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Kashmir Sizzles Under Season's Hottest Day

Rainfall Predicted From July 4 To 7



KO photo by Abid Bhat

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The heat wave has gripped Kashmir Valley on Tuesday with most of the places recording the hottest day of the season while the weatherman forecasted flash floods amidst the possibility of light to moderate rainfall from July 4 to July 7.

The maximum temperature recorded a further rise today with Srinagar recording the hottest day of the season at 34.6 degree Celsius.

Some other parts including Kupwara, Pahalgam, Qazigund and Kokernag have also recorded the hottest day of the season today. In Kupwara, the mercury settled at 34.6 degree Celsius while Qazigund, a gateway of Kashmir, recorded 34.0 degree Celsius and Kokernag and Pahalgam recorded a maximum temperature of 33.4 degree Celsius and 29.1 degree Celsius respectively.

With the further rise in the

mercury, the parts of Kashmir including Srinagar, Qazigund, Kupwara and Kokernag recorded the heat wave today.

The Jammu division has recorded almost similar temperatures like yesterday. The details reveal that Jammu, a winter capital of the Union Territory, recorded 37.2 degree Celsius while Banihal recorded 31.8 degree Celsius.

Batote, Katra and Bhaderwah recorded a maximum temperature of 29.1 degree Celsius, 33.5 degree Celsius and 34.7 degree Celsius respectively.

Meanwhile, the weatherman here has predicted hot and humid weather with possibility of spell of rain and thundershower at scattered places of Jammu towards late night and early morning and spell of rain and thundershower at few places of Kashmir.

On July 04, Director Meteorological department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, said, an intermittent | More on P6

Will Work With Triple Speed In 3rd Term: PM

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the people have given his government a mandate for stability and continuity for the third consecutive term after testing it on every criterion.

Replying to a two-day debate on the President's address to both houses of Parliament, he said the people have seen the dedication with which his government served them for 10 years.

"In our third term, we will work with triple the speed. Our third term means we will put in thrice the strength. In our third term, we will ensure three times the results," Modi said in the Lok Sabha, amid vociferous protests by the opposition.

He said the mandate for the BJP's rivals was to sit in the opposition and keep shouting after running out of arguments.

"Try to understand the mandate of the people honestly



and accept it. I would urge the Congress to accept the mandate and not hide behind fake victory celebrations," Modi said.

Before the prime minister's reply, opposition members wanted Speaker Om Birla to allow the MPs from Manipur to speak in the House but he said a member from the northeastern state had already spoken on

Monday. They then trooped into the Well of the House, drawing a sharp rebuke from Birla.

The prime minister said, "The people of the country have given us this mandate after testing us on every criterion. The people have seen our track record of 10 years."

"The people have seen that we have worked | More on P6

'Article 370 Used For Vote-Bank Politics'

Training his guns at the opposition in the Parliament

over J&K, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday said that India can go any extension to protect the nation and it was the BJP government that entered into enemy's territory to carry out surgical strike and air-strike and taught the mentors of terrorism a lesson. The prime minister said that Article 370 was used for vote-bank politics by the J&K parties and BJP broke this wall forever to pave for the entry of the Indian constitution in the region. Amid repeated attempts by the opposition leaders to disrupt the speech, PM Modi said that India post 2014 was a different country. "We don't | More on P6

Court Gives Er Rashid 2 Hrs To Take Oath

Observer News Service

New Delhi: A court here on Tuesday granted two-hour custody parole to Kashmiri leader Sheikh Abdul Rashid to take oath as a Lok Sabha MP on July 5, subject to some conditions.

Rashid, also known as Engineer Rashid, was elected from Baramulla seat as an independent candidate defeating National Conference leader Omar Abdullah in the recent Lok Sabha polls.

He was arrested in a 2017 Jammu and Kashmir terror funding case.

Rashid had moved the court seeking interim bail, or custody parole in the alternative, to take oath and perform his parliamentary functions.

Additional Sessions Judge Chanderjit Singh allowed custody parole for two hours on July 5 to enable him to take oath, subject to a few conditions. These included a custody parole of two hours or till the conclusion of proceedings, whichever was later. The designated time of two hours excluded travel time. It said Rashid's wife and children were | More on P6

THE WALL OF ARTICLE 370 STANDS BROKEN FOREVER, stone pelting is a history and democracy has been strengthened. People are reposing faith in democracy and the Indian flag."

Will Assembly Elections In J&K Take Place This Year?

Agencies

Srinagar: The much-awaited assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir are unlikely to be held in 2024, reliable sources said.

Sources informed a local news agency that there are bleak chances of conducting assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir this year.

According to sources, the assembly polls might be postponed to next year. However, Panchayat and Municipal elections are expected to take place this September, with an announcement likely following the conclusion of the



Amarnath Yatra.

They further said that while meetings were recently held in New Delhi on arrangements of polls in Maharashtra, Haryana, and Jharkhand with the Key Ministry including the Home Ministry and Defence Minister, no meetings were

held regarding assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

Pertinent to mention that in his Motion of Thanks on Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi mentioned assembly polls in three states but did not talk about the elections in Jammu | More on P6

53 Kanals Of State Land Transferred To CRPF In Baramulla

Agencies

Srinagar: The Jammu & Kashmir has allotted 53 kanals of state land to the paramilitary Central Reserve of Police Force (CRPF) for setting-up a battalion camping site in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

The Revenue department of J&K government has transferred 53 kanals and three Marlas of land to the CRPF's 53 battalion at Kitchama in Baramulla district after the administrative council headed by LG approved the proposal during its meeting held on June 07.

The land has been transferred to the paramilitary force in terms of provisions of

Rule 310 of General Financial Rules, 2017 against payment of Rs three crore and 44 lakh rupees.

According to the Revenue department's order, the CRPF shall adhere to all provisions of laws relating to Revenue/Housing & Urban Development Department, Forest and J&K Water Resources (Regulation and Management) Act, 2010 before utilization of the land.

As per terms and conditions, the CRPF shall take possession of the land within 30 days from the transfer order and the land be put to use within three years failing which the land shall revert back to Government—(KNO)

MUHARRAM OBSERVANCE

Make Elaborate Security, Traffic & Medical Arrangements: LG

Directs Officials To Address Concerns Of Religious Leaders

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting here to review arrangements for Muharram which begins this weekend, an official spokesperson said.

The LG directed Deputy Commissioners and Senior Superintendents of Police, and other officials concerned to hold meetings with eminent members of Shia community and religious leaders to address their issues at the earliest to facilitate the smooth observance of Muharram, the spokesman said.

The meeting, held at the Civil Secretariat here, was attended by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Director General of Police R R Swain, ADGP (Law and Order) Vijay Kumar, and other senior



officers in the police and civil administration.

Sinha instructed the district administration to ensure improved road connectivity to the 'imam baras' during Muharram, uninterrupted power supply and drinking water facilities, proper cleanliness and sanitation measures particularly in and around 'imam baras', advance distribution of ration and other amenities as necessary.

He asked officials to inspect market areas regularly and ensure the availability of essential commodities, the | More on P6

BRAKE FAILURE

10 Yatris Injured After Jumping Out From Moving Bus

Observer News Service

Jammu: At least 10 pilgrims returning from the Amarnath yatra were injured when they jumped out of a moving bus in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district after the driver informed them about the failure of its breaks, officials on Tuesday said.

The bus was, however, stopped by the army and police personnel, thus averting a possible accident along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, they said.

The officials said the bus was carrying 40 pilgrims who were returning to Hoshiarpur in Punjab, adding the driver failed to stop the vehicle on reaching Nachlana



near Banihal due to failure of its breaks.

At least 10 pilgrims, including three women and a child, were hurt when several of the bus occupants jumped out of the moving bus, the officials said. Noticing the pilgrims jumping out of the moving vehicle, the | More on P6



Over 74,000 Pilgrims Visit Amarnath Cave Shrine In 4 Days

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: More than 22,000 pilgrims paid obeisance at the

holy cave shrine of Amarnath in the south Kashmir Himalayas on Tuesday, officials here said.

With this, the total number

of pilgrims who have visited the shrine in the first four days of the annual Amarnath Yatra has crossed 74,000. | More on P6

TERROR SURGE IN RAJOURI

JKP To Recruit SPOs From 22 'Militancy-hit Villages'

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: In the backdrop of terror-related incidents in the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch, police are recruiting Special Police Officers (SPOs) from 22 villages severely affected by militancy in the area.

This initiative follows the recent announcement by Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain that village defence groups and SPOs will be reinforced in Jammu and Kashmir.

On Friday, the DGP rewarded nine courageous Special Police Officers (SPOs) for their participation in assisting security forces in neutralising two terrorists in the Hiranagar area of Kathua. "Applications are invited from



eligible male candidates residing in the 22 militancy-affected villages of Rajouri district for engagement as Special Police Officers in J&K Police, with a

monthly honorarium," Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Rajouri, Amritpal Singh said. The recruitment will cover 22 villages including | More on P6

Tribunals Confirm Ban On 2 J&K Groups

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Two judicial tribunals, headed by a judge of the Delhi High Court, have given their nod to the government's decision to declare two Jammu and Kashmir-based pro-Pakistan groups, including Syed Ali Shah Geelani's Tehreek-e-Hurriyat, as banned organisations.

The confirmation to the declaration of the Tehreek-e-Hurriyat, Jammu and Kashmir (TeH) as outlawed under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act was given on June 22 by a tribunal consisting of Justice Sachin Datta, Judge, of the Delhi High Court.

The group was founded by the late separatist Syed Ali Shah Geelani.

The confirmation to the ban imposed on Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam faction) (MLJK-MA) under the UAPA was given by another tribunal headed by the same judge.

In a notification, the Union Home Ministry said the Tehreek-e-Hurriyat, Jammu and Kashmir (TeH) was declared as an unlawful association by the government of India on December 31, 2023.

The central government constituted the tribunal on January 16, 2024.

"And, whereas, the said tribunal in exercise of the powers conferred | More on P6

INSTALLATION OF PET SCANS HC Seeks Status Report

KO Correspondent

Jammu: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has sought a brief status report from the government regarding appointment of doctors and installation of PET Scan machines.

Hearing a contempt petition in Public Interest Litigation filed in 2017, seeking direction to the government

to provide basic health facilities for treatment of cancer in J&K, a division bench of Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi also requested the Advocate General to assist the Court in

the matter.

"Keeping in view the importance of the issue, we request the learned Advocate General to assist the Court in the matter and file a brief status report with regard to appointment of doctors and installation of PET Scan machines," the Court said and ordered listing of the plea on July 16.

