. Paralleling this decay, is the fetishizing of civic nationalism. While intrinsically there may be nothing wrong in civic nationalism which privileges citizenship over the 'patrie' or the 'ethnie', people being people want an emotional peg to latch on to. That, is they want to be part of a larger community, how so ever merely imagined it is in real terms. Or, prosaically, to paraphrase the NYT columnist, Tom Friedman and twist it a little 'people want to cling to their Olive trees' no matter how strong the siren song

of the Lexus. A community with strong boundaries gives people a sense of security and being part of something larger. With the advent of globalization and the concomitant paradigm of civic nationalism, the superstructure of the United States- the 'white segment' of the country felt - perceptually, in real terms and economically- under threat. Their 'imagined community' was under assault by anonymous, overwhelming forces.

Donald Trump spoke to and addressed the forces of Political decay and the disjunctions created by civic nationalism in American polity and society. His

that retreats into itself- a condition that might not be too 'bad'. In one sense, it would mean a more intense multi-polar world with balance of power being the determinative locus of world politics. Two, it could mean an America looking inward and actually attending to its deep and structural problems and issues. The problem(s) may, however, lie in the shunting of diplomacy to the backburner and a more personalized approach by Donald Trump. This could lend some unpredictability to world politics and interstate relations. How, the question is, is the world to deal with this?

One way or method would be

Before postulating an answer, it may be prudent to dwell on the Trump phenomenon: what led to the rise of Donald Trump? Two themes lend themselves as answers: one is political decline- roughly the overtaking by events and forces of the institutions and capacity thereof of a given country. Two, the forces of nationalism can neither be entirely wished away. These forces are given impetus by giving more traction to civic nationalism based mainly on citizenship.

brand of nationalism encapsulated in the slogan ' Make America Great Again' spoke to these fears and issues. The elitism of Democrats and their focus on culture and identity politics added to stoked these fears and amplified Trump's popularity. Added up, these factors and themes make for the phenomenon that is 'Trump (like it or not, right or wrong). Now if the Trump presidency is a foregone conclusion, how is the world to deal with it?

It is held that Donald Trump, being a former business Tycoon, has a transactional approach to politics. And, in his approach to international politics and realism, the international relations school and practice of realism plays a large role. Transactionalism and realism (which privileges the state and state interests over so called values in international relations) might, contra public perception, might lead to some stability in international relations. Not clouded or obscured by so called values (which are usually loaded terms cloaked under ideology), Americas foreign or international orientation can be easier to discern and thereby stability might be imparted to world politics. It might also engender a shrunken United States

to focus on building personal rapport with Donald Trump and deal with issues, on a case-by-case basis with him without the mediation of the American foreign policy establishment (which at times is at odds with itself, other times is defined by turf issues and most of the times is too bureaucratic). The other too be letting the drift of state bureaucracies deal with Trump. This can frustrate him. But depending on issues and issue linkages thereof, and the ends to be attained, whether the need of the hour would be to frustrate Trump or to seek his cooperation, the overall approaches could be either/or ones. All in all, the potential Trump presidency means both fluidity and certainty. The 'insurgent' will be back in the White House. It's time to prepare, read the tea leaves, forge actions and strategies.

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The Advantages of Full-Service Brokers: Unlocking Comprehensive Financial Benefits

Did you know?

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In the ever-evolving landscape of financial investments, choosing the right brokerage service can significantly impact your portfolio's success. Among the diverse options available, full-service brokers stand out for their extensive range of offerings and personalized touch. Here's a closer look at the advantages of engaging with a full-service broker.

1. Expert Financial Advice

Full-service brokers bring a wealth of knowledge and professional expertise to the table. They often hold certifications and have years of experience in the financial markets. This expertise allows them to provide critical insights, helping clients craft investment strategies tailored to their financial goals and risk tolerance.

2. Personalized Investment Strategies

Unlike discount brokers, who typically offer limited personalized guidance, full-service brokers work closely with their clients to understand their unique financial situations. They consider factors such as income, savings, long-term goals, and risk appetite to create customized investment plans.

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Clients of full-service brokers benefit from in-depth research and sophisticated market analysis. These brokers have access to research departments that produce detailed reports, forecasts, and financial models. This information can be instrumental in making informed investment decisions.

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Managing a diverse investment portfolio can be time-consuming and complex. Full-service brokers handle the day-to-day management of investments, which frees up time for clients. This convenience allows individuals to focus on their careers and personal lives, all while knowing their finances are in expert hands.

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7. Access to a Broad Range of Investment Products

These brokers typically provide access to a wide array of investment products, including mutual funds, bonds, commodities, and alternative investments. This diversity allows clients to diversify their portfolios and reduce risk.

In conclusion, while full-service brokers may charge higher fees than their discount counterparts, the advantages they offer in terms of expertise, personalized service, and comprehensive financial management can outweigh the costs. For investors seeking a hands-on approach to navigating the complexities of the financial markets, full-service brokers provide invaluable support and expertise.

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

Venkaiah Garu

Life In Service Of Bharat

Shri Narendra Modi

India's former Vice President and respected statesman Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu Garu turned 75 yesterday. I wish him a long and healthy life and also extend my greetings to all his well-wishers and supporters. This is an occasion to celebrate a leader whose life journey showcases dedication, adaptability and an unwavering commitment to public service. From his early days in the political arena to his tenure as Vice President, Venkaiah Garu's career exemplifies his unique ability to navigate the complexities of Indian politics with ease and humility. His eloquence, wit and steadfast focus on developmental issues have earned him respect across party lines.

Venkaiah Garu and I have been associated with each other for decades. We have worked together and I have also learnt a lot from him. If there is one thing that has remained common in his life, it is the love for people. His brush with activism and politics began in Andhra Pradesh with student politics as a student leader. Considering his talent, oratory and organisational skills, he would have been welcomed in any political party but he preferred to work with the Sangh Parivar because he was inspired by the vision of Nation First. He was associated with the RSS, ABVP and then strengthened the Jana Sangh and the BJP.

When the Emergency was imposed almost 50 years ago, young Venkaiah Garu immersed himself in the anti-Emergency movement. He was imprisoned and that too for inviting Loknayaak JP to Andhra Pradesh. This commitment to democracy would be seen time and again in his political career. In the mid-1980s, when the great NTR's Government was unceremoniously dismissed by the Congress, he was again at the forefront of the movement to protect democratic principles.

Venkaiah Garu has always been comfortable swimming even against the most formidable tides. In 1978, Andhra Pradesh voted for the Congress but he beat the trend and was elected as a young MLA. Five years later, when the NTR tsunami swept the state, he got elected as a BJP MLA, thus paving the way for the BJP's growth across the state.

All those who have heard Venkaiah Garu speak will vouch for his oratory skills. He is certainly a wordsmith but he is as much a worksmith. Since his days as a young MLA, he began to be



respected for the rigour he put in to legislative affairs and speaking for people of his constituency. No less than a stalwart like NTR noted his talent and even wanted him to join his Party but Venkaiah Garu refused to deviate from his core ideology. He

on how to bring our Party to power and ensure that the nation get their first ever BJP Prime Minister. After the move to Delhi, there was no looking back and he rose to become the National President of the Party.

In 2000, when Atal Ji was keen to

he handled the crucial portfolios of Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation. It was during his tenure that we launched the important Swachh Bharat Mission and important urban development related schemes. Perhaps, he is one of the



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went on to play a big role in strengthening the BJP in Andhra Pradesh, going across the villages and connecting with people from all walks of life. He led the Party on the floor of the Assembly and even became the AP BJP President.

It was in the 1990s that the BJP central leadership took note of Venkaiah Garu's efforts and thus in 1993 began his stint in national politics when he was appointed the Party's All India General Secretary. It was truly a remarkable moment for a man, who as a teenager would go around announcing the visits of Atal Ji and Advani Ji, to be working directly with them. As the General Secretary, he was focused

induct Venkaiah Garu in the government as a Minister. Venkaiah Garu instantly conveyed his preference for the Rural Development Ministry. This left everyone including Atal Ji puzzled. After all, here was a leader who was being asked which portfolio he wants and his first choice was Rural Development. But, Venkaiah Garu was clear- he was a Kisan Putra, he had spent his early days in the villages and thus, if there was one area he wished to work, it was rural development. As Minister, he was closely associated with the conception and rolling out of the 'Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana.' Years later, when the NDA Government of 2014 assumed office,

only leaders to have worked for both rural and urban development for such an extensive period.

