

## Air India Suspend Flights To Israel

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Air India on Friday announced suspension of flights to and from Tel Aviv till further notice amid escalating tensions between Israel and Iran.

The Tata Group-owned carrier had suspended services from the national capital to Tel Aviv till August 8.

"In view of the current situation in parts of the Middle East, scheduled operation of our flights to and from Tel Aviv are suspended with immediate effect until further notice. We are continuously monitoring the situation," the airline said in a post on X.

The carrier is offering a full refund to its passengers with confirmed bookings for travel to and from Tel Aviv.

Tensions continue to remain high in the Middle East amid conflict between Israel and various terror groups, including Hamas.

Earlier this year also, Air India had briefly suspended flights to Tel Aviv at different points of time due to the Middle East tensions.

After nearly five months, the carrier had recommenced the services to the | [More on P10](#)

# Security Concerns Won't Delay Elections: ECI

## Says, Time Has Come To Give J&K Its Own Govt; Final Call in Delhi

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Friday said the Election Commission is committed to conducting polls in Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest and will not allow any internal or external forces to derail the electoral process.

An EC delegation led by Kumar visited Jammu and Kashmir to review the preparedness for the conduct of the polls and hold discussions with political parties. Talking to reporters, he said all parties have strongly advocated for holding assembly elections soon.

"Time has come to give the people of J&K its own government through elections. We are



committed to conducting elections at the earliest in Jammu and Kashmir. We are confident that the people will respond

robustly to disruptive forces and we will witness increased voter participation whenever elections are held." | [More on P10](#)

## 'Exact Poll Dates After Final Security Review'

Keeping the suspense as to when the J&K Assembly poll will be held very much on, the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India Rajiv Kumar Friday said that the exact election dates will be

announced once the Commission will conduct the final security requirement assessment in Delhi. He, however, said that the ECI is committed to hold Assembly polls in J&K at the earliest and | [More on P10](#)

## 'TERROR & ELECTION'

# Poll Panel Chief's Chicken & Egg Analogy

KO Web Desk

Jammu: In Jammu and Kashmir to take stock of preparations for elections, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar has said that no internal or external force can stop the Election Commission from conducting Assembly polls in the Union Territory.

Addressing a press conference in Jammu on Friday, Kumar said, "The foundation laid by you (the people and the administration) is now awaiting the construction of a strong building. We have to achieve new heights and

the time for that has come. If any internal or external force thinks that they can interfere and derail the Assembly elections, they are wrong. We are sure that the people of Jammu and Kashmir will give a befitting response to disruptive forces."

To a question on how the elections were being planned given that the Union Territory has seen an uptick in terror attacks and encounters in which many security personnel have also been killed, the Chief Election Commissioner used the chicken-and-egg analogy. | [More on P10](#)

## Srinagar Hotter Than Jammu At 34.2° C

Observer News Service

Srinagar: With no let up in dry spell, the hot weather conditions was once again witnessed in Jammu and Kashmir with Qazigund, a gateway of Kashmir, recording the heat wave with 33.0 degree Celsius.

According to the reports, twin places including Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir and South Kashmir's Kokernag areas settled close to the heat wave temperatures today.

In Srinagar, the mercury settled at 34.2 degree Celsius, which was 4.2 degree above normal while in Kokernag, it settled at 31.9 degree Celsius, which was 4.4 degree above normal temperature.

However, Pahalgam, Kupwara and Gulmarg also recorded above normal temperatures at 28.8 degree Celsius, 34.5 degree Celsius and 23.2 degree Celsius respectively.

The data shared by the local Meteorological department (MeT) revealed that Jammu stations also recorded above normal temperature with Jammu recording a maximum temperature of | [More on P10](#)

## Rs 1.18 Lakh Cr Budget Approved For J&K

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Parliament approved the budget of Jammu & Kashmir for 2024-25 with provision of Rs. 1,18,390 crore. While Lok Sabha passed the Appropriation Bill on Tuesday, Rajya Sabha approved it on Wednesday. This budget provides for revenue expenditure of Rs. 81,486 crore and capital expenditure of Rs. 36,904 crore.