The petition, filed in 2017, also seeks directions to the government to provide an adequate number of oncologists, Oncosurgeons, PET scan machines and all other expertise in the relevant field for the treatment of | More on P6



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Subject: Provisional Selection list of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) of POSHAN Project Rafiabad and inviting of objections thereof.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In pursuance to Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023, Dated: 28-04-2023, and Approval from Mission Director Poshan, J&K, vide No. MD/Poshan/Estt/6219-22 Dated:21-02-2024 an Advertisement Notice No. 31 of 2024, dated 28.02.2024, vide No. CDPO/POSHAN/HR/2023-24/1740-52, dated 28.02.2024 was issued by CDPO Rafiabad for selection of (07) Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) for (07) Anganwadi Centre of Poshan Project Rafiabad. In response to said advertisement notice, (13) applications were received within cut-off date and Merit List of candidates has been prepared as per criteria laid down vide Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04-2023 and tentative Selection has been framed by the selection committee on the basis of merit annexed herewith, as Annexure A. The Merit List for (13) applicants applied for Anganwadi Centre VIZ 1.Waripora Gund (P/Ward-08) 2.Faqipora (P/W-01) 3.Lone Mohalla Kangroosa (P/W-04) 4. Danger Mohalla Watergam (Ward No-03), 5. Mir Mohalla Drusoo (P/W-04) & 6. Chenam-A (P/W-03) of POSHAN Project Rafiabad are hereby published for information of public in general and for applicants in particular for filing appeal/objections. The appeal/objection, if any against the said selection, shall be filed in the office of CDPO Rafiabad located at Dangiwaicha Rafiabad against proper receipt by or before 15-07-2024 up to 4:00 PM. No appeal/objection shall be entertained after expiry of the last date for filing appeal/objections.

No. CDPO/HR/24/ 207-214

Dated: 01 -07-2024

SD/ Child Dev. Project Officer, POSHAN Project Rafiabad

Annexure A.

Tentative Selection of Anganwadi Helpers (Sahayikas) . 1.Waripora Gund (P/Ward-08) 2.Faqipora (P/W-01) 3.Lone Mohalla Kangroosa (P/W-04) 4. Danger Mohalla Watergam (Ward No-03), 5. Chenam-A(P/W-03) of POSHAN Project & 6. Mir Mohalla Drusoo (P/W-04)

Table with columns: S No in Merit Panel, Name of the candidate, Parentage/W/O, Residence, Ward No, DOB, Qualification, Marks Obtained, Max Marks, %age, Weightage, Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH, Additional 2 points, Total Merit.

Annexure B.

The merit list of all applicants applied for engagement as Anganwadi Helpers (Sahayikas). Name of AWC Waripora Gund Ward No/ Name- P/W-08

Table with columns: S Index No., Name of Candidate, Parentage W/O, Residence, Ward No/ Name, D.O.B, Qualification, Marks obtained in 10th Out of, Percentage, Weightage, Whether any relation with retired AWW or AWH, Additional 2 Points, Total Merit, Economic Condition, Remarks.

Name of AWC Fakipora

Ward No/ Name- P/W-01

Table with columns: S Index No., Name of Candidate, Parentage W/O, Residence, Ward No/ Name, D.O.B, Qualification, Marks obtained in 10th Out of, Percentage, Weightage, Whether any relation with retired AWW or AWH, Additional 2 Points, Total Merit, Economic Condition, Remarks.

Name of AWC Lone Mohalla Kangroosa

Ward No/ Name- P/W-04

Table with columns: S Index No., Name of Candidate, Parentage W/O, Residence, Ward No/ Name, D.O.B, Qualification, Marks obtained in 10th Out of, Percentage, Weightage, Whether any relation with retired AWW or AWH, Additional 2 Points, Total Merit, Economic Condition, Remarks.

Name of AWC Danger Mohalla Watergam

MC/ Name- P/W-03

Table with columns: S Index No., Name of Candidate, Parentage W/O, Residence, Ward No/ Name, D.O.B, Qualification, Marks obtained in 10th Out of, Percentage, Weightage, Whether any relation with retired AWW or AWH, Additional 2 Points, Total Merit, Economic Condition, Remarks.

Name of AWC Chanam A

Ward No/ Name- P/W-03

Table with columns: S Index No., Name of Candidate, Parentage W/O, Residence, Ward No/ Name, D.O.B, Qualification, Marks obtained in 10th Out of, Percentage, Weightage, Whether any relation with retired AWW or AWH, Additional 2 Points, Total Merit, Economic Condition, Remarks.

Name of AWC Mir Mohalla Drusoo

Ward No/ Name- P/W-04

Table with columns: S Index No., Name of Candidate, Parentage W/O, Residence, Ward No/ Name, D.O.B, Qualification, Marks obtained in 10th Out of, Percentage, Weightage, Whether any relation with retired AWW or AWH, Additional 2 Points, Total Merit, Economic Condition, Remarks.

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Body Mass Index Could Be Explained By Genes, Study Finds

Press Trust Of India

One's Body Mass Index (BMI) could be explained genetically, researchers have said after they found a 77 per cent chance of children developing obesity at the age of 17 if their parents had the condition at the same age.

A team of researchers, including those at Tel Aviv University, used data of more than 13 lakh people recorded between 1986 and 2018 during screening before their compulsory military service in Israel.

BMI of children aged 17 were compared with those of both their parents when they were the same age. Data was available for 24 per cent of over 4.45 lakh trios included in the analysis.

"Among trios in which both parents had a healthy BMI, the prevalence of (being) overweight or obesity in the offspring was 15.4 per cent, this proportion increased to 76.6 per cent when both parents had obesity," the authors wrote in the study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association Network Open.

The researchers also found a



correlation between the average of the father's and mother's BMI with that of their child and estimated that BMI was 39 per cent heritable. The correlation between the father and son's BMI was found to be 0.273, indicating that a son's BMI could be influenced by the father's by up to 27 per cent.

Further, the authors found a stronger correlation between BMIs

of mothers and daughters, compared with those of mothers and sons. Mothers with obesity have been previously linked with higher chances of daughters developing the condition, compared with fathers having obesity.

The result, therefore, underscores gender-specific influences on the heritability of BMI, along with genetic and environmental factors, the authors said.

Study Relates Stroke Risk With Mental Ability

Press Trust Of India

Lower abilities of concentration and learning during childhood and teenage could be related to a tripling of risk of having a stroke before turning 50, according to a research.

While lower mental abilities have been linked to higher risks of developing cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, researchers said that evidence in this regard is inconsistent. The latest findings are published in the Journal of Epidemiology and

Community Health.

In their analysis, the team of researchers, including those from Hebrew University, used data of over 17.4 lakh young Israelis -- aged between 16 to 20 years -- taken as part of an evaluation before they began military service.

This data included weight, blood pressure, diabetic status and other factors, such as education, socioeconomic background and mental ability, including concentration, reasoning and problem solving.

Recorded between 1987 and

2012, the data from military evaluation was compared with those from the Israeli national stroke database, mandatory reporting for which began in 2014. Up until 2018, an individual's first stroke or death, whichever came first, was used for analysis.

Among the participants with low to medium mental ability (IQ scores up to 118), stroke cases were found to be more common, with these individuals facing a 2.5 times higher risk of experiencing a stroke before turning 50 years old, compared to those with higher mental abilities (IQ scores above 118).

NORTHERN RAILWAY Tender Notice. Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer (C&W) Firozpur acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the works/services listed below.

NOTICE I Have Changed My Name From (old Name) Mohammad Shafi To (new Name) Mohammad Shafi Tragwal. In Future I Will Be Known As (new Name) Mohammad Shafi Tragwal. If Anybody Is Having Any Objection He/she May Contact Passport Office, Srinagar Within 7 Days. After 7 Days No Objection Will Be Accepted.

The Jammu And Kashmir Board Of School Education New Campus Bemina Srinagar. I have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class- 10th) under Roll No: 128002243 Session: Bi-Anl 2023 Year 2023 through the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. Due to the error committed by the concerned School/parent/ Board against my DOB as 29-09-2007 instead of 20-09-2007.

PUBLIC NOTICE Whereas, I Mr/Ms Sabreena Wani S/O D/O W/O Abdul Raheem Wani R/O Noor Bagh Srinagar, Kashmir intends to apply in the Department of Tourism for the Registration of my proposed Travel unit under the name and style "M/S Snow Valley Tour & Travels Situated at Noor Bagh Near Tehsil Office Srinagar, Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

PUBLIC NOTICE I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate as my DOB has not been registered in concerned Registrar of Birth and Death so far. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Municipal Committee Magam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Public notice in Urdu regarding a travel unit registration. "میں نے اپنے نام سے ایک سفری یونٹ رجسٹر کرنے کے لیے درخواست دی ہے۔ اگر کوئی اعتراض ہے تو اسے 7 دنوں کے اندر پیش کرنا چاہیے۔"

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the general public that I am applying for the registration of a fertilizer license under the name MS MAGRAY AGRO CENTER, located at Kohlina, Tehsil Kreeri, District Baramulla, at the Chief Agriculture Office, Baramulla. If anyone has any objections regarding this matter, they may file their objection at the office of the Chief Agriculture Office, Baramulla, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After this period, no objections will be entertained.

Macadamize Dalgate Khayam-Nowpora Roads In 2-days: Div Com To SSCL

Observer News Service

Srinagar: To enforce the streamline of traffic movement on important roads to end recurring traffic jams, the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today conducted an extensive tour of city roads to take the first hand appraisal of the issue.

He was accompanied by SSP Traffic Srinagar, Muzaffar Shah, RTO Kashmir, ASP Traffic Tariq Ahmad, Chief Engineer of R&B, Chief Engineer KPDCL, Executive Engineer of R&B Dalgate, Officers of Srinagar Smart City Limited and SMC others officers.

The Divisional Commissioner visited Ghat-1 & Ghat-2 near Nehru Park on Boulevard to explore the viability of widening the road to create a bus-bay for vehicles for de-boarding of tourists to streamline the movement of traffic on the road.

On the occasion, he directed CE R&B to create a space by narrowing down

the width of footpaths on either side of road so that the issue of traffic congestion at the site shall be addressed.

Meanwhile, he asked SSP Traffic to start a one-way traffic from Dalgate to Ghat-2 on trial basis by diverting the traffic via Buchwara-CD Hospital road soon after the department receives additional manpower.

While inspecting the Dalgate-Khayam-Nowpora-Gojwara road, Div Com instructed concerned authorities to immediately macadamize all roads to end the traffic vovs. He strictly directed SSCL officers to complete macadamization of roads within two days and also admonished officers for slow upgradation & developmental activities. Also, he directed concerned for pruning of Chinar branches at Dalgate for the safety of commuters & vehicles.

Regarding utility shifting of PDD, Div Com instructed CE PDD to depute a team of officials with SSCL for removal of electric poles falling within the width of roads.



'Accepting Islam By Choice Is Not Forced Conversion'

Ex-Imam Hazratbal Terms Waqf Board Decision 'Unjustified, Unacceptable'

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Questioning the 'authority' of the Muslim Waqf Board for barring him to discharge his religious duties, the former Imam-o-Khateeb of the revered Hazratbal shrine, Dr Kamal-ud-Din Farooqi Tuesday said the man who embraced Islam did so 'voluntarily' and not under 'duress'.

Following allegations of forced conversion of a Hindu man from Haryana in April this year, Farooqi was barred from leading prayers at the Hazratbal shrine.

He said the Waqf Board accused him of presiding over the meeting of the alleged forced conversion, causing total chaos and confusion among the people.

"Accepting Islam by choice is not forced conversion. My family has been discharging the duties of Imam-o-Khateeb of the Hazratbal shrine for the last more than three centuries and I am not an employee of the Waqf Board. Forbidding me from offering and leading prayers at the shrine is unjustified and unacceptable," Farooqi said, addressing a news conference at his residence here.