When I came to Delhi in 2014, I was an outsider to the national capital, having worked in Gujarat for the previous decade and a half. In such times, Venkaiah Garu's insights were very handy. He was an effective Parliamentary Affairs Minister - he knew the essence of bipartisanship but at the same time he drew a line when it came to Parliamentary norms and rules.

In 2017, our Alliance nominated him as our Vice-Presidential candidate. We faced a dilemma - we thought about how the big shoes of Venkaiah Garu

would be impossible to fill, but at the same time, we also knew there was no better candidate for the Vice Presidency than him. I can never forget one of the speeches he gave when he resigned as Minister and MP. He could not control his tears when he recalled his association with the Party and efforts to build it. It gave a glimpse of his deep-rooted commitment and passion. Upon becoming the Vice President, he undertook various steps that also enhanced the dignity of the office. He was an outstanding Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha, ensuring that young MPs, women MPs and first time MPs get the opportunity to speak. He put great emphasis on attendance, making the Committees more effective and also raising the level of debate in the House.

When the decision to remove Articles 370 and 35(A) were placed on the floor of the Rajya Sabha, it was Venkaiah Garu who was on the Chair. I am sure it was such an emotional moment for him- the young boy who was drawn to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee's dream of a united India was on the Chair when this was finally achieved.

Apart from work and politics, Venkaiah Garu is a voracious reader and writer too. For the people in Delhi, he is known as the person who brought the glorious Telugu culture to the city. His Ugadi and Sankranti programmes are clearly among the most cherished gatherings in town. I have always known Venkaiah Garu as someone who loves food and also hosting people. But, off late, his self-control has also been visible to everyone. His commitment to fitness is seen in how he still plays badminton and enjoys his brisk walk.

Even after the Vice Presidency, Venkaiah Garu has led an active public life. On the issues that he is passionate about or on various developments that take place across the nation, he calls me and asks me about it. I met him most recently when our government returned to office for the third term. He was delighted and conveyed his best wishes to me and our team. I wish him once again on this milestone. I hope young Karyakartas, elected representatives and all those who have a passion to serve learn from his life and imbibe those values. It is people like him who make our nation better and more vibrant.

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The Mystery of a Genuine Apology

Joseph E. Davis

In our culture of performance and simulation, have apologies become anachronistic, mere formulaic gestures?

Sometimes, it appears so. In our public life, all we often get are caricatures. "Rectitude, it seems," the political philosopher Jean Bethke Elshstain, once wrote, "has given way to contrition chic, a cheap way to get publicity, sympathy, and even absolution."

Disgraced individuals, organizations, and whole nations offer up "apologies" and express remorse that often feels contrived or coerced. Their words appear to be little more than self-serving efforts at impression management and image restoration. They seem to seek not genuine forgiveness but to save or bolster their reputation, status, celebrity, or job. They give "apology" a bad name.

Or consider a recent article on the BBC website.¹ The author plays a trick (a "rather deceitful social experiment") on some relatives and acquaintances to see whether a human-written or an AI-written apology "was most effective." A "good apology," he writes, "seems like something that requires feelings, which robots presumably don't have." But "if apologies are formulaic on some level, that's just the kind of thing the statistical machines of AI should be able to handle." He also quotes an AI expert, who says, "social intelligence is something that AI can already fake to a certain degree." So why not an apology?

Why not? Is an "effective" apology just a formula that even a machine might successfully mimic? Or is it something incomparably more?

My Apology Project

Some years ago, I initiated a research project on apologies. I had been studying the literature in sociology and social psychology on "accounts," which is a term of art for the kinds of things we say when trying to correct for something we did that was wrong, offensive, or injurious. Apologies are a type of account, but I found the discussion deeply dissatisfying.

In one of the earliest (1968) and preeminent papers, for instance, simply titled "Accounts," apologies are not even mentioned. The only types are "excuses" and "justifications," which are basically techniques—verbal devices—to neutralize blame for an offensive, harmful, or inappropriate act and prevent status loss. Excuses and justifications explain our actions by shifting responsibility to others or placing it on circumstances beyond our control.

In subsequent work, researchers enlarged the taxonomy of accounts with additional categories. Apologies was one of them. In an apology or "concession," unlike an excuse or justification, offenders admit to full or partial causal responsibility for their actions. They then offer an expression of regret and perhaps an avowal not to repeat the offense and, though seldom applicable, an offer of restitution. In the academic literature, apologies, along with the oth-

er account types, are classed as "failure management techniques." They are described in shallow and behavioristic terms. Apologies do not ap-

pear to require any inwardness, any sorrow or regret that moves the heart of the person giving the account. To the contrary, like other accounts, they are spoken of in a pragmatic language of "strategies," "negotiations of identity," "image management," "postures," "stances," "facework," and the like.



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gret, and other features of the encounter, such as the relative status of the persons involved.

But, again, the interchange is conceptualized as a formulaic transaction that serves social functions. Nothing truly personal or painful or of moral consequence is a necessary feature of the explanatory picture.

It was this "thin," depthless conceptualization that my project sought to address. Surely, there is something unique

about apologies, a regenerative power they possess that is quite different than an excuse or justification. That power was what I wanted to explore.



The Mystery of a Genuine Apology

As it turns out—and, mea culpa, after a lot of work by my then-research assistant Susannah Myers—my apology project never got off the ground. We couldn't figure out how to collect "data" on such private and episodic experiences. Then a good thing happened: I discovered Mea Culpa: A Sociology of Apology and Reconciliation by Nicholas Tavuchis.²

Here was a book to learn from.

Tavuchis provides both a rich conceptualization of apology and situates this practice within larger questions of social membership and moral life.

Although we think of an interpersonal apology as simply between two persons, he notes, there is more to it than that. An apology not only has the capacity to heal personal relationships but to also confirm our shared membership in the moral community.

"We not only apologize to someone," Tavuchis observes, "but also for something." When we name the offense, we affirm the objective wrongness of what we did. And we reaffirm our commitment to the legitimacy of the moral standards whose integrity our misdeed has called into question.

Personal apologies, Tavuchis shows, are completely unlike excuses or justifications. "To apologize," he writes, "is to declare voluntarily that one has no excuse, defense, justification, or explanation for an action (or inaction)" that has failed or injured or wronged another.

Other types of accounts always aim to shift attention away from us by appeals to external, mitigating forces like incapacity or accident or ignorance. But not an apology. In apology, we stand exposed, unarmed, seeking forgiveness for what is "unreasonable, unjustified, undeserved, and inequitable."

Crucially, in very many cases, an apology is the only way

to "cleanse and heal social rifts." If we insult, mistreat, or lie to another person, excuses and justifications are not going to cut it.

Perhaps the offended reluctantly accedes to such an account. But while the whole episode may get pushed into the background, the social rift will not be cleansed through forgiveness or healed through reconciliation. Regret and sorrow, the heart of a genuine apology, cannot be forced. Without apologies, social harmony is undermined.

Which brings us to the mystery of an apology. Put paradoxically, it undoes what cannot be undone. Tavuchis explains:

"If the major task of apology is to resolve conflicts and somehow restore an antecedent moral order by expunging or eradicating the harmful effects of past actions, then at one level of reality this is manifestly impossible and doomed to fail... An apology, no matter how sincere or effective, does not and cannot undo what has been done. And yet, in a mysterious way... this is precisely what it manages to do."

When we apologize, he continues, when our "remorseful admission of wrongdoing is converted into a gift that is accepted and reciprocated for forgiveness, our world is transformed in a way that can only be described as miraculous."

No mere performance, however skillful, or scripted speech, however clever, can bring this wonder about. Only the truth and courage to tell it.

With New LS Number Equation RG Charges Against BJP

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi launched a no-holds-barred attack on the BJP in the Lok Sabha on Monday, saying the leaders of the ruling party are not Hindus as they engage in "violence and hate" round the clock, drawing massive protests from the treasury benches, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi accusing the Congress

leader of calling the entire Hindu community violent.

Gandhi, however, hit back at Modi, saying he was speaking about the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and neither the ruling party nor the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) nor Modi represents the entire Hindu society.

Besides Modi, who intervened twice, at least five cabinet ministers also interjected during Gandhi's speech that

lasted for about an hour and 40 minutes, with Home Minister Amit Shah demanding his apology for painting the Hindu community as violent.