This outlay surpasses the pre-actuals of the financial year 2023-24 by Rs. 30,889 crore. This jump has been possible thanks to the special financial support agreed by the Central Government. This package was necessitated due to the persistent under-recoveries in the power sector due to high ATC losses and low tariff in Jammu and Kashmir. The UT government had incurred off-budget borrowings of about Rs. 28,000 crore to clear the power sector dues which had piled up over the last several years.

To address these off-budget borrowings, the Finance

Department had started exercise since the last one year to bring them on the budget books. A detailed analysis of the UT's fiscal situation was carried out to address the legacy challenges which include high staff strength, low revenue base, and high debt load. In this direction, the UT government increased its own revenues to over Rs. 20,362 crore in the year 2023-24 through improved GST return compliance, dealer registration, and transparent excise auctions. The UT government's efforts to undertake metering and improve collection efficiency enhanced the non-tax revenues from Rs 5,148 crore in 2022-23 to Rs 6,500 crore in 2023-24. Administrative departments also intensified efforts and stepped up receipt of CSS funds from Rs 6,400 crore in 2022-23 to Rs 10,300 crore in 2023-24.

During 2023-24, the UT government also stringently enforced borrowing limits and curtailed the culture of over-draft and Hundis. | [More on P10](#)

## SC Refuses To Postpone NEET-PG Exam 'Can't Put Careers Of 2 Lakh Students In Jeopardy'

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday refused to postpone the NEET-PG examination scheduled for August 11, saying it can't put the careers of two lakh candidates in jeopardy for five students who have filed the petition.

The top court dismissed a plea seeking deferment of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Postgraduate) (NEET-PG) which claimed that candidates have been allocated cities that are highly inconvenient for them to reach.

A bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said judges are not academic experts.

"How can we postpone such an exam. Mr Sanjay Hegde, nowadays people just come asking to postpone the exam. It's not a perfect world. We are not academic experts."

"As a matter of principle, we will not reschedule the exam.



There are two lakh students and four lakh parents who will weep over the weekend if we postpone it. We cannot put the careers of two lakh candidates in jeopardy at the behest of five petitioners. We cannot do this. Let there be certainty for medical students. We do not know who is behind these petitions," the bench said.

Senior advocate Sanjay Hegde, appearing for the petitioners, submitted that rescheduling NEET-PG is needed because one set of aspirants will take the exam in the

morning and another in the afternoon because of the paucity of examination centres. He urged the bench to issue directions to conduct the exam in a single batch to ensure a uniform and fair testing environment for all candidates.

The plea filed by Vishal Soren and others said many candidates have been allocated cities which are highly inconvenient for them to reach. It said the test cities were allotted on July 31 and the specific centres will be declared on August 8.

While the allocation of the centres was done to curb malpractices, the plea said, due to the paucity of time, it is difficult for the candidates to make arrangements for travel to specific cities.

"Issue a writ in the nature of Mandamus ..the Respondents (National Board of Examinations) to reschedule the NEET-PG 2024 examination," stated the plea filed by Vishal Soren. The National Eligibility-cum- | [More on P10](#)

## NIA PLEA SEEKING DEATH PENALTY

# Will Argue In Person: Yasin Malik To Delhi HC

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Turning down the court's suggestion to appoint a lawyer on his behalf, separatist leader Yasin Malik on Friday told the Delhi High Court he wished to argue in-person against a National Investigation Agency plea seeking death penalty for him in a terror funding case.

The Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front chief (JKLF) was virtually present for the court proceedings from Tihar jail where he is serving a life term in the case.

A bench headed by Justice Suresh Kumar Kait listed the matter for hearing on September 19 and said Malik "may think again" about having legal representation in the case. The court also gave him time to think about either filing a reply or a written submission. "He has the right to contest

in individual capacity but any litigation must be equipped with legal assistance," the bench, also comprising Justice Girish Kathpalia, said while asserting that there should be fairness in the proceedings.