Besides receiving a notice from the Waqf Board, Farooqi, a retired professor and chief scientist at Sheri Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences Kashmir (SKUAST-K), was called in by the

Refuting the allegations that anti-national chants were raised during the conversion, Farooqi claimed that no sooner the man converted to Islam in front of two lakh devotees, including the police and Waqf Board administrators, the shrine reverberated with the chants of 'Nara-e-Takbeer, Allah-o-Akbar

police and questioned for over three hours regarding his role in forcible conversion.

"But for treating me justly, the cops, especially SP and SHO Hazratbal, have my gratitude. They performed their duties effectively, recorded my statement as well. The individual embraced Islam of his own free will, and not duress, I informed the investigating officer," he added.

As a religious priest, he granted the Haryana man's request to guide him in reciting the 'Shahadatayn', or Declaration of Faith.

"What crime I committed. Why was I blamed for forced con-

version if someone chose to convert to Islam of his own free will? I have led prayers at the Hazratbal shrine for a long time, and I adhere to the core tenets of Islam. So why would I coerce people to convert to Islam against their will?" he questioned.

Jammu and Kashmir police lodged an FIR against one Anayat Muntazir for alleged forced conversion of his domestic help Sandeep Kumar at the shrine during Jumat-ul-Vida (the last Friday of Ramadan).

Refuting the allegations that anti-national chants were raised during the conversion, Farooqi claimed that no sooner the man converted to Islam in front of two lakh devotees, including the police and Waqf Board administrators, the shrine reverberated with the chants of 'Nara-e-Takbeer, Allah-o-Akbar'.

"This is what transpired that moment; he was hugged and kissed by the worshippers who were happy for his conversion. Little did I know that the matter would turn into a major controversy," he added.

"I got a copy of the FIR from the court, but my name wasn't mentioned on it. I appreciate the cops' kind conduct at the police station, but I also contest the Waqf Board's authority to stop me from carrying out my religious obligations," said Farooqi.

LCMA Proposes Rs 273 Cr IMP For Dal, Nigeen Lake Ecosystem

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) has said it proposed Integrated Management Plan for conservation of Dal-Nigeen lake ecosystem at a cost of Rs 273 crores.

The management authority when asked about the details of any project report submitted to the Government about Dal or Nigeen Lake and other water said, "Integrated management plan for conservation of Dal-Nigeen lake ecosystem with DPR cost Rs 273 cr has been submitted to MHA, government of India."

Besides, the LCMA in a response to question wherein details of areas

where de-weeding was carried out as on May-31-2023 and the area which has been left out with reason has said, "The de-weeding is carried out manually and mechanically in the Lakes generally from the spring season upto onset of winter season."

The information was revealed by the Public Information Officer of LCMA in a reply to an RTI application filed by activist M M Shuja.

"The manual de-weeding is carried out along the shoreline from Dalgate to Hazratbal, including various areas in Ashai Bagh, Nigeen Lake, Pokhrilal etc.," it reads.

LCMA PIO also said that the manual de-weeding work is being outsourced after the tendering process.

THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS (BOPEE)

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Subject: Provisional Merit List/Result of the common Entrance Test for admission to the Post Basic B.Sc Nursing Course-2024 conducted by the J&K BOPEE at Srinagar/Jammu on 22nd June, 2024.

Reference: i) Notification No. 022-BOPEE of 2024 dated 09-05-2024.
ii) Notice No. 012-BOPEE of 2024 dated 03-06-2024.
iii) Notification No. 032-BOPEE of 2024 dated 13-06-2024.

Notification No: 038-BOPEE of 2024
Dated: 01-07-2024

The Provisional Merit List/Result of all the candidates, who had appeared in the Common Entrance Test conducted by the J&K BOPEE in pursuance to the Notification No. 022-BOPEE of 2024 dated 09-05-2024 read with Notice No. 012-BOPEE of 2024 dated 03-06-2024 and Notification No. 032-BOPEE of 2024 dated 13-06-2024 for admission to the Post Basic B.Sc Nursing Course-2024 at various Govt./Pvt. Colleges/Institutions of UT of J&K/Ladakh is hereby notified as per the Annexure-A to this Notification. The Entrance test was conducted at both centres of Jammu & Srinagar on 22-06-2024.

The Board has not received any representation(s) against the Answer Key of Common Entrance Test within the stipulated time which was uploaded on website of the Board on 22-06-2024 & hence result was prepared accordingly.

In case two or more candidates have obtained the same marks in the Entrance Test, the Inter-se-Merit/Tie of such candidates has to be resolved as per provisions defined at Page No. 26-27, Point No.13 of e-Information Brochure which is also available on the official website of Board (www.jkbopee.gov.in).

As per provisions defined at Point No. 03, Page No. 10-11 of e-Information Brochure, the candidate(s), who have any objection against his/her result, if any, shall have to submit a written representation(s) alongwith a payment receipt of Rs.1000/- to be paid through POS Machine at the BOPEE offices Srinagar/Jammu for the purpose of re-totalling of marks. The representation(s) in this regard shall be received upto **three days** of uploading of this Notification on the official website by the Board after the declaration of result. No representation shall be entertained after the expiry of the prescribed time limit.

The candidate(s) figuring in the Annexure-A to this Notification whose Marks Card/Result was awaited or who had uploaded expired/invalid Reserved Category Certificate(s) and pending Domicile Certificate(s) at the time of submission of their Online Application Forms, were provisionally allowed to appear in the Entrance Test subject to the condition that they shall have to submit the same during or before the counseling date as and when notified by the Board or have to submit the same in the respective College(s) at

the time of admission, in case he/she is selected for admission on provisional basis or as may be decided and notified by the Board in due course of time.

Further, the candidate(s), who need correction in their particulars i.e. Name, Parentage, D.O.B, Category Certificate, and Gender, if any, are also advised to represent physically at the BOPEE Office Jammu/Srinagar for rectification of their errors **within five days of issuance of the Notification.**

No fresh representation regarding inclusion of category, if earlier not mentioned during filling up of online application forms, shall be entertained by the Board.

Note:

- After the issuance of new S.O 176 dated 15-03-2024, issued by Social Welfare Department, J&K Government regarding new reservation policy, the Board shall now allot seats accordingly strictly as per new S.O. 176. Hence the candidates who want to change their category as amended in new S.O. 176 are advised to submit their new category certificate physically at BOPEE office Jammu/ Srinagar (wherever applicable) **within five days of issuance of this Notification failing which they shall not be entitled for claiming any seat under old categories, which are now not available in new S.O. 176 and no further claim(s) shall be entertained by the Board from any candidate thereof.**
- Regarding the schedule for counseling of allotment of seats, the candidates are advised to visit the official website of Board (www.jkbopee.gov.in) daily.

The Annexure-A shall only remain available on the official website of the Board www.jkbopee.gov.in.

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dated: 02-07-2024

No. BOPEE/Exam/17/2024(7472503)

Sd/-
(Prof. Gurvinder Raj Verma)
Controller of Examinations
J&K, BOPEE

Dated: 01.07.2024

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HIGHWAY STATUS
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Corrigendum 01 For Date Extension.

Name of work: - SITC/ITC of sprinkler irrigation System including HDPE pipe/LLDPE pipeline including allied fittings for Saffron Crop cultivated area at bore well no 116 & 123 under implementation of National Mission on Saffron.

Reference: This office e-NIT No: - MDSK/TS /2024-25/09
Date:11-06-2024

(Tender ID: 2024_PWDJK_249799_1)
(Tender ID: 2024_PWDJK_249799_2)

Due to poor response, the critical dates of the above referred e-NIT are hereby extended as under: -

S.No.	Description	New Dates
01.	Last date of downloading/ submission of bids	08-07-2024 upto 06:55PM
02.	Date of opening of bids online	09-07-2024 at 02:00 PM

All other terms, conditions and specifications as stipulated in the e-NIT shall remain unchanged.

Sd/
No: MDSK/TS-1414-17 Executive Engineer Machinery
DIPK-2257/24 Division, Kashmir.
Date: 02-07-2024.

GOVT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
Office Of The Medical Superintendent
District Hospital Shopian
Pin Code: 192303
Email Id: amdshshopian@gmail.com
hospitald4@gmail.com

Subject: Extension Gem bid for Selection of Laboratory for tests

Online bid is invited under two packet bid system (Technical & Financial) from eligible and reputed diagnostic/lab centres for providing Histopathology Service at District Hospital Shopian through GeM Portal (www.gem.gov.in).

In this regard a bid vide NO: GEM/2024/B/5039388 dated 11/06/2024 has been published on Government e Marketplace (Gem) Portal is hereby extended 04-07-2024 due to poor response.

Sd/-
Medical Superintendent
District Hospital Shopian

No: Estt/MS/DH/SPN/2024-25/1985-88
DIPK-2271/24
Dated: 02 /07/2024

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITE APPLICATION

The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur Division invites applications for allotment of halt contract for sale of tickets for the following stations:-

1 Name of work	Allotment of Halt contract at (1) Salla Khurd (2) Bolina Doaba (3) Ghalu (4) Sham Chaurasi (5) Khaikar Kalan Jhanda Ji (6) Jajion Doaba (7) Garthshankar (8) Malupta (9) Dudwindi Railway Halt Stations over Firozpur Division.
2 Tenure of Contract	5 (five) years.
3 Last date & time of submission and opening of applications.	On 01.08.2024 Up to 15:00hrs (Applications will be opened on 01.08.2024 and in case the day on which the applications are to be opened is a holiday, the same will be opened at the same time on next working day).
4 Address of the office & date from which application forms will be available.	Office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur. Date 01.07.2024 to 01.08.2024
5 Northern Railway's web site	Applications can also be downloaded from Northern Railway's official website www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in

The notice for inviting application forms and other related information is also available on the official web site of Northern Railway www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in

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Reform NEET

The revelations of widespread corruption and paper leaks in India's National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) have cast a dark shadow over the futures of millions of aspiring medical students, thousands of those from Jammu and Kashmir. The scandal reveals a systemic failure within the National Testing Agency (NTA) and calls into question the integrity of India's most critical entrance examinations. The situation demands urgent and comprehensive reforms to restore trust and ensure fairness in the country's education system.

The NEET scandal is not an isolated incident but a symptom of deeper issues plaguing India's examination system. Reports of paper leaks, irregularities in marks, and the sale of exam papers on the darknet have eroded confidence in the NTA's ability to conduct fair and transparent examinations. The dramatic increase in perfect scores and the suspiciously high number of top-ranking students this year have only fueled allegations of large-scale corruption.

For students who have dedicated years of hard work and sacrifice, this scandal is nothing short of a catastrophe. The promises of grace marks and re-examinations by the NTA offer little solace when the very foundation of the examination process is in question. The government's failure to effectively address these issues has left students in limbo, facing an uncertain future.

The NEET and similar examinations are the gateways to prestigious medical and engineering colleges, determining the career paths of millions. The credibility of these exams is paramount. However, the current system, which has centralized examinations under the NTA, appears ill-equipped to handle the scale and complexity of such a task. The centralization intended to prevent lower-level corruption has instead concentrated the risk of systemic failures and large-scale fraud.

Opposition leaders and legal experts have rightly criticized the government's handling of the situation. Calls for a court-monitored probe and a comprehensive review of the NTA's operations are steps in the right direction. However, these measures must be part of a broader effort to overhaul the examination system.

The "one nation, one examination" approach may seem efficient, but it fails to account for the diverse educational needs and challenges across India's states. Decentralizing the examination process and allowing states to conduct their own entrance tests could mitigate risks and ensure more localized oversight, as was the case previously.