"It is not just one religion that talks about courage. In fact, all our religions talk about courage," Gandhi said in his debut speech as the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha that was watched by his mother Sonia Gandhi and sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra from the

visitors' gallery.

Gandhi quoted Prophet Mohammad to highlight that the Quran also talks about fearlessness and said when our hands are raised for "dua", the "abhay mudra" can also be observed in a way.

Holding up pictures of Lord Shiva, Guru Nanak and Jesus Christ, he referred to Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism, Christianity, Buddhism and Jainism to underline the importance of

fearlessness. He also cited the attributes of Lord Shiva and teachings of Guru Nanak, Jesus Christ, Buddha and Mahavir to state that all religions and great people of the country have said "daro mat, darao mat (do not be scared, do not scare others)".

"Shivji says daro mat, darao mat, shows the abhay mudra (the right hand held upright with the palm facing outwards), talks about ahimsa, but

those who call themselves Hindus indulge in hatred, violence and untruths round the clock," Gandhi said, pointing towards the BJP MPs.

As the treasury-bench members stood up in protest, Gandhi slammed the BJP, saying, "Aap Hindu ho hi nahi (You are not Hindus). It is clearly written in Hinduism that one should stand with the truth and not back down from the truth or be scared of it," he said.

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3 New Criminal

officer in presence of her guardian or relative and medical reports have to come within seven days.

Organised crimes and acts of terrorism have been defined, sedition has been replaced with treason and video recording of all search and seizures made mandatory.

A new chapter on crimes against women and children has been added, buying and selling of any child made a heinous crime and there is a provision for death sentence or life imprisonment for gang rape of a minor.

Offences against women and children, murder and offences against the State have been given precedence in the new law.

Overlapping sections have been merged and simplified, with only 358 sections against 511 in the Indian Penal Code, the sources said.

For example, definitions scattered from sections 6 to 52 have been brought under one section.

Eighteen sections already stand repealed and four relating to weights and measures are covered under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009.

Instances of false promise of marriage, gang rape of minors, mob lynching and chain snatching, among others, are reported but the current Indian Penal Code did not have specific provisions for dealing with such incidents.

These have been addressed in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the sources said.

A new provision has been made for cases such as abandonment of women after making sexual relations on the false promise of marriage.

The three laws were based on justice, transparency and fairness, the sources said.

Under the new laws, a person can now report incidents by electronic communication, without the need to physically visit a police station.

This allows for easier and quicker reporting, facilitating prompt action by the police.

With the introduction of Zero FIR, a person can file a First Information Report (FIR) at any police station, regardless of jurisdiction.

This eliminates delays in initiating legal proceedings and ensures immediate reporting of the offence.

An interesting addition in the law is that in the event of an arrest, the individual has the right to inform a person of his choice about his or her situation.

This will ensure immediate support and assistance to the arrested individual.

Besides, arrest details will now be prominently displayed within police stations and district headquarters, allowing families and friends of the arrested person easy access to important information.

To strengthen cases and investigations, it has become mandatory for forensic experts to visit crime scenes for serious offences and collect evidence.

Under the new laws, victims of crime against women are entitled to regular updates on the progress of their case within 90 days.

This provision keeps victims informed and involved in the legal process, enhancing transparency and trust.

The new laws guarantee free first aid or medical treatment to victims of crimes against women and children at all hospitals.

This provision ensures immediate access to essential medical care, prioritising the wellbeing and recovery of victims during challenging times.

Summonses can now be served electronically, expediting legal processes, reducing paperwork and ensuring efficient communication among all parties involved.

For certain offences against women, statements of the victim are to be recorded, as far as practicable, by a woman magistrate and, in her absence, by a male magistrate in the presence of a woman to ensure sensitivity and fairness, creating a supportive environment for victims.

Both the accused and the victim are entitled to receive copies of the FIR, police report, charge sheet, statements, confessions, and other documents within 14 days.

Courts can grant a maximum of two adjournments to avoid unnecessary delays in case hearings, ensuring timely justice delivery.

The new laws mandate all state governments to implement witness protection schemes to ensure the safety and cooperation of witnesses, enhancing the credibility and effectiveness of legal proceedings.

The definition of "gender" now includes transgender individuals,

promoting inclusivity and equality.

By conducting all legal proceedings electronically, the new laws offer convenience to victims, witnesses and accused, thereby streamlining and expediting the entire legal process.

To provide more protection to the victim and enforce transparency in investigation related to an offence of rape, the statement of the victim shall be recorded through audio-video means.

Women, persons below 15 years, persons above 60 years and those with disabilities or acute illnesses are exempt from attending police stations and can receive police assistance at their place of residence.

Centuries-Old

and just system. The reforms, rooted in the principles of liberty and fraternity, are a testament to our commitment to protect the vulnerable and ensure justice for all," Sinha said.

Highlighting the new provisions incorporated to suit contemporary times and technologies, the LG said the new criminal laws address the issues like terrorism, sedition and mob lynching, and ensure that our system is just, humane and future-ready.

By incorporating technological advancements, the new laws will enhance the efficiency and transparency of our justice system. This includes the use of digital tools for evidence collection, case management and communication among the five pillars of criminal justice system, Sinha said.

The LG underlined the need to remain vigilant against the potential misuse of technology, which could undermine the very justice which is being aimed to be upheld. He also spoke on the substantial investment in infrastructure and training required with the integration of forensic technology and digital procedures.

Ensuring data security and protecting the privacy of individuals is paramount. It is imperative to build robust systems that create a firewall against criminals, protect our citizens and foster peace and development, the LG said.

He emphasised that all the stakeholders of the criminal justice system must nurture new laws collaboratively.

"We embark on a journey towards a more just and fair society. These reforms uphold the rule of law, protect human rights and ensure justice. The major challenge of training our core personnel in all the verticals has been accomplished, including joint training."

"The J&K Police has been instrumental in training their core IOs, augmenting the material and human resources and adapting to the technological challenges and working on legal changes. Let's work together to implement these changes, ensuring trust in a fair, transparent and just legal system," the LG said.

Sinha also called for generating awareness on the new laws amongst the citizens, law enforcement agencies, stakeholders, legal fraternity, prosecutors, district administration officials, academia and students.

Others who were present at the implementation ceremony of the new laws included Chief Justice J&K and Ladakh High Court Justice N Kotiswar Singh, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo and DGP R R Swain.

Justice Replaces

for recording the survivor's statement at her home and also mentioned an online FIR facility that will shield her from social stigma.

"There was no provision in law for mob lynching case. It has now been defined. This was a longstanding demand. Also, we have completely removed the section of treason and brought a new section for anti-national activities. Earlier, it was a crime to make a statement against the government. Now, a law will provide for action against attempts to harm India's unity and sovereignty," he said, sharing the highlights of the new criminal codes.

Shah said the new criminal laws would create a modern legal system. "We have not just imbibed technology, but have pre-empted technological changes that may take place over the next 50 years. I believe this will be the world's most modern criminal justice system."

Shah said videography is now mandatory during search and seizure exercises so that no one can be framed. The e-statement of a survivor of rape or sexual harassment is legally valid now, he said.

The new laws, he said, are victim centric. "Earlier, police picked someone up and his family members had

to go to court. Now we have made it compulsory to maintain a register and e-register at every police station that will list which criminal is in police custody. So a habeus corpus plea in court won't be needed," he said. Searches and raids, he said, would be videographed.

After sharing the highlights of the new criminal codes, Shah proceeded to hit back at Opposition leaders' remarks on the laws. The main opposition has alleged that the news laws were not properly debated upon and that the legislation related to them was "forcibly" passed in Parliament after 146 Opposition MPs were suspended.

In response, Shah said, "The Lok Sabha debated this for nine hours twenty-nine minutes and 34 members participated. The Rajya Sabha debated it for about 7 hours and 40 members participated."

"Another lie", he said, was that the Bills were brought after the mass suspension of MPs. "The Bill was listed beforehand by the business advisory committee. Maybe the Opposition did not want to participate. So they resorted to activities so that presiding officers are compelled to suspend them," the Home Minister said.

Shah said his ministry had sought suggestions from all MPs, Chief Ministers, Supreme Court and high court judges and bureaucrats on the new laws. "All these suggestions were studied. I chaired 158 meetings to discuss the issue and we came up with a Bill. But the Parliament didn't clear it just like that. It was sent to the Standing Committee. It was again discussed for three months and members of all parties participated in it," he said.