"We would prefer appointing an amicus so that he can keep a watch on his interest also... You may argue in-person.

Simultaneously, a good advocate from criminal side can be appointed as amicus to argue from your side," it told Malik.

Malik also objected to being produced through virtual mode, saying he was physically produced in the trial court and there was never any law and order problem.

"I was produced physically in trial court until conviction. They don't want to give me a fair trial. This is against the ethics of fair trial," he said, adding that the high | [More on P10](#)

## No Proposal To Make Voting Compulsory: Govt

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: There is no proposal to make voting in the country compulsory, the Lok Sabha was informed on Friday.

The Lower House was also told that there was no proposal to restrict the distribution of freebies to the public on the eve of elections. In two separate written replies, Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said there was no proposal for making voting compulsory in the country and also no plan to restrict the distribution of freebies by parties on the eve of polls.

He also said the Election Commission had informed that overall 65.79 per cent voter turnout was recorded in the recently-held Lok Sabha elections.

Assam and Bihar had highest and lowest turnout, respectively, for all phases of the Lok Sabha polls. | [More on P10](#)

## 31-member JPC on Waqf Amendment Bill Announced

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Lok Sabha on Friday set up a 21-member Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to examine the contentious Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, which will submit its report by the end of the first week when Parliament convenes next, reports said on Friday.

The Bill, seeking to make changes in the management of Waqf properties in the country, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Thursday after a heated discussion.

The Opposition maintained



that the Bill won't stand judicial scrutiny as it would encroach on the fundamental rights of the people and go against the secular spirit of the Constitution.

Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju had agreed to refer the Bill for study by a committee, and moved the motions for the constitution of the Joint Committee of MPs.

The 21 members of the Lok Sabha on the committee are Mr Jagdambika Pal, Mr Nishikant Dubey, Mr Tejasvi Surya, Mrs Aparajita Sarangi, Mr Sanjay Jaiswal, Mr Dilip Saikia, Mr Abhijit Gangopadhyay, Mr D K Aruna, Mr Gourav Gogoi, Mr Imran Masood, Mohammad Jawed, Mr Mohibbullah, Mr Kalyan Banerjee, Mr A Raja, Mr Lavu Sri Krishna | [More on P10](#)

## Mirwaiz Says Waqf Amendments Not Acceptable

Hurriyat Conference chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Friday expressed concerns over the proposed amendments to the Waqf Act, describing those as "interference in religious matters" and alleged that the government was using Muslims as "polarising" | [More on P10](#)

## CABINET CLEARS PMAY 2.0 2 Cr New Houses To Be Built Under Scheme

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Friday approved the proposal of the Department of Rural Development for construction of two crore more houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G).

The Cabinet approved the 'Implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin during FY 2024-25 to 2028-29,' which prescribes for the construction of two crore more houses at existing unit assistance of Rs 1.20 lakh in plain areas and Rs 1.30 lakh in North Eastern Region States

and Hill States of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, according to an official statement.

The Cabinet approved continuation of the scheme from April 2024 to March 2029.

A total outlay of Rs 3,06,137 crore has been provided for the period till 2028-29, which will include central share of Rs 2,05,856 crore and state's share of Rs 1,00,281 crore.

Houses incomplete from the previous phase of the PMAY-G, as on March 31 this year, will also be completed during the FY 2024-25 on the existing rates, it said.

The two | [More on P10](#)

## Rs 33 Cr Heroin Bust in Jammu

Punjab Resident Arrested

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Jammu Police on Friday arrested a resident of Punjab and recovered heroin worth Rs 33 crore, officials said. "Acting on reliable information that one person of Punjab was coming from Akhnoor towards the bus stand with a huge consignment of heroin like substance. Accordingly, a special checking was conducted by the police party of Police Station Bus Stand and the said suspect was apprehended," Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, told reporters.