The NEET scandal is a wake-up call for India. It is imperative to cleanse the examination system of corruption and ensure it operates with the highest standards of transparency and integrity. The future of millions of students and the credibility of India's education system depend on swift and decisive action.



Back To Square One

NDA 3.0 picks up where NDA 2.0 left off with the BJP, its principal constituent, unfazed by its weaker-than-expected showing in the recent general election

RIYAZ WANI

There is little change in terms of the faces and their ministries. The party continues to wield power unchallenged, maintaining control over key ministries. And curiously enough, it has faced little opposition from its allies, especially Chandra Babu Naidu and Nitish Kumar who with their combined 26 seats are critical to the survival of the government

As the new parliament gets down to business, the opposition benches fill up almost half the space. This normally should have ushered in a new ruling intelligence in the country but it hasn't so far. Despite falling short of a majority in the Lok Sabha and needing allies to form the government, the BJP is giving no sign of having been hampered in the single-minded pursuit of its ideological projects or governance policies. The party is as gungho and triumphalist in its third consecutive term as in the first two. What is more, the party has hit the ground running, picking up from where it had left off. There is little change in terms of the faces and their ministries. The party continues to wield power unchallenged, maintaining control over key ministries. And curiously enough, it has faced little opposition from its allies, especially Chandra Babu Naidu and Nitish Kumar who with their combined 26 seats are critical to the survival of the government.

Does this mean both Naidu and Nitish have come around to the BJP's ideological agenda? This may not be so but their by and large unqualified support to the continuation of the BJP's policies from the previous term implies that they are on board. The two leaders are chief ministers in their respective states and they seem to be content with their position. Would their behaviour change going forward? It seems unlikely unless the BJP does things that impinge on their support base which is composed of a mix of backward classes and minorities. Or else, the INDIA Alliance lures them away with lucrative ministerial offers. As for the first prospect, both Naidu and Nitish have thrived while being longstanding constituents of the NDA. It proves that the BJP's nationalist ideology hasn't impact-

ed their respective constituencies. Nor should it now when the two leaders are in power both in their respective states and at the centre. So, it looks highly probable that the BJP may complete its current term.

Will this mean that the BJP's ideological agenda will continue unchanged and unrestrained? This is what appears likely, depending on where its allies choose to draw the line. As things stand, this doesn't appear to be likely. While arithmetic within the parliament might have shifted, BJP remains in full control. It has almost all the ministries including the key ones and also the speaker. And what is more, the party is in no mood to give even deputy speaker to the opposition.

But then, can the saffron party afford to be as ideologically ambitious as in the last term? It may very well make a determined effort.

One important difference between the BJP's second term and this one is that it has been done in badly by its electoral underperformance in Uttar Pradesh, winning just 33 out of 80 seats in the crucial state. In the last election in 2019, the party had won 62 seats in Uttar Pradesh, helping the party raise its all-India seat tally to 303 - 31 above the majority. The landslide majority gave the party a virtual carte blanche over governance of the country. It ushered in far-reaching constitutional and legal changes, reorienting the country away from its secular roots and towards a Hindu majoritarian agenda. It did away with the semi-autonomous position of Jammu and Kashmir, the country's only Muslim majority state, it passed the Citizenship Amendment Act that made religion a basis for acquiring Indian citizenship and it built a temple in Ayodhya dedicated to Ram, Hinduism's principal deity. But as the party's truncated seat tally in the general

election demonstrated, this apparently was not enough to rally its base. The previously overriding appeal of the Hindu nationalism was dented by the opposition's unrelenting focus on unemployment and inflation.

In NDA 3.0, however, the BJP has so far given little indication that anything has changed. In fact, the party has doubled down on its main ideological planks. Needless to say, Kashmir, Muslims, and Pakistan are the three issues around which much of India's electoral politics is now played out. And here the BJP has no political competition as its adversarial stance in regard to each of them resonates most with the people, not least because the secular parties are too scared to press an alternative point of view.

And this reality is unlikely to change anytime soon. The BJP could always take a harder nationalistic line to try and appease a large section of the population who may otherwise not be happy with its governance record. Kashmir, being one of the most polarizing issues in the country, could come in handy for the party to shore up its sagging support. For, while it is true that the BJP as a party has suffered a serious electoral setback - in part due to a spirited election campaign mounted by the opposition - the party's ideological agenda retains its appeal. And it will thus continue to pursue it to the hilt, something that is clear from its approach in the NDA 3.0, despite falling way short of the majority.

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What is Option Selling?

Did You Know?

Irshad Mushtaq

Option selling, also known as writing options, involves creating and selling contracts to buyers for a premium. It requires in-depth knowledge of risk management, market conditions, and strategic timing.

Option selling, often referred to as writing options, involves creating and selling options contracts to buyers, granting them the right, but not the obligation, to buy (call option) or sell (put option) an underlying asset at a predetermined price within a specified timeframe. Here's a detailed breakdown:

What is Option Selling?

- 1. Creating a Contract:** When you sell an option, you're essentially creating (writing) a new options contract, which is then sold to a buyer.
- 2. Premium Collection:** Upon selling, you receive a premium from the buyer. This premium is the income that you generate upfront.
- 3. Obligation:** As an options seller, you have the obligation to fulfill the contract if the buyer chooses to exercise their option. For a call option seller, this means potentially providing the underlying asset at the strike price. For a put option seller, it means buying the underlying asset at the strike price.

Why is Option Selling Knowledge-Intensive and Innovative?

- 1. Risk Management:** Unlike buyers, sellers face potentially unlimited losses while their maximum gain is limited to the premium received. Efficient risk management strategies and thorough knowledge of the market are crucial.
- 2. Market Conditions:** Option sellers need to have a keen understanding of market conditions, including volatility and price movements, to make well-informed decisions. Knowledge about factors like implied volatility, delta, theta, and other Greeks is essential.
- 3. Strategy and Timing:** Successful option selling often involves sophisticated strategies, such as spreads, straddles, and strangles, requiring a deep understanding of how different factors influence option prices. Moreover, the timing of selling and closing options is critical to manage risk and maximize returns.
- 4. Income Generation:** Selling options can be a consistent income strategy, especially in stable or slightly bullish markets. However, it demands constant vigilance and knowledge to avoid significant losses.
- 5. Leveraging Market Behavior:** Experienced option sellers use their understanding of market psychology to their advantage. For instance, selling options in high volatility periods generally yields higher premiums.

Conclusion

Option selling, while promising in terms of income generation, is not without its complexities and risks. The requirement for a thorough understanding of options pricing, market conditions, and risk mitigation strategies makes it a sophisticated and innovative subject, distinguishing knowledgeable traders from beginners. Proper education and experience are essential to successfully navigate and profit from the intricacies of options trading.

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Infrastructure Challenges

The roof collapse at Delhi's busy airport during record rainfall isn't just a tragic event but a stark symptom of India's broader infrastructure challenges. This incident, amidst a back-

drop of similar failures nationwide such as bridge collapses and monsoon-related havoc exposes systemic flaws in planning, execution, and maintenance across the country. The issue goes beyond weather; inadequate

drainage systems in rapidly urbanizing areas exacerbate flooding, turning urban growth into a hazard. The rush to complete projects, often timed with elections, prioritizes speed over quality, compromising infrastructure

integrity. Infrastructure development must prioritize public safety over political expediency, ensuring long-term sustainability.

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Cyber Parenting, Need of the Hour

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Today's world is an information rich world and it has become a necessity for everyone to know about technology. Technology has touched every domain of life and is making human life easier and more joyful. The Internet has contracted the world into a global village. From the wake-up alarm in the morning to the dawn, we are dealing with technology in either one pretext or other, irrespective of age, gender and profession. Now the question here arises how efficiently we should use the different technologies without compromising our real life.

For that purpose, we should know the etiquettes of technology proportionally. We should inculcate the real essence of technology with others as well. Social Media platforms have become a talk of the town, even the illiterate, under aged groups are actively using these platforms. Nowadays, social media has penetrated our lives in such a way that it seems to be part of our real life curriculum. So the responsibility lies on our shoulders that we play an important role in keeping an eye on our children while using different social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Telegram, Twitter and YouTube.

If we go down the memory lane, parenting style has seen a paradigm shift from baby boomers to generation Z. The more you know your responsibility, the better you will be able in shaping the life of your child. If we go through the flashback of 2023 especially in Kashmir, what didn't we see in this year: Such as reels on 'Bheega Bheega Hai Samaa' song, Kashmiri dialogue 'Su Wattie Ghari', 'Cxe Won Kus-Ammi Kari Trus', 'Own power own rules' or the recently scam of curative survey and the different Vlogs of our so called Vloggers who call themselves



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as role models. Even though we have crossed the limits in such a way before going into the washroom, we set up the camera for capturing the scene of entering the washroom. We are bearing hands with thieves in their work indirectly by using different social media platforms. Let me put it this way, if a Vlogger visits his/her uncle's house s/he shoots a Vlog by the title 'Uncle K Ghar Ki Sair' and uploads this Vlog on different social media platforms for few likes and comments. After few days, we came to know about a theft incident in the same house (Uncle's House). If we think out of box,

the thieves are not only responsible for the theft but the Vlogger is also responsible because he provides a roadmap to thieves in the form of Vlog (Uncle K Ghar Ki Sair) which had paved the way for thieves. Even some intellectuals upload AI morphed pics on different social media platforms for masking their real identity among their social media friends which are limited in number without realizing the fact, the AI app/platform they used in morphing the pics are safe or unsafe. Thousands of photos of Kashmiri girls are available on the web. Now the question arises where they got these photos. This is the ques-

tion whose answer should know our social media users.

In the above summative assessment, we figure it out that we all have to play a pivotal role if we want to safeguard our society, we have to follow an approach that is known as cyber parenting. Cyber parenting or digital parenting is a concept which tells us the importance of keeping track of your child's internet usage and following the cyber parenting principles. Needless to mention, we have heard/read about four types of parenting styles- authoritarian (parent driven), authoritative (responsive), permissive (child driven), and uninvolved (neglectful). Moreover,

we have heard/read about Dr. Conte's four Cs of parenting that is care, consistency, choices and consequences that helps in satisfying children's psychological, physical, social, and intellectual needs and lay solid foundations for mental well-being. But when it comes to digital parenting, Alexandra Samuel, a researcher who conducted research two years ago on digital parenting has given three types of digital parenting: digital enablers, digital limiter and digital mentor. If we talk about digital enablers, we especially (Kashmiri) fall in this category because in this parenting, parents give complete freedom to their children when

it comes to access to devices and the internet. Some sort of autonomy is given to children and no supervision of child's activities is taken into consideration. In other words we can say, let them do what they want to do. Then comes the next type of digital parenting that is digital limiter, if we talk about digital limiter, it resembles authoritarian parenting style. These parents keep their children away from the internet as much as possible and strictly limit screen time. Digital limiters closely monitor the content their children are exposed to. The third type and the last type of cyber parenting is mentor parenting, in this type, parents spend time online with their children, helping them develop their digital skills by experimenting and failing within a controlled environment. Parents provide their children different tools and resources to navigate the online world. Parents act as role models and demonstrate the behaviours that children should model online.