"Apart from four-five political-style suggestions, every suggestion was imbibed, 93 amendments made and the Bill was cleared by the cabinet again and then tabled in Parliament. To give a political colour to such an extensive exercise happening after centuries is not right. I appeal to friends in the Opposition, there are many issues for politics, but these laws are an exercise to ensure timely justice and self-respect for 140 crore people. So please cooperate and if anyone has anything to say, my office is open," he said.

First FIRs Under

the Kashmir Zone," the spokesperson said.

In Anantnag district, FIR No. 143/2024, was registered on Monday under Section 125 (a) and 281 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023 at Bijbehara Police Station. It was the first FIR registered in the Kashmir Zone under the new criminal laws.

Similarly, in Srinagar district, FIR No. 22/2024 was filed under sections 303 of BNS and 135 (1) of the Electricity Act was registered at Chanapora Police Station.

In Baramulla, police registered FIR No. 93/2024 under sections 303(2) and 329(3) of the BNS at Kreeri Police Station.

In Sopore, FIR No. 25/2024 was lodged under Section 223, 303 (ii) and 326A of the BNS at Panzla Police Station.

Kulgam Police also registered its first case -- FIR No 47/2024 under sections 74, 115 (2) of the BNS at Yaripora Police Station, the spokesperson said.

NHIDCL Barred

Devansh Yadav, revoked all permissions for blasting granted to the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) and also ordered a time-bound inquiry against the company.

In his order issued under Section 163(1) of BSNM, Yadav referred to various complaints and a letter by Tehsildar Mughal Maidan informing that on June 30, the NHIDCL authorities through SGIH Pvt Ltd during construction activity in Kurya-Chatroo stretch carried a high blasting operation near Deodhar Morh, causing the entire hillock slipping down, as a result of which Kishtwar-Chatroo bound vehicles, including an ambulance had to halt for hours together.

New Laws To Tackle

criminal laws here at Srinagar, Swain said that Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita in J&K's context provides a helpful definition of terrorism as it categorically and explicitly provides a legal mandate to tackle terrorism emanating from beyond international borders.

He said that Naya Samhita also has a dedicated section to combat organized crime, ensuring no room for unlawful activities orchestrated by syndicates that pose a grave threat to the internal security of the country.

"We are deeply aware that the responsibility now lies with us to ensure these reforms achieve their full potential. It casts an onerous responsibility on the J&K police, which have been fighting terrorism for the last 35 years, depleting our core investigative foundation" he added.

On the importance of a stable environment for effective law enforcement, Swain said that ensuring public peace, security, and order through the rule of law presupposes that there shall be a semblance of peace and order so that investigators, witnesses, prosecutors, and trial courts are able to do their duty free from fear.

Speaking on the potential of new laws to support J&K Police, the Police Chief said that it is here where the new laws have become a booster and a set of great enablers. "Besides investing heavily in quality training of our investigating officers, we have started to prioritize good investigations and have begun ranking districts on various law enforcement parameters to boost healthy competition."

"The new laws demand more from our existing resources, requiring the strengthening of our verticals, primarily through embedding law officers in our core investigative framework. We have requested the Home Department to strengthen us with 321 law officers at various levels", Swain said while explaining the need for additional resources and support.

Outlining the increased responsibilities and capabilities granted to the police, DGP said that Police have been granted increased legal mandate in certain domains, accompanied by greater responsibility, particularly in the utilization of CCTVs, which now features real-time capabilities.

"It is now obligatory to maintain records of the arrested persons with grounds of arrest at both the police stations and district levels. These records must be digitally displayed, reinforcing transparency and accountability in law enforcement procedures" he added.

On challenges and necessary investments for effective implementation, DGP said that the new arrangement requires addressing challenges such as infrastructure investment, data security, and preventing technology misuse.

"Senior police officers are convinced that quality training of police personnel, such as in forensics, is inescapable. We would sincerely require to strengthen and add to our pool of personnel integral to our police station setup who would be forensic experts for handling digital evidence and devices," he added.

Swain expressed gratitude for the support received in implementing the new laws. "I am indebted to all of you for the constant support and guidance given to us in fulfilling our requirements for the implementation of these laws. These new laws symbolize a paradigm shift in our approach to justice. They embody the country's commitment to a system that is efficient and effective, and yet fair and transparent, reflective of the aspirations of a rising and aspiring India."

Police Remand

to the matter, it is noticed that investigation of the case...is still at an initial stage.

"Therefore, his further detention in the custody of the police is imperative as the investigation agency is required to be afforded an opportunity to elicit all the possible information from the accused for further progress of the investigation," third additional district and sessions judge (TADA/POTA) Jatinder Singh Jamwal said in his two-page order.

Qayoom, who has over 40 years of experience as a practising lawyer, opposed the extension of his police remand.

He raised concerns about his health conditions, stating that he requires regular medical care including insulin dosages.

Despite his resistance, the court granted the extension of his police remand until July 6, directing adequate medical care for the accused.

The prosecution argued that the accused is not cooperating fully with the investigation and further detention is essential to gather more information related to the case.

The court rejected the accused's claims regarding the transfer of the investigation to the SIA by the Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

Qayoom was brought to Jammu immediately after his arrest and produced before the court. The case was transferred from Srinagar to Jammu earlier this year for a fair and impartial trial.

The accused, who chose to argue

the case himself, resisted the extension of period of police remand on the grounds that it was on January 20 that he was summoned by the investigation agency in the case and thereafter he regularly attended, as also fully cooperated, the investigation of the case till he was arrested "without any justification".

The accused submitted that the present case was registered in 2020 and even the trial proceedings have been substantially completed.

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

In August 2022, the police conducted searches at Qayoom's residences and those of two other lawyers in Srinagar, seizing various digital devices, bank statements and documents, as part of the ongoing probe.

Last September, the SIA announced a reward of Rs 10 lakh for any information leading to solving Qadri's murder.

The police had alleged the involvement of Saqib Manzoor, a Lashkar-e-Taiba commander, in Qadri's killing. Manzoor was killed during a police encounter in Srinagar alongside another militant commander in 2022.

Jailed Er Rashid

of Parliament is scheduled to end on July 3. Procedures allow MPs to take oath in the speaker's chamber even when Parliament is not in session.

Rashid has been in custody since August 2019 under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act for his alleged involvement in the terror funding case.

His name surfaced during the probe of Kashmiri businessman Zahoor Watali, who was arrested for allegedly financing terrorist groups and separatists in the Kashmir Valley.

The NIA had earlier filed a chargesheet against several individuals, including Kashmiri separatist leader Yasin Malik, Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed, and Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin in connection with the case.

Curb Menace

proper care and access to education, as outlined in the standard operating procedures," the letter by the Ministry of Labour and Employment reads.

The labour ministry in its letter asked states to make use of the online portal Platform For Effective Enforcement for No Child Labour (PENCL) for complaints and effective implementation and enforcement of the provisions of the Act.

A source said that a letter has gone to Jammu and Kashmir's Labour and Employment Department as well for taking stringent measures against child labour.

"The directions have come to every state and UT, Jammu and Kashmir, where the incidents of child labour has come to fore, too has started a drive against the child labour," he said.

Pertinently, during the ongoing month, multiple drive have been held across Jammu and Kashmir against child labour.

Last week, the Jammu administration has filed 15 FIRs during crackdown on child labour.

The district administration has filed FIR against 15 business establishments for engaging child labour.

An anti-child labour drive was also jointly conducted by Child Welfare Committee Kupwara, Child Line and District Child Protection Unit in Kupwara town.

The team found two minor children working as labour. The children were produced before the Child Welfare Committee who initiated an enquiry into the matter—(KNO)

Srinagar Records

Kupwara, however, settled close to the heat wave temperature as 31.9 degree Celsius was recorded today. Pahalgam, a famous tourist destination and Gulmarg, a famous ski-resort recorded 27.6 degree Celsius and 24.4 degree Celsius respectively.

Meanwhile, all the Jammu stations recorded above normal temperature. The details reveal that Jammu, a winter capital of the Union Territory, recorded 36.2 degree Celsius while Banihal recorded 31.0 degree Celsius.

Batote, Katra and Bhaderwah recorded a maximum temperature of 28.8 degree Celsius, 34.0 degree Celsius and 30.8 degree Celsius respectively.

Moreover, Director Meteorological department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad has however predicted the possibility of rains and thundershower at many places.