Jain said the police recovered a bag carrying 26 packets weighing approximately 33 kgs of heroin like substance.

The value of the heroin is worth Rs 33 crore in the international market, he added.

Jain said that | [More on P10](#)



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 S/o Gh Mohd Sofi  
 R/o Sofipora Magam bmg

**The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education**  
 New Campus Bemina Srinagar

**Notice for General Public**

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-

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**Father's Name: Assad-ullah- Ahanger**  
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**Office of the Naib Tehsildar Tilgam**  
 Executive Magistrate 1st Class  
 Application of Nadeem Ahmad Najar S/o Nazir Ah Najar R/o Wanigam Bala for obtaining RBA certificate

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S.No	Name	Parentage	Age	Occupation
1	Nazir Ahmad Najar	S/O Gh Mohd	50	Labour
2	Haseena Begum	W/o Nazir Ahmad	45	H/W
3	Nadeem Ah Najar	S/o --	23	Student
4	Nelofar Nazir	D/o --	20	--
05	Pakeeza Nazir	--	17	--

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26 سال	5	زیر تعلیم
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**Office of the Naib Tehsildar Tilgam**  
 Executive Magistrate 1st Class  
 Application of Bashir Ahmad Rather Ss/o Bashir Ahmad Rather R/o Wanigam Bala for obtaining RBA certificate

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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S.No	Name	Parentage	Age	Occupation
1	Bashir Ahmad Rather	S/o Gh Mohd	53	Labour
2	Fareeda Begum	W/o Bashir Ahmad	48	H/W
3	Owais Ah Rather	S/o --	23	Student
4	Mudasir Bashir	S/o --	26	--

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**Office of the Executive Magistrate 1st Class Narbal Budgam**  
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**Notice For General Public**

I tis hereby notified that the applicant namely Gh Nabi Dar S/o Ab Rashid Dar R/o Wadwan Narbal tehsil Narbal District Budgam had applied for the issuance of Birth Certificate of his son namely Dar Arif Nabi S/o Gh Nabi Dar. The applicant intends to register the DOB of his Son as per school record/vaccination card School Record as 24-09-2007

In this connection, if anybody having any objection regarding the same he/she may contact office of the undersigned within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained.

**Executive Magistrate 1st Class Narbal**  
 bmg  
 Dated: 09-08-2024

**از نیابت پیش**

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب طارق عزیز چوپان ولد عبد عزیز چوپان ساکن بنج برادر اجرائی OBC سرٹیفکیٹ بڈمرہ بنجار

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 Executive Magistrate 1st Class  
 Application of Parvaz Ah Bhat And Gazala Hameed S/D/O Ab Hameed Bhat R/o Malikpora for obtaining RBA certificate

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**Office of the Naib Tehsildar Tilgam**  
 Executive Magistrate 1st Class  
 Application of Javid Ahmad Bhat And Sajad Ahmad Ss/o Noor Mohammad Bhat R/o Wanigam Bala for obtaining RBA certificate

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

General Public is hereby informed through this notice that the applicant file is currently under process in the office of undersigned regarding obtaining RBA certificate. According to the field staffs report the applicants are permanent resident of village Wanigam bla tehsil Pattan District Baramulla and have been residing here from more than 15 years and has not migrated from the said village the annual family income of the applicant from all sources is Rs 102000/- Family details of the applicant are give below.

S.No	Name	Parentage	Age	Occupation
1	Noor Mohd Bhat	Ab Samad Bhat	50	Labour
2	Amina Begum	W/o Noor Mohd	45	H/W
3	Sajad Ah Bhat	S/o --	23	Student
4	Irfan Ah Bhat	S/o --	16	--
05	Sajad Ah Bhat	S/O--	25	--

In this connection If any person(s) has any objection(s) he/ she can visit the undersigned's office within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection will be considered.

fko Naib Tehsildar

**The Jammu And Kashmir Board Of School Education**  
 New Campus Bemina Srinagar

I have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class- 10th/11th/12th) Under roll no. 863294 , 807724,855268 Session: 2011, 2012 and 2013 through the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. Due to the error committed by the concerned School/parent/ Board against my name as Farhat Jan Instead Of Farha Wani Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. New Campus Bemina. Srinagar, if any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period no objection will be entertained.