In conclusion, we must say indeed parenting is a difficult task when it comes to cyber parenting- a lot of training and understanding is required along with the adequate time that is to be spent with the children in order to understand them better. Be a regular parent as well as digital parent (Cyber parent). In this ICT era, a parent has to play the role of helicopter parenting style. Just like a helicopter hovers, so do the parents- involve themselves in all aspects of their children's lives. In this technological driven world, parents have to make a balance between their own technological dependency while guiding their children's digital behavior.

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The Covid Mystery Unveiled

We finally know why some people got vivid while others didn't

Marko Nikolic

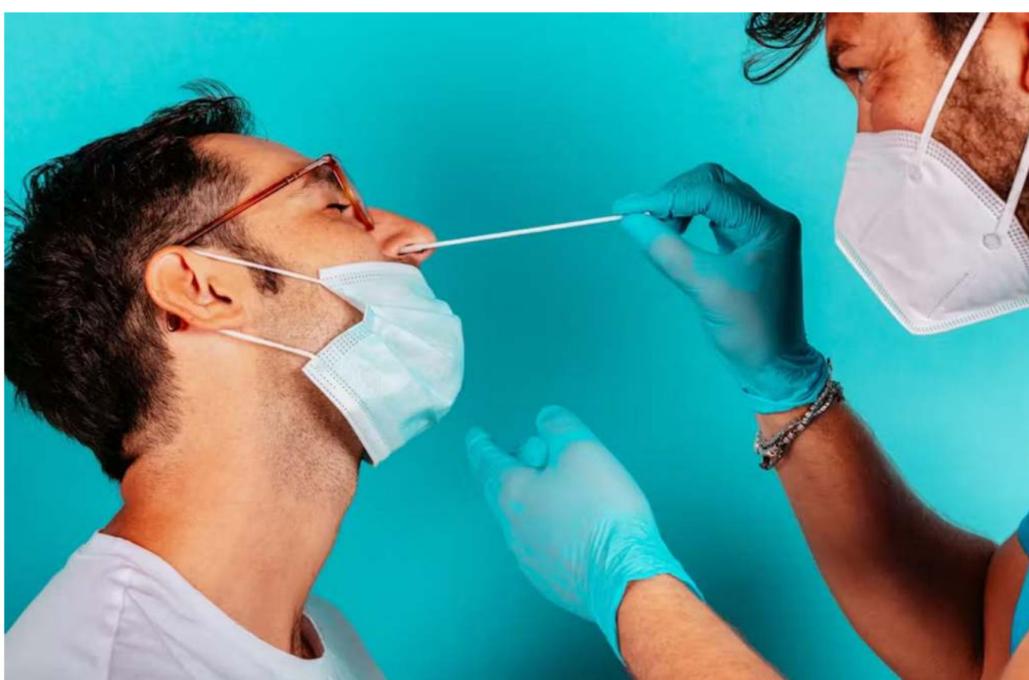
Kaylee Worlock

Throughout the pandemic, one of the key questions on everyone's mind was why some people avoided getting COVID, while others caught the virus multiple times.

Through a collaboration between University College London, the Wellcome Sanger Institute and Imperial College London in the UK, we set out to answer this question using the world's first controlled "challenge trial" for COVID - where volunteers were deliberately exposed to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID, so that it could be studied in great detail.

Unvaccinated healthy volunteers with no prior history of COVID were exposed - via a nasal spray - to an extremely low dose of the original strain of SARS-CoV-2. The volunteers were then closely monitored in a quarantine unit, with regular tests and samples taken to study their response to the virus in a highly controlled and safe environment.

For our recent study, published in Nature, we collected samples from tissue located midway between the nose and the throat as well as blood samples from 16 volunteers. These samples were taken before the participants were exposed to the virus, to give us a baseline measurement, and afterwards at regular intervals.



The samples were then processed and analysed using single-cell sequencing technology, which allowed us to extract and sequence the genetic material of individual cells. Using this cutting-edge technology, we could track the evolution of the disease in unprecedented detail, from pre-infection to recovery.

To our surprise, we found that, despite all the volunteers being carefully exposed to the exact same dose of the virus in the same manner, not everyone ended up testing positive for COVID.

In fact, we were able to divide the volunteers into three distinct infection groups (see illustration). Six out of the 16 volunteers developed typical

mild COVID, testing positive for several days with cold-like symptoms. We referred to this group as the "sustained infection group".

Out of the ten volunteers who did not develop a sustained infection, suggesting that they were able to fight off the virus early on, three went on to develop an "intermedi-

ate" infection with intermittent single positive viral tests and limited symptoms. We called them the "transient infection group".

The final seven volunteers remained negative on testing and did not develop any symptoms. This was the "abortive infection group". This is the first confirmation of abortive

infections, which were previously unproven. Despite differences in infection outcomes, participants in all groups shared some specific novel immune responses, including in those whose immune systems prevented the infection.

When we compared the timings of the cellular response between the three infection groups, we saw distinct patterns. For example, in the transiently infected volunteers where the virus was only briefly detected, we saw a strong and immediate accumulation of immune cells in the nose one day after infection.

This contrasted with the sustained infection group, where a more delayed response was seen, starting five days after infection and potentially enabling the virus to take hold in these volunteers.

In these people, we were able to identify cells stimulated by a key antiviral defence response in both the nose and the blood. This response, called the "interferon" response, is one of the ways our bodies signal to our immune system to help fight off viruses and other infections. We were surprised to find that this response was detected in the blood before it was detected in the nose, suggesting that the immune response spreads from the nose very quickly.

PROTECTIVE GENE

Lastly, we identified a specific gene called HLA-DQA2, which was expressed (activated

to produce a protein) at a much higher level in the volunteers who did not go on to develop a sustained infection and could hence be used as a marker of protection. Therefore, we might be able to use this information and identify those who are probably going to be protected from severe COVID.

These findings help us fill in some gaps in our knowledge, painting a much more detailed picture regarding how our bodies react to a new virus, particularly in the first couple of days of an infection, which is crucial.

We can use this information to compare our data to other data we are currently generating, specifically where we are "challenging" volunteers to other viruses and more recent strains of COVID. In contrast to our current study, these will mostly include volunteers who have been vaccinated or naturally infected - that is, people who already have immunity.

Our study has significant implications for future treatments and vaccine development. By comparing our data to volunteers who have never been exposed to the virus with those who already have immunity, we may be able to identify new ways of inducing protection, while also helping the development of more effective vaccines for future pandemics. In essence, our research is a step towards better preparedness for the next pandemic.

By arrangements with The Conversation

CS reviews functioning of skilling institutions of JK

SRINAGAR, JULY 02: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today convened a meeting with Skill Development Department (SDD) to review functioning of skill imparting institutions like Polytechnic colleges and Industrial Training institutions (ITIs) of the UT.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, SDD, Director, SDD, Special Secretary, SDD, Secretary, Board of Technical Education and other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary took stock of the courses being offered by these technical institutions of the UT besides students response towards these subjects. He also enquired about the percentage of skillful candidates getting placement after leaving such institutions and those finding gainful employment after adopting self employment of their choice.

Dulloo reviewed the progress made in imparting training to different artisans under PM Vishwakarma scheme. He also took appraisal of present status in implementation of CSS like STRIVE, SANKALP and PMKVY.

He also assessed the action taken regarding implementation of several directives given by him from time to time in identification of futuristic skill trades, short term trainings and



other skill mapping initiatives after taking cognizance of actual market requirements.

Secretary, SDD, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, made the presentation depicting progress recorded in each area of work and the novel initiatives taken by the department for making skill education more popular and market-driven. He threw light on popular courses and trades being offered in the ITIs of the UT. He also highlighted the manpower and infrastructure available in such institutions to train these candidates.

Regarding implementation of short term training (STT) programmes in the UT under PM Kausal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), it was revealed that 94 institutions had been identified for the purpose. It was informed that these institutions are contemplated to impart training in

4 batches to an average of 30 candidates for nearly 4 months taking the number to more than 20000 candidates in a year in offline and online mode to some 31000 candidates.

The meeting was also apprised of 60 futuristic trades identified by the Department in Automotive, Agriculture, Electronics, Telecom, IT-ITES, Green Jobs, Logistics sectors besides others. It also deliberated upon the regular trades and those identified in Tourism & Hospitality sectors and in Food Processing, Media/Entertainment, Handicrafts besides Handloom sectors in different districts of J&K.

Based upon the analysis of feedback from Industrial sector here, it was disclosed that the Diploma programmes like Mechanical/ Electrical/ Electronics/ Computers-IT/ Automobile are in high demand.

For ITIs the trades like Turner/Fitter/ Welder/ Electrician/ Refrigeration and AC/ Computer Hardware & Networking/ COPA/ Data Entry were ascertained to be of greater utility in the market.

The other skill sets favoured by the industry included Auto CAD, Supply chain, Retail and Logistics, CNC Operator, Food Manufacturing/ Processing, Packaging, Cold Storage Technician/ Plant Machinery Operator/ Hygiene Coordinator, Sales Assistant, Consignment Booking Assistant, Courier Delivery Executive, Inventory Clerk, Supply Chain Executive, Supply Chain Executive, Warehouse Manager, Land Transportation Executive, Construction Painter & Decorator, Construction Electrician, False Ceiling & Dry Wall Installer, Fabricator, Surveyor etc, as was appraised in this meeting.

Empowering Girls through Education: Programme under BBBP held at Gurez

BANDIPORA, JULY 02: The Department of Social Welfare Bandipora organized a significant event under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative at Higher Secondary School Dawar Gurez.

The program aimed to empower young girls by promoting education and gender equality was presided over by Mission Director, Mission Shakti Jammu and Kashmir, Harvinder Kour.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from girls from various schools across Gurez. Engaging activities highlighted cultural diversity and educational achievements. Inspiring speeches and interactive sessions celebrated the potential of every girl child, emphasizing inclusive development in remote areas like Gurez.

This program fostered a sense of unity and laid a foundation for continued support and empowerment of young girls in the region.

In her speech, M Mission Director elaborated on the key components of Mission Shakti and their significance in empowering women and girls. She stressed the importance of girl education, encouraging them to continue their studies and strive for excellence. Her words highlighted how education is a vital tool for their advancement and the realization of their potential.



During the interactive session, the Mission Director engaged with students from different schools, encouraging them to share their needs and concerns. The students highlighted various issues, advocating for better resources in their schools.

The event also featured a cultural programme showcasing the region's rich heritage and the talent of young students. Traditional dances and folk songs captivated the audience, celebrating the unique cultural identity of Gurez and fostering a sense of pride among attendees.

The enthusiastic participation of students highlighted their artistic abilities and the importance of preserving cultural traditions in the community.

The Mission Director felicitated the top academic performers of the 10th and 12th

examinations from the last academic session, recognizing their hard work and outstanding achievements with mementos and certificates. This recognition celebrated their success and inspired all students to strive for academic excellence.

Informative pamphlets on services like Child Helpline, One Stop Centers, DHEW, etc., were distributed among students, providing essential information on available support resources.

Harvinder Kour appreciated the students' engagement, emphasizing the importance of being informed and advocating for themselves.

Additionally, educational kits were distributed among deserving girls from different parts of Gurez, identified by their schools, to support their academic journey and motivate them to excel in their studies.

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Kashmir Sizzles

spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower is expected at many places with isolated heavy rain over Jammu division.

On July 5 & 6, there is a possibility of intermittent moderate rainfall at most places of J&K with heavy showers and rainfall at few places.