There is a possibility of spell of rain and thundershower at many places of Jammu division towards late night and early morning and spell of rain and thundershower at few places of Kashmir division till July 03.

He however, stated that from July 4 to 5, there is a possibility of intermittent light to moderate rainfall at most places of J&K with heavy showers and rainfall at few places

From July 6 to 7, intermittent light to moderate rainfall is expected at most places of J&K with heavy showers and rainfall at few places.

Besides, the weatherman has issued an advisory, saying that the flash floods, landslides, mudslides & shooting stones are expected at few vulnerable places.

Few low lying areas may experience temporary water logging conditions, the advisory reads, adding that few places may experience moderate thunderstorm and lightning—(KNO)

J&K To Witness

Srinagar-based news agency that there is the possibility of rainfall from July 5 onwards. He said the rainfall may be intermittent in nature but due to heatwaves, glaciers have melted and water levels in water bodies are expected to rise.

"There are no chances of any floods but there may be flash floods, especially in Rajouri, Doda, Poonch, Kupwara and other hilly districts," Sonam Lotus said and advised the nomadic community to be alert.

Sonam Lotus also said that due to monsoon rains, the intensity of thunderstorms and cloud bursts may increase in Jammu and Kashmir, especially in hilly areas.

"In July-August, the possibility of landslides and mudslides always increases. People should not panic but there is a need to be cautious. In Srinagar or plains, there is no possibility of any floods as is being claimed. There will be no continuous rainfall. The water level may increase," he said.

Sonam Lotus said that different places en route to Amarnath Yatra may witness morning or evening showers on a daily or alternate basis.

CAT Upholds

his or her choice is an integral part of Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Companionship of choice by remarriage by a widow cannot be denied as companionship is one of the faculties by which life can be enjoyed," the Bench said, adding, "Merely because compassionate appointment has been obtained by an individual, he or she cannot be forced to sacrifice his or her fundamental rights enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India."

Rights under Article 21 of the Constitution of India cannot be curtailed on account of remarriage by a widow, the Bench said.

"Even if a statutory provision is enacted to prohibit a remarriage by a widow, as a condition for employment under compassionate appointment rules, its validity may be liable to be challenged for breach of Fundamental Rights guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India," the Bench said and referred to a number of judgments by the Supreme Court of India in which it has been held that remarriage may be a social or a biological human necessity or it may be on account of oppressive or aggressive nature of certain anti-social elements, but that cannot be made the basis for termination of service.

The Bench was hearing an application filed by erstwhile mother-in-law and brother-in-law of the woman who had been appointed on compassionate basis following the death of her husband in harness on 18 September 2014.

"Here, we would like to add that the 5th respondent (woman) is a Muslim by faith/religion and Islam nowhere prohibits remarriage of a widow which is also countenanced by the constitutional guarantee as enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India and there is no restraint by any personal law against remarriage," the Bench said, adding, "In our social fabric and ethos it may be true that a daughter-in-law has to look after the old parents of her husband but she is not obliged to do it. If she does it, she does it for her own good in this world and hereafter." Subsequently, the Bench dismissed the petition being devoid of merit.

ECI Bans Transfer

with the chief electoral officer and through the state CEO for consideration of the Commission.

"The transfer of AEROs and below level officers/officials including BLOs can be decided by CEO at his own level," the letter states.

We Hope NDA Constituents Rethink Implementation Of New Criminal Laws: Omar

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Monday said that he hopes that the NDA constituents will re-think the implementation of three new criminal laws in the country.

"We had wanted a new government to be formed after the (Lok Sabha) elections and these laws would be reviewed but it has not happened. However, this is not (purely) a BJP government as the party did not get a majority. This is an NDA government.

"We would hope that the NDA constituents will rethink these laws. At the end of the day, these are human-made laws and these can be changed. These should be reviewed,"

Abdullah told reporters at party headquarters here.

Three new criminal laws came into effect in the country on Monday, bringing far-reaching changes in India's criminal justice system.



The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) take into account some of the current social realities and modern-day crimes. The new laws replaced the British-era Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively.

The former chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir said the NC has always been apprehensive about these laws.

SKIMS Soura Celebrates Doctors Day



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) marked a poignant celebration of Doctor's Day today, 1st July 2024, under the resonant theme "Healing Hands, Caring Heart".

"The event not only highlighted the compassion and dedication intrinsic to medical professionals but also underscored their pivotal role in providing comfort and care to patients," a spokesman said in a statement.

The occasion was graced by distinguished guests and luminaries from the medical field, gathering to commemorate SKIMS' commitment to excellence in healthcare. The event featured enlightening keynote addresses that highlighted SKIMS' achievements and set forth a visionary course for its future.

SKIMS is embarking on a transformative journey under the visionary directorship of Prof. M. Ashraf Ganie, embracing this celebration as a momentous opportunity to embark on a new era of medi-

cal excellence, innovation, and patient-centric care. Prof. Ganie, in his inspiring address, extended a warm welcome to all attendees and expressed gratitude for their presence. He articulated his vision is rooted in enhancing patient care, advancing research frontiers, and elevating academic standards.

"Doctor's Day," Prof. Ganie remarked, "serves as a poignant reminder to honor the selfless dedication and immense contributions of medical professionals."

He underscored SKIMS' global impact in medical research and education, highlighting the institution's role in advancing healthcare worldwide. He remarked, "At SKIMS, we strive not only to heal bodies but also to touch hearts with empathy and kindness." Prof. Ganie pledged to prioritize a robust work-life balance at SKIMS, promising enhanced recreational facilities for the staff. He announced the establishment of a Special Award to commend exemplary service among SKIMS' medical professionals, ensuring their tireless efforts receive due recognition.

45000 People Lost Lives In 30 Years Of Strife In J&K: DGP

Says 23000 Terrorists Also Killed

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Stating that the three new criminal laws that came into force in J&K, Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain Monday said that 45000 people lost lives in the 30 years of conflict in the UT while 23000 terrorists were also killed till date. He was quick to add that 6000 police and other security forces personnel were killed in line of duty and 12000 civilians were killed by terrorists alone including those dubbed as informers.



Speaking to reporters on the side-lines of the Implementation Ceremony of Three New Criminal Laws in J&K at Police Headquarters Srinagar, DGP Swain, said that the three new criminal laws are balanced. "These laws allow us to implement the rule of law in a much better way while keeping intact the public security, national security and national integrity," he said.

While terming three new criminal laws as a major boost to implement rule of law, DGP Swain said that the last 30 years of "strife of conflict" claimed 45000 lives. "There were 6000 policemen and other security forces personnel who were killed in line of duty as well. Some 12000 people including those killed in mass murders, women and the civilians dubbed as informers were killed by terrorists alone," the DGP said, adding that there is no dilution as "we have authentic evidence to prove this."

He said some journalists were also killed as well. "There were murders in the enemy ranks also," he said. The DGP said that now that the three new criminal laws have been implemented in J&K, there will be proper evidence without any fear and normal rule of law will be implemented. "Rule of law is fully implemented when there is no fear or a very minimum fear," he said.

To a query whether terrorists are using traditional routes or new routes to infiltrate into J&K, the DGP said that local terrorist recruitment is at an all time low. "Our boys aren't becoming part of terrorism. Local recruitment is less than what it was in 2013. But camps are still active across and terror factories are also operating," he said.

The J&K police chief said people are the biggest strength of the police force. "The foreign terrorists who are pushed into this side wanted to communalise the situation in Jammu. In Dhangri they attempted to do so but people of Jammu have understood that it is not Hindu versus Muslims but a terror act," he said. "We are laced with public faith, latest weapons and the full support of Government of India."—(KNO)

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Aharbal: Over 2 Lakh Visitors Flock 'Niagara Of Kashmir' In Six Months

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Aharbal, known for its gurgling waterfall and captivating mountain vistas, has drawn over two lakh visitors in six months of this year, official figures said. Located some 25 kilometres from Kulgam town, Aharbal, often referred to as 'Niagara of Kashmir', is abuzz with both local and domestic tourists.

According to details obtained by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), more than two lakh tourists have visited the scenic destination of Aharbal so far this year.

"In June alone, 2,29,221 visitors thronged the area, including 2,02,428 locals, 26,650 domestic tourists, and 143 foreigners," the figures reveal.

The monthly breakdown is as follows: 3,655 visitors in January, 19,559 in February, 7,726 in March, 25,750 in April, 19,610 in May, and a record-breaking 152,921 arrivals in June.