**Name: Farha wani**  
**Father's Name: GH Qadir wani**  
**Mother's Name: Parveena Akhter**  
**DOB: 28/02/1996**  
**Residence: Gousia colony Tulbagh Namblabal pampore** fko

**از نیابت پیش**

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب شوکت احمد انگریز ولد محمد رمضان انگریز ساکن بنج پورہ برادر اجرائی OBC سرٹیفکیٹ بڈمرہ بنجار

**اشتیہار ہرخاص و عام**

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان صدر میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بڈمرہ OBC سرٹیفکیٹ بڈمرہ بنجار پیش کی ہے جو کہ ریکارڈوائی ہے اس بارے میں بنیادی حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن واقعی بنجار ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے اور ساکن پنشن تحصیل بنج میں رہائش پذیر ہے ساکن کا کنڈہ بذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے

عمر	نمبر	نام
55 سال	1	لوہار
53 سال	2	گھریلو کام
34 سال	3	گورنٹ ملازم
26 سال	4	زیر تعلیم
24 سال	5	--
30 سال	6	گھریلو کام
02 سال	7	کمسن

اس طرح سے کنڈہ 7 افراد پر مشتمل کنڈہ نمبر 54428 آمدنی روپے تک ہے۔  
 سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی کو کوئی عذریا عارض ہو تو بعد مشتمل اخبارات دن کے اندر نامدائے بنجار عارض وادست حد کو کوئی اذقت کے دوران پیش کریں۔  
 بعد گزرے میعاد کو بنی بنجار عارض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔  
 نائب تحصیلدار FKO

**Office of the Naib Tehsildar Tilgam**  
 Executive Magistrate 1st Class  
 Application of Sahil Altaf S/o Altaf Ah Bhat R/o Wanigam Bala for obtaining RBA certificate

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

General Public is hereby informed through this notice that the applicant file is currently under process in the office of undersigned regarding obtaining RBA certificate. According to the field staffs report the applicants are permanent resident of village Wanigam bla tehsil Pattan District Baramulla and have been residing here from more than 15 years and has not migrated from the said village the annual family income of the applicant from all sources is Rs 84000/- Family details of the applicant are give below.

S.No	Name	Parentage	Age	Occupation
1	Altaf Ah Bhat	S/o Mohd Abdul-lah	50	Labour
2	Hafeeza Begum	W/o Altaf Ah	45	H/W
3	Tahira Bano	D/o --	28	Student
4	Bisma Altaf	D/o --	26	--
05	Sahil Altaf	S/o --	18	--
06	Muskaan Altaf	D/o --	16	--
07	Ronak Altaf	--	14	--

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fko Naib Tehsildar

**Office of the Naib Tehsildar Tilgam**  
 Executive Magistrate 1st Class  
 Application of Ubaid Rashid S/o Ab Rashid Najar R/o Wanigam Bala for obtaining RBA certificate

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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S.No	Name	Parentage	Age	Occupation
1	Ab Rashid Najar	S/o Gh Mohd	55	Labour
2	Mehmooda Begum	W/o Ab Rashid	52	H/W
3	Bisma Rashid	D/o --	24	Student
4	Mudasir Ah	S/o Ab Rashid	26	--
05	Ubaid Rashid	S/o Ab Rashid	21	--

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**Office of the Naib Tehsildar Tilgam**  
 Executive Magistrate 1st Class  
 Application of Aabida Ashraf D/o Mohd Ashraf Khan R/o Wanigam Bala for obtaining RBA certificate

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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S.No	Name	Parentage	Age	Occupation
01	Mohd Ashraf Khan	S/o Mohd Maqbool	51	Labour
02	Meema Begum	W/o Mohd Ashraf	48	H/W
03	Suhail Ashraf	S/o --	21	Student
04	Aabida Ashraf	D/o ----	18	--