According to Director MeT, the hot and humid weather is expected with possibility of spell of rain and thundershower at scattered places of Jammu towards late night and early morning and spell of rain and thundershower at few places of Kashmir.

Meanwhile, in its advisory, the MeT has said that thundershower, lightning and flash floods, landslides, mudslides & shooting stones are expected at few vulnerable places during 4th-6th July, adding that a few low lying areas may experience temporary water logging

Will Work With

with dedication for the welfare of the poor, fulfilling the mantra of 'public service is God's service,' he said.

The prime minister said he can understand the pain of some, who despite spreading lies and misleading the people, had to face a massive defeat in the Lok Sabha elections.

"People have chosen us in this biggest election exercise. I can understand the pain of some people that despite running falsehoods, they were comprehensively defeated," he said, amid chants of "justice for Manipur" by opposition members.

Modi said this was the first time in the history of the Congress that for three consecutive times it has not been able to cross 100 seats.

"This is the third biggest defeat for the Congress. It would have been good if the Congress would have accepted its defeat and done some introspection. But it is busy in doing 'sirsasan' (headstand). The Congress and its system is

trying to inculcate in people's minds that they have defeated us," he said.

"When we had won in 2014, we had said our slogan was zero tolerance towards corruption. I am proud that the common people, who were reeling under corruption and the country had been hollowed out before 2014, have blessed us for our zero tolerance for corruption," Modi said.

The prime minister said India's prestige has increased and the country is being looked up to by the world.

"The country has seen that our primary objective is 'nation first'. Every step and action of ours has been guided by 'nation first'. With this in mind, we have continued reforms. We do not believe in 'tushitikaran' (appeasement) but 'santushitikaran' (satisfaction)," Modi said. He said the policy of appeasement had harmed the country.

"People have supported us after seeing our work in the last 10 years and given us the opportunity to serve the 140 crore people (of the country). This election has shown the maturity of the people of this country," he said.

Modi said before 2014, people had lost self confidence. "When there is a lack of confidence, it becomes difficult for the person and the country to stand up. The common people used to say this country cannot achieve anything. Only news of scams prevailed," the prime minister said.

'Article 370 Used

believe in words but in action. "We entered into the enemy's territory to carry out surgical strike and air strikes. We taught a lesson to the enemy," he said, as the opposition made repeated attempts to disrupt the PM's speech.

The PM said that India under the NDA government will go to any extent to protect the nation.

About Article 370, PM Modi said that this Article was always used by J&K parties as a card to be-fooled

people under vote bank politics. "This Article disrespected Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar as it never allowed the Indian constitution to enter J&K. Today, the Indian constitution is flourishing in J&K," he said.

The PM said that for the first time people of J&K have reposed trust in democracy. "There was a time when people would talk in this house and say that nothing would happen in J&K. The wall of Article 370 stands broken forever, stone pelting is a history and democracy has been strengthened. People are reposing faith in democracy and the Indian flag."

He said that the BJP government has built a trust among 1.40 Cr people of the country and this trust has become a driving force in the country's vikas (development). "This trust has transformed into Vikshit Bharat," the PM said.

Court Gives

allowed to be present, on production of identity cards, during the making and subscribing of the oath and that he was not allowed access to a phone and internet.

The court also said he shall not speak to or address the media on any issue, nor would he interact with anyone except the officials concerned.

His family was directed to not take photos of the ceremony or post them on social media, the court said.

On Monday, the NIA's counsel did not oppose Rashid's plea and said his oath taking should be subject to some conditions like not speaking to the media and completing all formalities within a day.

Rashid has been in jail since 2019 after he was charged by the NIA under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act for his alleged involvement in a terror funding case. He is currently lodged in Tihar jail.

The former MLA's name cropped up

during the investigation of Kashmiri businessman Zahoor Watali, who the NIA had arrested for allegedly funding terrorist groups and separatists in the Kashmir valley.

The NIA had filed a charge sheet against several individuals, including Kashmiri separatist leader Yasin Malik, Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed and Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin in the case. Malik was awarded life imprisonment by a trial court in 2022 after he pleaded guilty to the charges.

Will Assembly

and Kashmir.

Sources also revealed that Jammu and Kashmir may undergo another delimitation exercise in 2026, along with the rest of the country. The process could increase the number of parliamentary and assembly constituencies from the current five Lok Sabha seats and ninety assembly seats respectively.

Notably, The Supreme Court, in its December 2023 ruling on the abrogation of Article 370 had directed the government to hold assembly elections in J&K by September 30, 2024.

Moreover, during a recent visit to Kashmir, the Prime Minister stated that preparations for elections had begun and that J&K would soon have its own government.(KNS).

Make Elaborate

spokesperson said. He also directed for making elaborate arrangements with regard to security, smooth traffic management and medical facilities at prominent religious places, the official said.

The DCs briefed the chair on the preparedness of their respective district administrations in view of the forthcoming Muharram, the spokesperson added.

10 Yatis Injured

army troops and police personnel

acted swiftly and managed to stop the bus from plunging down into the stream by placing stones beneath the tyres of the vehicle, they said. The army's Quick Reaction Teams along with ambulance reached the scene and provided medical assistance and first aid to all the injured persons, the officials said.

Over 74,000 Pilgrims

"As many as 22,715 pilgrims had darshan of the ice lingam in the Amarnath cave on Tuesday," the officials said.

These included 16,973 male pilgrims, 3,775 female pilgrims, 315 sadhus and six sadhvis. More than 1,227 security personnel and 419 children also performed the pilgrimage, they said.

The total number of pilgrims who have visited the cave shrine in the first four days now stands at 74,696, according to the officials.

The Amarnath Yatra began on Saturday from the twin tracks -- the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag and the 14-km shorter but steeper Baltal route in Ganderbal.

The 52-day pilgrimage will conclude on August 19.

More than 4.5 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance at the cave shrine last year.

Tribunals Confirm

by sub-section (3) of section 4 of the said Act (UAPA), passed an order on 22nd June, 2024, confirming the declaration made..." the notification issued on Monday said.

In a separate notification, the home ministry said the Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam faction) (MLJK-MA) was declared as an unlawful organisation on December 27, 2023 and the central government set up a tribunal consisting of Justice Sachin Datta, Judge, Delhi High Court of Delhi on January 15, 2024.

"And, whereas, the said Tribunal

in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 4 of the said Act, passed an order on June 22nd 2024, confirming the declaration made," the notification said.

HC Seeks

various types of cancers in Jammu and Kashmir.

The petitioner, A V Gupta, said that the authorities discharging public functions are bound not only to comply with the orders passed by the Court but also to discharge their public obligations with seriousness, especially when the same impacts the health of the citizens.

In February this year, the court had also sought to know from the authorities as to whether the PET scan machine which was stated to have been installed in SKIMS Soura, Srinagar, is being operated by a candidate who has been appointed on academic arrangement basis or on regular basis.

JKP To Recruit SPOs

Azmatnagar, Bangahai, Shahadara, Dhara-Mangota, Lah, Chahal Baghlan, Dhara village, Topa Madoon, Dhar Sakri, Deri Kathuni, Saada, Kandra, Gabber Guleir, Bei Nambal, Kenthipada, Keri, Chawani-Phagoli Bhella, Thuni Gala-Dori Forest Gunda, Narla Bumbel, Bhajimal, Khah, Jamola, and Jatta Mallian-Brahmana.

"The deadline for submission is July 9," he added.

According to officials, this measure aims to monitor the movements of suspected terrorists who have been active in the region for over a year.

Several terrorist attacks have occurred in the Poonch-Rajouri-Reasi belt over the past two years.

The most recent incident took place on June 12 in Reasi when a bus fell into a gorge after terrorists opened fire at it. Nine people were killed and 41 others injured in the incident.

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Imran Ansari Boycotts Govt's Muharram Meetings

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Shia Association, led by Molvi Imran Reza Ansari, has announced its decision to boycott all government meetings related to the upcoming month of Muharram. Imran Ansari took to the social media app 'X' formerly twitter to express his discontent.

"With six days left for Muharram to start, the Lieutenant Governor wakes up and holds a high-level meeting to facilitate. God, it seems he has a magic trick to make arrangements. Janab LG Sb please take care of SANJY, we can take care of Muharram 2024 ourselves," Imran posted on X.

Recently, during a TV interview, Imran had expressed similar views and called governments Muharram arrangements as "Half Hearted"

General Secretary of the Shia Association & former MLA Zaidal, Abid Ansari, also voiced his dissatisfaction through a video posted on "X" which showed gates of the Imambarah Zaidal locked.

"No entry for Srinagar Administration's 'Muharram arrangements' at Imam Bargah Zaidal! We're not buying their last-minute, half-hearted efforts to appease the community. No more 'eye wash'! Our decision to boycott their meetings is a testament to our unity and resolve," he stated.

In the days leading up to this announcement, General Secretary Shia Association, Abid Ansari had issued a notice to the members of the Shia community.

"In light of the recent decision by all JK Shia Associations to boycott Muharram meetings with the JK Administration, we are calling upon dedicated in-

dividuals to join our efforts in honoring the sacred occasion of Muharram," the notice stated.

"We are initiating a volunteer registration process to form a team of 'Khedmatgaran e Azadaran e Imam Hussain (AS)' to assist with Jaloos e Aza and Majalis e Aza across Kashmir. Together, let us come forward to serve the community and uphold the values of Imam Hus-



sain (AS)," It added.

Earlier on Tuesday LG Manoj Sinha chaired a high-level meeting to review arrangements for Muharram at the Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; RR Swain, DGP; Vijay Kumar, ADGP, Law & Order; Dr Man-deep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Administrative Secretaries, Deputy Commissioners, Heads of Departments and other senior officers of the Civil and Police Administration.

The Lt Governor directed the officials, DCs and SSPs to hold meetings with eminent members of Shia community and religious leaders to address their issues and demands at the earliest to facilitate smooth observance of Muharram.

Work On AIIMS Kashmir Expedited 'But' Jan 2025 Deadline Unreachable

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The executing agency for the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in south Kashmir's Awantipora has expedited the construction work for the ambitious project following the direction of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, officials said.

However, according to sources, the January 2025 deadline set by the ministry in 2019 seems unlikely to be met as nearly 50 percent of the work still needs to be completed.

Last month, the health ministry directed the officials and executing agency Nagarjuna Construction Company (NCC), to speed up the construction and clear the roadblocks and official rigmarole.

This comes after the Secretary of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Apurva Chandra reportedly found some delay in the project during his visit to the construction site in May.

"Only 50 percent of work has been completed in five years.



So, it is impossible to complete the remaining 50 percent of work in five months," said an official privy to the project.

On the contrary, AIIMS Jammu has already been inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in February, he said.

Aijaz Batla, Manager, Administration and Liaison NCC, admitted there had been some delay in executing the AIIMS Kashmir project. However, he attributed it to extreme weather conditions in Kashmir.

"For almost seven months, the construction work stops in Kashmir due to extreme weather conditions like snow and cold. Otherwise, there is no lacunae from our side," he said.

Batla said the agency had cleared the major roadblock including the issue of labourers.

"Now, the construction work on AIIMS Kashmir was going on a war footing basis," he added.

In addition to the official delay, the legal dispute over land acquisition for the access road, a clampdown post-abrogation of Article 370, and issues with a nearby army base delayed the project. However, the project has now been accelerating in recent months. To recall, the AIIMS Kashmir project was approved in 2019 with an estimated cost of Rs 1828 crore.