Reenu Sharma, a tourist from Delhi, said that she finds Aharbal



a very different place compared to others. She said that they got to see a waterfall in Kashmir that is unique to the region.

"The water is so chilled, and the atmosphere is lovely. It is much colder compared to the temperatures outside. We have found relief from the heatwave. There are no issues with police, security, or the public, and people are enjoying themselves here," she added.

Another tourist said that they felt quite blessed to be in Kashmir and that it was impressive to visit Aharbal. "I have come with my family and will visit Aharbal

again in the future. I will also recommend others to visit Kashmir, particularly Aharbal," he said.

Mushtaq Ahmad, a local visitor, said there is a lot of rush this year, which is a good sign and will promote local businesses.

He said the authorities should build more tourism-related facilities at Aharbal and that enhancing the tourism infrastructure would further boost the place.

"Apart from its natural beauty, the place doesn't have much to attract visitors. The government needs to work on making it an all-season destination. The place should attract tourists in the same numbers during winter, and for that, authorities need to build tourism infrastructure at Aharbal," he added.

Ghalib Mohiuddin Shah, Chief Executive Officer, Aharbal Development Authority, said, "Over two lakh people have visited Aharbal. We have witnessed a surge in domestic tourist arrivals this year, and there has also been an increase in foreign tourists as well."

Anemia Not Confined To Women, Can Affect Both Genders, Say Medicos

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Anemia, a global health concern, is not confined to women, but can affect anyone irrespective of age and gender, the medicos warned on Monday.

Doctors said that persons having symptoms must consult a doctor that may lead to early detection and thereby better health outcomes. Dr Manzoor Ahmad, a General Physician at DHSK said that it's a misconception that only women are at risk of Anemia but the truth is it can affect anyone, regardless of gender or age, making it a critical health issue for the entire population.

"Anemia means lack of Red Blood Cells (RBC) to carry adequate oxygen to the body's tissues, is often associated with women, particularly due to menstruation and pregnancy," he said, adding that iron deficiency Anemia is most common type, often resulting from blood loss, poor diet, or an inability to absorb enough iron.

He said that vitamin deficiency Anemia is caused by a lack of vitamin B12 or folate, often due to dietary deficiencies or absorption problems.

The medico said that there can be anemia due to chronic disease,

when the body stops producing enough new blood cells, when RBCs are destroyed faster than the body can replace them and sickle cell Anemia a disorder that can cause blockages in blood flow.

Dr Mushtaq Ahmad, another medico at DHSK said that Anemia often goes undiagnosed because its symptoms can be mild and nonspecific but the common signs include fatigue and weakness, Pale or yellowish skin, irregular heartbeats, Shortness of breath, Dizziness or lightheadedness, Chest pain and cold hands and feet.

"Severe anemia can lead to significant health problems, including heart complications and pregnancy issues. In children, it can cause developmental delays and cognitive impairments," he said.

Doctors said that regular health checkups are crucial for early detection along with the management of anemia.

They said that a simple blood test can diagnose Anemia and the type and cause of Anemia detection is a must for better treatment. They said that the prevention and management of this disease is eating a balanced diet, taking supplements, regular screening and treatment of underlying problems.

Community Hall Sopore In Shambles, Locals Demand Action

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The government-owned building intended for a community hall at Muslimpeer in Ward 15 of Sopore in north Kashmir, has remained an unfulfilled promise for the inhabitants as the building has been in shambles for the past eight years.

The project, part of the special area programmes – strategic schemes drawn up by the government to meet the basic needs of the people – was aimed at alleviating the space constraints faced by the locals. However, it has stood abandoned for years, turning into a hub of illegal activities and a safe haven for drug addicts, according to locals.

Residents, expressing their disappointment and anger said that it is quite strange and disheartening to see how their requests and concerns are being ignored.

"The building is in shambles due to the sheer negligence of the authorities and the repeated assurances have been proved as hoaxes," they said, adding, "We need to see action, not just words. It's high time the authorities take concrete steps to finish this project and provide us with the facilities we need."

Mohammed Shafi Chngal, a social activist, said, "We were promised a facility that would serve as a vital community space, especially in such a congested area. But all we have now is an unfinished building that attracts anti-social elements."

Shafi said the structure, with broken windows and doors, looked like a ghost house, left midway after spending lakhs of rupees. "Despite repeated appeals from the locals, the project has seen no significant development," he said, calling for immediate action.

Another local said the community hall is crucial infrastructure and the project can't be left in limbo. "Packs of dogs are seen in the abandoned structure with heaps of garbage," she added, urging the authorities to prioritize this project and complete it without any delay.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Subject: Final seniority list of Non-Teaching Officials (Non-Gazetted, District Cadre Posts) District Kupwara as on 01-03-2024

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, Govt. vide SRO-785 and SRO-786 Dated; 01.01.2020, re-categorized the various cadres of School Education Department as UT, Divisional & District Cadres and.

Whereas, Departmental Promotion Committees (DPC) for Division & District Cadre Non-Gazetted Posts have been re-constituted vide G.O 01-Edu of 2020 dated 01.01.2020, and

Whereas, vide DSEK circular No. 121-DSEK of 2020 dated 01.01.2020, all the Chief Education Officers were directed to ensure cadre Management of District Cadre Non-Gazetted Posts including their seniority / promotion etc at District Level in terms of above referred Govt. order, and

Whereas, the Tentative seniority lists of Non-Teaching officials (District Cadre) District Kupwara as on 01-03-2024 viz: Librarians, Junior Librarians junior Assistants, Lab. Assistants, Lib. Assistants and MTS (Class-IV) all categories, were kept available in Zonal Education Offices of this district / Official WhatsApp groups for inviting of objections, if any, from the concerned, regarding which notification was duly published through Information Deptt. in the Daily newspaper, Kashmir Convener dated: 13-03-2024, followed by this office circular No; CEOKUP/NT/Sen-List/2024/01/6325-27 dated: 24-04-2024

Whereas, (35) objections were received with regard to the Tentative list up to cut-off date. Genuine claims were given due consideration and necessary corrections have been made in the said Tentative List

Whereas, vide notification No; CEOKUP/NT/Sen-List/2024/01/8468-490 dated: 06-06-2024, duly published in Daily Kashmir convener and weekly Rehbar dated: 09-06-2024 and the final seniority list were kept available at all official what's app groups and in the offices of the Principals of Higher secondary schools, ZEO's and Headmasters of High Schools for information of General public as well as employees of the District.

Whereas, today on 26-06-2024, an objection from one Tahir Ahmad Chalkoo Lab. Assistant BHSS Drugmulla, figuring at S.No: 50 in the said Final seniority list of Lab. Assistants, through Principal BHSS Drugmulla vide his No; BHSS/D/2024/984 dated: 04-06-2024 received by this office with regard to updation of qualification of the Lab. Assistant in question as BE (Bachelors of Engineering) instead of 10+2

Now, the final Seniority list of these Non Teaching District Cadre viz: Librarians, Junior Librarians, Junior Assistants, Lab. Assistants, Lib. Assistants and MTS (Class-IV) all categories, is once again kept available at all official what's app groups and offices of the Principals of Higher Secondary Schools, Zonal Education Offices and Offices of the Headmasters of High Schools, through this Notification for inviting of objections if any which should reach this office within 07 days from the date of publication of this notification with documentary proof duly authenticated by their DDO's. No Claim whatsoever in this regard shall be entertained after expiry of the cut off date.

No: CEOKUP/NT/Sen-List/ 2024/01/ 9158-65
Dated: 29-06-2024

(Abdul Majeed Dar)
Chief Education Officer
Kupwara

DIPK-2174-24
DT: 01/07/2024

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE CHINAR DEV. OFFICER/FLORICULTURE OFFICER DISTRICT GANDERBAL/BANDIPORA

DEPARTMENT OF FLORICULTURE KASHMIR

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE: 01 OF 2024-25

DATED: 28-06-2024

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K, sealed tenders affixed with Rs. 6/- (Rupees six only) revenue stamps are invited in person or through Registered/speed post/ Courier from Government approved /eligible suppliers/Contractors on the prescribed tender form for the following Job.

S.No	Name of job	Tentative Quantity to be supplied	Specifications
1	"Supply of Hand carts (wooden made)	Qamaria Park= 02 No's M.G Jarokabagh= 02 No's Fatehpura Park = 01 No's	District Ganderbal District Bandipora Nishat Park =01 No Wullar View Park = 01 No.