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# CITY

## SMHS, Other GMC Hospitals Committed To Quality Patient Care



### Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** SMHS Hospital, one of the tertiary care health institutions in J&K has been catering to the huge rush of patients on a daily basis by providing consultation, patient care and health related services. On an average, the hospital has been providing such services to 3200 in and out patients and casualty department on daily basis, besides IPD services spread over different wards with a capacity of 890 beds. The OPD services are provided in Medicine, Surgery, Dermatology, ENT, Radiation Oncology and Ophthalmology. The casualty and emergency section deals with all the cases of general medicine, trauma, surgery and cases of immediate attention. A well organized mechanism from patient reception to treatment, lab testing, admission and related aspects is in place. It is important to mention that around 30 major and 60 minor procedures are performed daily at the health-care institute. During 2023-24, in out patients department 1063028 patients were attended, similarly 107589 patients were treated in inpatients department, and while 10726 major and 12543

minor surgeries were performed during the period. In Radiation oncology about 110 patients are provided with health care services daily, while 16 IPD patients are also treated. 120 Patients are being given Radiation therapy daily. Besides, 6000 Lab tests being done in SMHS Hospital on daily basis in dedicated Labs and Lab services are available 24x7. On OPD side about 500 samples are evaluated daily for various tests and 6000 tests are carried out besides tests are being done on IPD side as well. 30 MRIs, 450 USGs, 125 CTs and on an average 400 X-rays are done on a single day. The hospital has been providing round the clock Lab services to IPD, OPD and patients visiting Casualty. The Lab has dedicated staff and fully automated equipment and provides the best service to the patients. The sanitation and hygiene is a priority area which is attended to with missionary zeal. SMHS hospital and other associated hospitals of Govt. Medical College Srinagar is committed to quality health/patient care facilities with special focus on sanitation, cleanliness and hygiene.

## Sampoorna Suraksha Kendra Inaugurated At SKIMS



### Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Sampoorna Suraksha Kendra was inaugurated today at SKIMS by V. Hekali Zhimomi Additional Secretary and DG NACO MOH& FW, GOI along Director, SKIMS Prof. M Ashraf Ganie and Project Director, J&K AIDS Control Society under Sampoorna Suraksha program focussed to cover 'at-risk' HIV negative populations through a cyclical and comprehensive package of services as per their needs to keep them HIV- negative, thus boosting the country's progress on prevention of new HIV infections. On the occasion Additional Secretary also presented NABL Accreditation Certificate & Certificate of Excellence to Director SKIMS Prof. M. Ashraf Ganie and HOD Immunology SKIMS Prof. Zaffar Amin Shah. Director SKIMS Prof. M Ashraf Ganie welcomed additional Secretary and other dignitaries present on the occasion. He expressed his gratitude

to the team from MoH& FW and thanked for the support. Director SKIMS briefed the team headed by Additional Secretary & DG NACO about the facilities & infrastructure in place at SKIMS and desired that SKIMS should be brought into the ambit of various national schemes which will provide better facilitation to the people and enhance further capacity building at the SKIMS. Additional Secretary & DG NACO Hikali appreciated SKIMS administration for the services and assured full support while interacting with the faculty and officers at SKIMS. Later she visited Viral Diagnostic Research Lab Of Microbiology Department and other related facilities at SKIMS. The visiting team headed by Additional Secretary and DG NACO MOH and FW included Dr.Chinmoyee Das, PHS Grade-I and HOD, SI Division, NACO, Dr.Abdul Rouf Bhat, Project Director, JKACS Dr. Manu Bhatnagar Addl. Director, JKACS Dr.Monika wal, Medical office, JKACS.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

We have changed our daughter's name from old name Minhaaz Javeed Gul to New Name Minhaaz Jawid Gul. In future she will be known as Minhaaz Jawid Gul (New Name). If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Regional passport Office Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Parents of Minhaaz Jawid Gul  
Jawid Ahmad Dar, Summienna Parveen  
R/o Udipora Awantipora Pulwama 192122