AIIMS Awantipora, when completed, is planned to add 1000 beds to Kashmir's healthcare capacity, including 300 super-specialty beds. It will also house a medical college with a capacity of 100 students and a nursing college for 60 students—(KNO)

'346 Road Accident Fatalities In J&K Over Five Months, Average Two Deaths Daily'

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In a horrifying tally of 346 road accident fatalities over the past five months, J&K saw an average of two deaths daily, according to official figures. Official data reveals a total of 346 lives lost in road accidents over the past five months, averaging two fatalities per day.

"2,318 road accidents occurred across J&K during these five months, resulting in 346 fatalities and 3,089 injuries. Among these accidents, 262

were fatal and 2,056 were non-fatal incidents," the data reveals.

The figures show that in Jammu district, 70 people died in accidents, while Udhampur witnessed 40 deaths. "In Kashmir, Baramulla district recorded the highest with 19 deaths, followed by Kulgam with 18 deaths," the data reveals.

The data further shows that Jammu district recorded the highest number of accidents at 467, with Srinagar district following closely with 201 accidents. To curb road accidents and ensure

the safety of people, the Traffic Police have issued a total of 612,842 challans till May this year, including 425,972 court challans and 186,869 compound challans.

Experts call for public education, road improvements and stringent law enforcement to curb accidents.

"Accidents happen because of excessive speed, overloading, poor road connectivity, and aggressive driving. Vehicle problems, breaking traffic rules, and lack of experience also contribute to fatalities," they said.

Tourists, Drivers Demand Better Facilities Along Historical Mughal Road

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The historical Mughal Road has been witnessing a huge rush of traffic as hundreds of tourists visit the scenic spots along it daily.

The 84-km long road, which connects the Poonch district with Shopian at Buzfiya, was accorded national highway status three years ago.

Officials said that traffic has increased on the road after Jammu and Kashmir traffic authorities issued an order allowing empty trucks and fuel tankers to move to-

wards Jammu from Kashmir via Mughal Road. The traffic has further increased in the past few days due to the closure of the national highway.

In the past few weeks, tourists from both the Poonch-Rajouri side and the Shopian side have been visiting Peer Ki Gali, Dubjan, and other beautiful spots along the road, an official said.

Tourists visiting the area said that there is natural beauty along the road, but it lacks basic facilities, especially network connectivity. Not only tourists but also drivers travelling on the road said

they face inconvenience due to the absence of facilities.

"Though travelling through Mughal Road from Shopian's Hirpora gives you a feeling of heaven, the lack of facilities on the roadside makes the journey cumbersome," said a traveller from Srinagar, adding, "There are no washrooms, shops, and eateries along the road for kilometres, causing suffering for those travelling on it."

"If your vehicle has any issue, you won't be able to rectify it as no such facility is available on the road," said a driver, adding that travelling

along this road leaves one incommunicado for hours due to the lack of telecommunication. "In case of an emergency or an accident, no SOS call can be made. Hence, many avoid travelling on this road," the driver added.

The travellers urged the government to take cognizance of the issues and provide better facilities along the road so that more tourists can visit the area. "That will also generate employment opportunities for locals and revenue for the government as well," said a local stall owner at Peer Ki Gali.

CUK Students Protest Fee Hike, Block Campus Access

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Amidst scorching heat, students at Central University of Kashmir staged a protest on Tuesday against the recent hike in semester fees. The protesting students blocked all access points to the main campus, halting academic and administrative activities.

The protest rocked the university's main campus in Tullmulla early in the morning as students gathered to voice their displeasure over the increased financial burden.

Students chanted slogans like "Hum Toh Apna Haq Maangtey, Nahi Kisi Se Bheek Maangtey" and held placards, demanding an immediate rollback of the fee hike. The university administration's decision to raise the semester fees is unacceptable, the protestors said.

"We are not against the university, but we oppose the fee hike. Why should students pay double when their seniors pay less? Before making any decision, the university should involve students in discussions to decide the appropriate scale of the hike," Mubashir, a student from the Physics department, said.

"Despite being centrally funded, the university has inadequate infrastructure. It lacks essential hostel facilities, which are much needed. The claims of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' are falling flat here, with women students being forced to take rented accommodation outside," Yasir Wani, a student from the Department of Law, said.

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CORRIGENDUM 01 FOR DATE EXTENSION.

Name of work: - Topographical Survey of Bore well No 112 Wuyan Androosa and Bore well no 105 Bangund Chadoora under National Mission on Saffron.

Reference: This office e-NIT No: - MDSK/TS /2024-25/13 Date:24-06-2024 (Tender ID: 2024_PWDJK_251048_1)

Due to no response, the critical dates of the above referred e-NIT are hereby extended as under: -

S.No.	Description	New Dates
01.	Last date of downloading/ submission of bids	08-07-2024 upto 06:55PM
02.	Date of opening of bids online	09-07-2024 at 02:00 PM

All other terms, conditions and specifications as stipulated in the e-NIT shall remain unchanged.

No: MDSK/TS-1418-21
Date: 02-07-2024.

Sd/
Executive Engineer
Machinery Division, Kashmir.

DIPK-2258-24
DT: 02/07/2024

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Corrigendum to e-NIT No. e-NIT No-TLMD-VIII /TS/ 05 of 2024 Dated: 15 : 06: 2024.

The following Corrigendum in respect of Item No. 42 of BOQ/Price Schedule of e-NIT No-TLMD-VIII /TS/ 05 of 2024 Dated: 15 : 06: 2024 for "Laying of Tower Foundations, Designing & Construction of Protect Walling, Supply & Erection of Galvanized Towers, (As Per Approved Design Available With JKPTCL) Supply of 0.2ACSR (PANTHER) Conductor and it's Laying & Stringing with Allied Line Material for construction of 132kV LIL0 of S/C USHP I Transmission Line (On D/C Towers) for 2 X 10.00 MVA ,132/33 kV GIS Sumbal, Kangan in Kashmir Valley" is hereby issued as under.

Item No.	As Per BOQ Uploaded On Portal	To Be Read As
42	Hardware Fittings Suitable For 0.4ACSR (ZEBRA)	Hardware Fittings Suitable For 0.2ACSR (PANTHER)

All other Specifications & General Terms & Conditions Shall remain unchanged.

No: TLMD-VIII/TS/1296-1300
Dated : 02 -07-2024

Sd./-
Executive Engineer
TLMD-VIII Srinagar.

DIPK-NB-709-24
DT: 02/07/2024

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER BARAMULLA

Subject: Consideration list of eligible CPWs for absorption as Class IV (MTS) in District Cadre Baramulla and inviting objections thereof.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, vide this office notification no CEO/BLA/NT/CPW/2021/55426-29 dated 23-01-2021, final seniority list of 476 (Four Hundred Seventy Six) CPW's / LFPW's was notified in the year 2021; and

Whereas, tentative seniority list of 457 (four hundred fifty seven) CPWs/LFPWs as it stood on 01-05-2023, was notified vide this office notification no CEO/BLA/NT/CPW/2023/111933-112165 dated 10-05-2023 for circulation among all DDO's / CPW's / LFPWs for want of objections. The list is also available on the official website of this office and was published in the Kashmir Observer/ Dailiy Kashmir under DPK 1473/23; and

Whereas, Final Seniority list of 458 (four hundred fifty eight) Qualified CPWs/LFPWs of District Baramulla was issued vide this office No.: CEO/BLA/NT/CPW/2023/519-772 dated 03/01/2024. The notification to this effect stands published in Daily Newspaper "Bazmi Kashmir", "ummat Kashmir" in its issue Dated:04-01-2024. Besides the list has also been circulated in the official whatsapp groups of this office and our official website viz www.ceobla.in

Whereas, this office has circulated the consideration list comprising of first 43 cases of CPWs/LFPWs from s.no 01 to 43 (having seniority from 02 to 54) from the final seniority list vide this office no CEO/BLA/NT/CPW/5474-5516 Dated 23-02-2024 for submission of the personal files along with the documents.

Whereas, after scrutinizing of the files, District Screening Level Committee (DPC) during its various sittings has recommended 08 eligible candidates from among the CPWs/LFPWs, for absorption/regularization as class IVs (MTS) in district cadre Baramulla. Besides 11 files were cleared subject to the clearance of the observations by them and out of which 06 candidates have cleared the observations; thereby totalling 14 files.

Whereas, this office has sought the character and antecedents from the concerned CID JK in favour of 14 eligible CPWs/LFPWs and out of which 11 verifications have been received by this office and rest three are under process. Besides the affidavits have been received in favour of all 14 of them.

Whereas, this office intends to issue regularization orders in favour of these 14 eligible qualified CPWs/ LFPWs who were recommended by the District Screening Committee (DPC) for regularization/absorption as Class IV (MTS) in district cadre Baramulla subject to verification report of character and antecedents' certificate from the CID JK and other formalities.

Therefore, this notification is published for information to all the stake holders and the general public at large that this office is going to issue regularization orders as Class IV (MTS) in favour of these eligible qualified CPWs/LFPWs forming annexure "A" of this notification, who were recommended by the District Screening Committee (DPC) for absorption as Class IV (MTS) subject to the availability of the posts & clear character and antecedents from CID JK and objections, if any, from the general public or any other person are invited, the same with cogent proof may reach the office of the undersigned within (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notification. After the stipulated time no claim whatsoever shall be entertained. The said list containing the particulars of these beneficiaries in whose favour has also been kept available in this office notice board/ Zonal Education Offices (all) and official Website www.ceobla.in/ for information of the general public/ inviting of objections (if any) to the office of undersigned thereof.