1. Three wheel Hand cart made of wooden kiker planks
2. Length of body excluding handle= 52 inches.
3. Breadth of Body=33 inches
4. capacity = 6.30 cubic feet
5. Iron handle, iron wheel with rubber outer.
6. (As per sample available)

Tender documents along with terms and conditions can be obtained from the office of the undersigned against cash payment of Rs: 100/- (Non-refundable) as per schedule of dates

Sl	Date of issue of tender document	04.07.2024
2	Last date of issue of tender document	11-07-2024
3	Tender document submission date	05-07-2024
4	Last date and time of tender submission	12-07-2024 (upto 2p.m)
5	Date and time of opening of short term Tender	15-07-2024(12 Noon)

The tenders accompanied with GST Registration, Latest GST clearance, PAN Card, Adhaar Card & CDR must be in properly sealed envelope duly marked "TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF HAND CART (WOODEN) FOR DISTRICT GANDERBAL AND BANDIPORA addressed to the Chinara Dev. Officer/Floriculture Officer Ganderbal/Bandipora, and should reach the office of undersigned by or before the last date/Time of tender submission cited above in the schedule.

The tenders will be opened in the office of the undersigned as per the scheduled date /time by the committee constituted for the purpose in presence of the tenderers who may wish to remain present. However, in case of any eventuality, the tender issue, receipt and opening date will be considered the next working day without any change of fixed time and venue.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

- The required quantity of the wooden Hand carts is seven numbers. The quantity may increase or decrease subject to requirement and availability of funds.
- The bidders/firms having the following documents shall be eligible for participation in the tender and shall have to keep these essential documents (Technical Bid) in sealed envelope marked "A" failing which financial bid shall not be opened.
 - Pan card.
 - GST Registration and GST clearance.
 - Adhaar card
 - CDR.
- The tender document duly filled, signed should be kept in separate Sealed Envelope marked "B" (Financial Bid) and both technical bid envelope "A" and Financial Bid envelope "B" put together in large Envelope addressed to the Floriculture Officer Ganderbal / Bandipora.
- The tenders received after the expiry of the due date and time shall not be acceptable /entertained. The Department would not be responsible for any postal delay.
- The tenderer should quote rate per Hand cart on prescribed tender document inclusive of all carriages FOR district Ganderbal and Bandipora inclusive of all applicable taxes, service charges, GST etc.

- The quoted rates should be clear & legible. Erosion, overwriting, cuttings if any should be properly attested. The illegible quoted rates, if any, shall be out rightly rejected by the committee and the tenderer shall have no claim over it.
- Conditional tender shall neither be entertained nor accepted.
- Tenderers should put in full name /signature on each page of the price bid in token of having accepted all terms and conditions of the NIT as well as to authenticate the quoted rates.
- The Successful Bidder/tenderer shall have to deposit Earned Money / value of Security Deposit in the shape of CDR amounting Rs. 2000.00 only pledged to Floriculture Officer Ganderbal payable at Ganderbal from any Recognized Bank.
- Supplies shall have to be completed within the stipulated time period from the date of placement of the supply order and subject to verification of required specifications, quantity and quality. The payment shall be only made after successful completion of supply as per the terms and conditions of the supply order.
- Supplies not conforming to the specifications and quality shall be out rightly rejected at the cost, risk and responsibility of the Supplier.
- The tender opening committee/Officers are not bound to accept the lowest tender and reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason therefor.
- In case the successful bidder fails to supply the material as per the terms and condition of the supply order, the department of floriculture will not allow him to participate in the tendering process in future .Besides the CDR deposited shall be forfeited.
- Dispute arising, if any, the decision of the Director General Floriculture Kashmir Srinagar will be final and binding.

No: CDO/FO/GBL/381-88
Dated: 08/06/2024
DIPK-2189-24
DT: 01/07/2024

SHAYIQ RASOOL
Floriculture Officer,
Department of Floriculture
Ganderbal/Bandipora

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-NIT No. (13) OF 2024-25 DATED: 27.06.2024

For and on behalf of Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST(K), e-tenders (single-cover system) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Civil Contractors whose cards are valid up to 31-03-2025 registered with State PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Govt. departments for the following work:-

S.No	Name of the work	Estimated Cost (in lacs)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender document	Time of completion
1.	Upgradation of Class Rooms/Labs Of Division Of Veterinary Parasitology At Fvsc & Ah Shuhama, SKUAST-K	10.98	21,960	B, C & D Class	500/-	45 days

a) Position of AAA: Accorded b) Position of T.S : Sanctioned c) Position of funds: Available

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2	Date of start of downloading	27.06.2024
3	Pre-bid meeting date	NA
4	Bid submission start Date	27.06.2024
5	Bid submission end date	08.07.2024 (06.00 PM)
6	Date & Time of opening of Technical bid (online)	09.07.2024 (11.30 AM)
7	Date of opening of Financial bid of qualifying bidders (online)	10.07.2024

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'So Many Words But ...': Rohit Sharma On Team India's T20 World Cup Triumph

Agencies

BRIDGETOWN: After a successful journey at the recently concluded T20 World Cup and winning the prestigious ICC trophy, India skipper Rohit Sharma said that he doesn't have the right words to describe the feeling.

The 37-year-old retired from the T20 Internationals after winning the 2024 T20 World Cup. With 4,231 runs in 159 games, Rohit is the format's best scorer going out. He also owns the record for most hundreds (five) in T20 Internationals. He has won two T20 World Cups: the first in 2007 while competing and the current one in 2024 as a captain.

Rohit took to his official Instagram account and said that he is currently basking in a

dream come true.

"This picture epitomises how I'm feeling right now. So many words but can't find the right ones to express what yesterday meant to me but I will, and I will share them, but right now I'm basking in a dream come true for a billion of us."

Summarising the final match of the tournament, India won the toss and opted to bat first. After being reduced to 34/3, a counter-attacking partnership between Virat (76) and Axar Patel (47 in 31 balls, with one four and four sixes) of 72 runs restored India's position in the game. A 57-run stand between Virat and Shivam Dube (27 in 16 balls, with three fours and a six) took India to 176/7 in their 20 overs.

Keshav Maharaj (2/23) and Anrich Nortje (2/26) were

the top bowlers for South Africa. Marco Jansen and Aiden Markram took a wicket each.

STRANDED VICTORY: INDIAN CRICKET TEAM STUCK IN BARBADOS AMID HURRICANE

The victorious Indian cricket team remains stranded in Barbados after a Category 4 hurricane hit the Caribbean islands early Monday morning, delaying their departure back home by another day at least.

The Rohit Sharma-led side has been staying in a five-star hotel since their T20 World Cup win over South Africa on Saturday.

Life-threatening winds and storm conditions have lashed Barbados and nearby islands, forcing the country into lockdown.



Afghanistan Women Cricketers Urge ICC To Set Up Refugee Team In Australia

Press Trust of India

MELBOURNE: With the dream of once again donning the Afghanistan jersey at the international level, 17 women cricketers from the country living in self-imposed exile in Australia have written to the ICC to help set up a team, which was disbanded after the Taliban takeover in 2021.

While the Afghanistan men's team has set new benchmarks and recently made it to the T20 World Cup semifinals for the first time, the women players, who were contracted to the Afghanistan Cricket Board before the Taliban takeover, sought refuge in Australia, where they hope to set up a refugee team and play international cricket.

In a letter written to the global governing body, the women cricketers praised the splendid performance of the men's team in the T20 World Cup but rued that they were not getting opportunities to flourish.

"We, the formerly contracted players of the Afghanistan women's team, are proud and excited by the achievements of Afghanistan at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup and wish to congratulate Rashid Khan and his team on reaching the semi-finals," the letter, written on June 29 stated.

"A profound sadness remains that we, as women, cannot represent our country like the male cricketers." The Afghanistan government has stringent rules for women and they are not allowed to indulge in sports activities.

"As former Afghan cricketers now living abroad, we are unable to represent the Afghanistan women's national team. We are asking the ICC to assist us in setting up a refugee team in Australia," the letter added.

The players have suggested that the team can be administered through the East Asian Cricket office, which is based at Cricket Australia. They, however, acknowl-



edged that "due to the government policies of Afghanistan and the Afghanistan Cricket Board, the ICC cannot recognise them as a national team of Afghanistan".