No: CEO/BLA/NT/CPW/14551-68
Dated:29f-06-2024

Chief-Education Officer Baramulla
(Chairman District Level Scening Committee)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER BARAMULLA

Annexure A to notification no CEO/BLA/NT/CPW/14551-68 Dated 29-06-2024

S.No	S.No In the Seniority list	SENIORITY NO AS PER THE SENIORITY LIST	NAME OF CPW	PLACE OF POSTING / ZONE NAME	DOB	DATE OF ENGAGEMENT	CID Verification report	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	4	13	Mushtaq Ahmad Lone	GPS/C.K.Khan ZONE -Singhpura Pattan	01.12.1974	01-03-1992	NOTHING ADVERSE as per report Issued vide FORM NO 102755 DATED 14-06-2024	
2	12	21	Azad Ahmad Dar	BMS/Gund Mulraj ZONE -Dangiawacha	19.04.1975	01-03-1990	UNDER PROCESS	
3	16	25	Mohd Maqbool Malik	MS Tantraypora ZONE-Pattan	01.03.1976	02-07-1991	NOTHING ADVERSE as per report Issued vide FORM NO 103731 DATED 16-06-2024	
4	18	27	Riyaz Ahmad Bhat	MS Takiya tapper ZONE - Pattan	16.03.1976	18-10-1991	NOTHING ADVERSE as per report Issued vide FORM NO 102756 DATED 14-06-2024	
5	22	32	Nazir Ahmad Waza	ZEO Singhpura Kallan ZONE -Singhpura Kallan	23.01.1976	16-04-1994	NOTHING ADVERSE as per report Issued vide FORM NO 102753 DATED 03-06-2024	
6	28	38	Abdul Hamid Sofi	MS/Jahama ZONE -Singhpura Kallan	20.03.1976	21-07-1994	NOTHING ADVERSE as per report issued vide FORM NO 102759 DATED 03-06-2024	
7	30	41	Ab Majeed Bhat	BMS Agrikalan ZONE - Singhpura Pattan	01.05.1973	20-09-1994	NOTHING ADVERSE as per report issued vide FORM NO 102757 DATED 14-06-2024	
8	33	44	Manzoor Ahmad Hajam	MS Dardpora ZONE -Nehalpora	01.12.1976	01-04-1991	NOTHING ADVERSE as per report issued vide FORM NO 102864 DATED 14-06-2024	
9	34	45	Zahoor Hussain	BMS Busgran ZONE -Jhullah	18.05.1976	01-01-1995	NOTHING ADVERSE as per report issued vide FORM NO 103729 DATED 19-06-2024	
10	35	46	Gh.Hassan Ganai	BMS/Yarbo gh ZONE -Dangiawacha	01.01.1977	15-01-1985	UNDER PROCESS	
11	37	48	Gh.Nabi Sofi	PS Khandani Mohalla ZONE -Pattan	07.11.1973	04-01-1995	NOTHING ADVERSE as per report issued vide FORM NO 103730 DATED 21-06-2024	
12	39	50	Farooq Ahmad Bandy	BPS/Wansiran ZONE -Fatehgarh	02.02.1977	25-11-1992	NOTHING ADVERSE as per report issued vide FORM NO 102829 DATED 24-06-2024	
13	41	52	Farooq Ahmad Gojar	GMS/Gojerpatri ZONE - Dangepora	11.02.1977	01-08-1993	UNDER PROCESS	
14	43	54	Bashir Ahmad Ganai	BHS Singhpura K ZONE Singhpura Kallan	04.03.1977	03-01-1992	NOTHING ADVERSE as per report issued vide FORM NO 102865 DATED 14-06-2024	

Chairman
Chief Education Officer
Baramulla

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Rahul Dravid Reveals How Rohit Sharma Stopped Him From Quitting After ODI WC

Press Trust of India

BRIDGETOWN: Had he not received a phone call from India skipper Rohit Sharma, requesting him to continue after the ODI World Cup final defeat, Rahul Dravid wouldn't have been a part of history, the outgoing head coach revealed in his farewell speech to the team after it was crowned T20 world champion here.

Dravid's tenure had ended with the ODI World Cup after India lost to Australia in the final despite a 10-match winning run, but the coaching staff got an extension till the end of the T20 World Cup that concluded on Saturday last.

While Dravid has not reapplied for the role after India's second T20 World Cup win, he mentioned Rohit's role in urging him to continue as the coach during his speech in the Kensington Oval dressing room



after the team's seven-run win in the final against South Africa on Saturday.

"Ro, thank you very much for

making that call to me November and asking to continue," Dravid said in a video shared by BCCI on Tuesday.

"I think it's been such a privilege and a pleasure to work with each and everyone of you, but Ro, also thanks for the time...

there is a lot of time we have to chat, we have to discuss, we have to agree, we have to disagree at times, but thank you so very much," Dravid said as Rohit laughed.

Dravid praised the players for putting up collectively solid performances through the tournament and urged them to celebrate the achievement as much as they would like.

"All of you will remember these moments. We always say, it is not about the runs, it is not about the wickets, you never remember your career but you remember moments like this, so let's really enjoy," Dravid said.

"I could not be more proud of you guys, to come back the way you did, the way you fought, the way we worked as a team...the resilience. There has been some disappointment over the years where we have come close, we have never been able to cross the line," he said.

Short TAKES

Laxman-Coached India Team Leave For Zimbabwe Ahead Of T20I Series



A young-Indian cricket team under National Cricket Academy head VVS Laxman left for Zimbabwe to play a five-match T20I series starting in Harare on July 6.

The team will be led by Shubman Gill while the likes of youngsters Riyan Parag and Abhishek Sharma have been rewarded for their exploits in the last IPL with maiden India call-ups.

Skipper Gill, the reserve opener for the T20 World Cup was on a break and will link up with the Zimbabwe-bound squad directly in Harare from the US.

AIFF Relegates NEROCA, TRAU Despite Manipur CM's Plea

In a decisive move, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) confirmed on Tuesday the relegation of NEROCA FC and TRAU FC from the I-League following their bottom finishes in the 2023-24 season.

The decision came despite an appeal from Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh, who had sought an exemption for the two Imphal-based clubs due to the ethnic conflict that erupted in the state on May 3, 2023.

With NEROCA FC securing just 14 points and TRAU FC 13 points, both clubs faced relegation.

Rising Stars: Sons Of English Cricket Legends Ready For U19 Test Debut

In a compelling continuation of cricketing heritage, Archie Vaughan and Rocky Flintoff, sons of the illustrious former England cricketers Michael Vaughan and Andrew Flintoff, are poised to make their U19 Test debuts against Sri Lanka. This next generation is eager to forge their own paths in the sport.

The 14-member squad, hailed for its deeply-rooted family connections, also includes Farhan Ahmed, brother of leg-spinner Rehan Ahmed. Hamza Shaikh, the team's captain, expressed his gratitude for the mentorship he's received.

Andy Murray Withdraws From Wimbledon Singles, Joins Brother For Doubles

Twice Wimbledon champion Andy Murray pulled out of the singles competition but will play doubles alongside his brother Jamie in his farewell appearance at the Grand Slam, with the 37-year-old saying on Tuesday he had taken the right decision.

Murray, who underwent surgery on June 22 to remove a spinal cyst which was compressing his nerves and made him lose control and power in his right leg, decided he was not fit enough for the demands of singles competition.

Chelsea Signs Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall From Leicester City

Chelsea has finalized the transfer of midfielder Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall from Leicester City, as officially announced on Tuesday. Dewsbury-Hall has committed to a five-year contract with an additional option for 12 more months. The financial specifics of the deal remain undisclosed.

Dewsbury-Hall joins Chelsea under the helm of coach Enzo Maresca. Dewsbury-Hall, 25, played a pivotal role in Maresca's Leicester team that secured promotion to the Premier League last season.

Zone Rainawari U-17 Boys Football Tourney Concludes



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Zone Rainawari Under-17 Boys Football Tournament 2024 concluded Tuesday at KNS Stadium, Radapora here. The DYSS-organised tournament saw participation from eight government and private institutions, showcasing exceptional talent and sportsmanship. In a thrilling final match, Sultan Ul Arifeen School emerged victorious over Legends School with a score-

line of 3-2 goals. The intense competition kept spectators on the edge of their seats until the final whistle.

Incharge of Zone Rainawari, Muzamil Dar, alongside dedicated field staff, presented trophies and medals to both the winner and runner-up teams. Dar extended thanks to all the field staff of Zone Rainawari, which is set to host the AAG Boys ISZL Kho-Kho, Kabaddi and Volleyball tournament starting from 3rd July at GHSS Rainawari.

Sports Events Held At Various Zones Across Anantnag

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Zone Anantnag organized a series of sports competitions for Under-14 and Under-17 boys, including Volleyball, Kabaddi and Kho-Kho, at Hanifa Institute here.

Approximately 317 students from various government and private schools participated. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Mohd Akram, District Cultural Coordinator, CEO Anantnag Mr. Ajaz, Principal of Hanifa Institute Anantnag, and other convenors and activity in-charges of Zone Anantnag.

Meanwhile, Zone Mattan inaugurated a two-day Inter School Zonal Level U-14 and U-17 boys cricket trials at Sports Stadium Mattan Tick Bagh. Doru organized Inter-School Zonal



Level Competitions for U-14 & U-17 boys in Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, and Volleyball at MS Chakpath, Mehmoodabad, and Ar-Dehruna venues.

Zone Verinag conducted inter-school zonal level competitions in Volleyball and Kabaddi for U-14 & U-17 boys at Government Degree College Ground Verinag.

Inter-School Sports Competitions Culminate In Ganderbal

Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: The Youth Services and Sports Ganderbal concluded a series of District Level Inter-School competitions across the district.

As per the calendar of activities, the District-Level Inter-School Judo competition for boys and girls All Age Groups began Monday at the Indoor Sports Complex Sehpora, Ganderbal.

Both boys and girls showcased their judo prowess across various weight categories.

In another event, Zone Ganderbal conducted football selection trials for U-17 and U-19 girls at MM Stadium Ganderbal. The trials attracted a large number of enthusiastic participants, with girls from different schools displaying their football skills.

Zone Hariganiwan organized an inter-school zonal level handball competition



for boys U19 at BHSS Hariganiwan ground. BHSS Kullani defeated BHSS Gund in the finals of the competition.

Inter-School Zonal Sports Tourneys Organised In Baramulla

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: The Youth Services and Sports Department in Baramulla is abuzz with activity as it continues to host Inter-School Zonal Level competitions across the district.

In Zone Wagoora, an Inter-School Zonal Level Volleyball and Kho-Kho competition for U-17 girls was organized at HSS Kreeri. The event saw an impressive turnout, with 143 students from various Higher Secondary Schools and High Schools participating.

Similarly, Zone Nehalpora held a Kabaddi inter-school



zonal level competition for boys under the age group of U-14. The competition took place at the sports field of Govt BMS School Warpora Nehalpora, with 53 players demonstrating their talent and enthusiasm in this traditional sport.

More Changes To Mbappé Face Mask As France Star's Euro Problems Persist

Associated Press

DUESSELDORF: Kylian Mbappé has had more masks than goals at the European Championship.

The France captain is struggling with his peripheral vision in the masks that were fitted to protect his broken nose from his country's opening game at Euro 2024.

He wore a third different mask on Monday in the 1-0 win against Belgium in the round of 16. The striker failed to hit the target in five attempts on goal against Belgium.

He has only one goal in the tournament. Mbappé broke his nose in an aerial collision with Austria's Kevin Danso, and has described the mask-wearing experience as "an absolute horror."

His only score so far was a penalty against Poland. "I saw people but I had the feeling



it was not me that was playing," he said after that game. Mbappé was initially fitted with a custom-made mask that was designed in the colors of the French flag. But UEFA rules state

protective equipment has to be a single color, and he switched to an all black version against Poland. Mbappé and France have a quarterfinal against Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal on

Friday. It is the first time World Cup winner Mbappé has gone this far at a Euros after France lost in the last 16 in 2021 to Switzerland after a penalty shootout.

Ronaldo Says He Is Playing His 'Last European Championship'

Associated Press

HAMBURG: Cristiano Ronaldo has confirmed this year's European Championship will be the last of his career. The Portugal superstar, who is 39, is playing at the Euros for a record sixth time and has helped his country reach the quarterfinals — where Kylian Mbappé and France await in Hamburg on Friday.

Speaking to Portuguese public broadcaster RTP after the penalty-shootout victory over Slovenia on Monday, Ronaldo said: "It is, without doubt, my last European Championship. "But I'm not emotional about that. I'm moved by all that football means — by the enthusiasm I have for the game, the enthusiasm for seeing my supporters, my family, the affection people have for me."

Ronaldo, who is one of the most prolific scorers in soccer history and has a record 14 goals at European Championships, said his main motivation now was "making people happy." He was reduced to tears during the Slovenia game after having a penalty saved in extra time. "It's not about leaving the world of football," he said. "What else is there for me to do or win? It's not going to come down to one point more or one point less."