"Through this team, we aim to represent all Afghan women who dream of playing cricket but are unable to in Afghanistan." The players have said that their proposed team would be the one "without borders" and would draw attention to the challenges being faced by women players in Afghanistan.

"Creating a team of Afghan refugees can give us a chance to play, coach and administer a cricket team without borders. The creation of this team will allow all Afghan women who want to represent their country to come together under one banner," the players said in their letter.

"Our goals in having a refugee team is to develop and showcase our talent, give hope to the women remaining in Afghanistan, and to draw attention to the challenges women of Afghanistan face."

Sikandar Raza To Lead Zimbabwe Against India In T20I Series

Press Trust of India

HARARE: Experienced batter Sikandar Raza was on Monday named as captain of a young Zimbabwe team for the five-match T20I series against world champions India, which begins here from July 6.

The African side has also named Belgium-born Antum Naqvi in the squad but his final inclusion is subject to the confirmation of his citizenship status, Zimbabwe Cricket said in a release.

Naqvi was born to Pakistani parents in Brussels, Belgium, before moving to Australia, but he was considered for selection after he declared his desire to represent Zimbabwe in international cricket and applied for naturalisation.



Aiming to rebuild under new head coach Justin Sammons after failing to qualify for the just-concluded T20 World Cup, Zimbabwe have picked a young squad under Raza.

The 38-year-old right-hander, who has 86 matches under his belt, is the team's most experienced player, followed by 29-year-old Luke Jongwe who has featured in

63 games.

The other seasoned campaigners in the side are pace bowlers Richard Ngarava and Blessing Muzarabani, with 52 and 51 T20I appearances respectively.

Veterans Craig Ervine and Sean Williams were not considered for selection, while Ryan Burl, Joylord Gumbie and Ainsley Ndlovu also failed to make the cut.

India Women Beat South Africa To Win One-Off Test By 10 Wickets

Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: India were made to wait a tad longer for the winning moment by centurion Laura Wolvaardt, but they eventually went past the line convincingly by 10 wickets on the fourth and final day of the one-off women's Test against South Africa here on Monday.

India were required to chase a modest 37 after bowling out South Africa for 373 in their second innings and the hosts accomplished the task in 9.2 overs without losing a wicket. India had declared their first innings closed at 603 for six. The opening duo of Shubha



Satheesh (13 not out) and Shafali Verma (24 not out) steered their side home comfortably. This is India's second 10-wicket triumph in Tests after a scoring a similar win over the Proteas at Paarl in 2002.

After getting bundled out

266 in their first innings, South Africa fought well through hundred-makers Wolvaardt (122, 314b, 16x4) and Sune Luus (109, 203b, 18x4) in the second innings.

However, South Africa could only delay the inevitable.

Short TAKES

Parliament Applauds India's Historic T20 World Cup Victory

Both Houses of Parliament on Monday celebrated the remarkable triumph of the Indian cricket team, who clinched the T20 World Cup.

In a heartfelt address, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla expressed that the team's victory would serve as a powerful source of inspiration for the nation's youth and sportspersons. Birla extended his congratulations to the triumphant team, led by Rohit Sharma.

Similarly, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar lauded the team, emphasizing the historic significance of this win.

James Anderson Set To Take New Role For England After Retirement

England great James Anderson will join the team's backroom staff as a fast-bowling mentor when he retires from Test cricket following next week's series opener against the West Indies at Lord's. The 41-year-old is the first seamer and only third bowler to have taken 700 Test wickets after spinners Shane Warne and Muttiah Muralitharan.

Anderson, however, has decided to end his Test career after England made it clear they wanted to move on ahead of the 2025/26 Ashes.

UEFA Probes Jude Bellingham For Controversial Celebration At Euro 2024

UEFA is to investigate England midfielder Jude Bellingham for potential indecent conduct after he was seen grabbing his crotch while looking at the crowd following a last-16 victory over Slovakia at Euro 2024.

Bellingham, 21, scored an astonishing 95th-minute equaliser to push the game into extra time, gesturing after his goal at England fans who had been critical, then making the crotch gesture following the final whistle with the game won 2-1.

UEFA Fines Germany Over Ronaldo Selfie Chaos

UEFA has imposed a fine on its tournament co-organizer Germany following multiple instances of fans invading the field to take selfies with soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo during the European Championship.

The disciplinary rulings, published Monday, saw the German soccer federation fined a total of 20,000 euros (\$21,500) for lapses in "order and security" and the failure to "protect the playing area" at games against the Czech Republic and Turkey.

The incidents have led UEFA to announce a review and an increase in security measures at stadiums.

Carlos Alcaraz Battles Through Early Wimbledon Test To Advance



Third seed Carlos Alcaraz endured an early test in his Wimbledon title defence but the Spaniard quelled the challenge of Estonian qualifier Mark Lajal 7-6(3) 7-5 6-2 and moved into the second round on Monday.

The 21-year-old, bidding to add a fourth Grand Slam trophy to his cabinet after his maiden French Open triumph last month, dropped serve midway through a high-quality opening set before battling back to clinch it in a tiebreak.

6 Indian Players In T20 WC 2024's 'Team Of The Tournament'

Agencies

After India's victory in the recently concluded T20 World Cup 2024, Rohit Sharma and five others were included in the team of the tournament named by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

"ICC have announced the team of the tournament for the Men's T20 World Cup 2024," the ICC stated.

After India's stupendous show in the T20 World Cup 2024, six Men in Blue players have been included in the team of the tournament.

Rohit Sharma scored 257 runs at a strike rate of 156.7 and smashed three fifties after playing all the matches of the tournament. Rohit embraced India's new approach in T20Is and showed the way with his brilliant ball striking. The India skipper showed consistency as well while maintaining a brilliant strike-rate.

Afghanistan's Rahmanullah Gurbaz forged an impressive opening partnership, scoring 446 runs as a pair, including

three century stands. The Afghan opener shone with exceptional knocks against Uganda (76), New Zealand (80), Australia (60) and Bangladesh (43).

West Indies batter Nicholas Pooran made 228 runs in the tournament, scoring at a rate of 146.16. Pooran finished as the sixth-highest run-getter despite his high-risk batting.

With two half-centuries and a vital 47 in the semi-final against England, Suryakumar Yadav had a good tournament from the middle order despite playing on some difficult batting wickets. He made his presence felt in both the knockout games, first with a crucial 47 with the team in trouble in the semi-final against England, and then with one of the best catches the tournament has ever witnessed in a crucial moment in the final.

Australia all-rounder Marcus Stoinis was the Aussies' x-factor player in the T20 World Cup, standing out with exceptional knocks against Oman and Scotland. In the game against Oman, he also delivered a crunch perfor-



mance with the ball, taking 3/19.

India all-rounder Hardik Pandya made impactful cameos down the order with the bat and made breakthroughs with the ball when the Men in Blue needed him to. His most important contribution came in the fi-

nal, when he stopped a rampaging Heinrich Klaasen, deceiving him with a slower ball outside off-stump.

Axar Patel's ability to adapt to different roles and make impactful performances proved critical to India's title-winning

charge. In the final, promoted up the order, Axar made a brilliant, counter-attacking 47 that helped Virat Kohli settle in and play the anchor role.

Afghanistan skipper Rashid Khan led the Afghan squad stupendously, producing impres-

sive performances with the ball as the team created history with a semi-final entry. Rashid took 14 wickets in the tournament, bowling at a brilliant economy rate of 6.17.

The Player of the Tournament Jasprit Bumrah was un-

stoppable in the T20 World Cup 2024. More than the 15 wickets he took, his impact in restricting the scoring rate of teams made Bumrah India's most important player right through the tournament. His economy rate of 4.17 is the best ever by any bowler in a single edition of the men's T20 World Cup.

Arshdeep Singh finished as the joint-highest wicket-taker in the tournament with 17 wickets in eight matches. The left-arm fast bowler was the perfect foil for Jasprit Bumrah with the ball and shone with his early Powerplay spells.

The joint-leading wicket-taker in the tournament, Fazalhaq Farooqi played a major role in guiding Afghanistan to a historic first semi-final appearance. His 17 wickets came at a brilliant economy rate of 6.31.

Team of the tournament: Rohit Sharma, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Nicholas Pooran, Suryakumar Yadav, Marcus Stoinis, Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Rashid Khan, Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh, Fazalhaq Farooqi. 12th man: Anrich Nortje. (ANI)