# Traffic Dept To Introduce ITMS To Control Traffic Jams In City

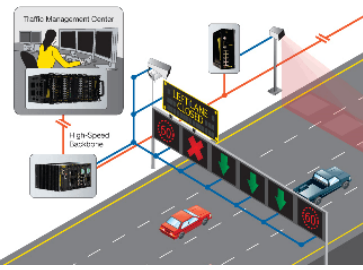
Syed Mohammad Burhan Razvi

**SRINAGAR:** The much-anticipated Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) in Srinagar is expected to completely transform the way traffic is managed and observed within the city, officials say.

According to Senior Superintendent of Police Traffic (SSP) Srinagar, Muzaffar Ahmad Shah, ITMS will provide significant relief from chronic traffic jams in the city. Speaking to Kashmir Observer, Muzaffar said that the ITMS comprising two primary components: a control room located at the Traffic Office and the implementation of smart signages managed by the Smart City project.

"The control room is in the final stages of construction and is expected to be fully functional within the coming weeks," Shah added. He further said that all necessary configurations, including camera mapping, have been completed and the system's video wall is currently under construction.

Once operational, the ITMS will



enable real-time monitoring and enforcement of traffic rules.

"All challoing of vehicles violating norms will be done from the control room," Shah explained, adding that the system is specifically trained to combat serious offenses such as riding without a helmet, using a mobile phone while driving, driving in the wrong lane, and over speeding.

He said that one of the delays in launching the ITMS has been ongoing work under the Smart City project, which has occasionally led to the disconnection of essential cables. However, Shah assured that the system would soon be handed over to the traffic department by Smart

City authorities.

The ITMS is expected to streamline traffic management in Srinagar, drastically reducing congestion and improving road safety. With its advanced technology and comprehensive monitoring capabilities, the system promises to bring much-needed order to the city's often chaotic traffic situation.

This advanced system will include Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), Red Light Violation Detection (RLVD), Speed Violation Detection, and automatic identification of various other traffic and transport offenses.

Earlier, to facilitate efficacious communication and preclude any potential discomfiture to people, the Regional Transport Office (RTO) Kashmir had exhorted all vehicle owners to synchronize the mobile phone numbers associated with their Aadhaar to their corresponding vehicle registrations.

"This synchronization is imperative for the reception of pertinent notifications and updates germane to the ITMS," the RTO had said.

### SRINAGAR SMART CITY

## Dusty Road Near SMHS Hospital Causes Health Concerns

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The road stretch between SMHS hospital junction point to Darish Kadal has become a nightmare for both commuters as well as the shopkeepers as the road is full of potholes and layers of dust.

Expressing distress, local shopkeepers highlighted how the dusty conditions have not only affected their health but disrupted their businesses as well.

"Look at the road conditions, the dust is inches thick. Whenever a vehicle passes by, the entire area becomes hazy as flying dust engulfs our shops. It's affecting our health and our livelihood," lamented a shopkeeper.

Visitors to SMHS hospital are also facing challenges. Many are seen covering their faces with cloths to protect themselves from the dust.

Mohammad Hanief, a resident of Ganderbal, voiced his concern, say-

ing, "I have come to see a patient, but the dust near the hospital poses a health threat not only to visitors but also to the patients inside as well."

Notably, the road stretch is under the revamp program of Srinagar Smart City and the work started on it has not been completed yet, leaving the road stretch in dilapidated condition.

In response to the growing concerns, a top official from the Srinagar Smart City project assured KNO that the road resurfacing would begin within the next 24 hours.

"The resurfacing work on the road stretch from the SMHS junction to Darish Kadal will commence tonight. We will start with one side and then proceed to the other," the official confirmed.

Meanwhile, locals in the area said that they are hopeful of road resurfacing on the road stretch as early as possible, saying that it would bring a major relief for them to carry out their normal daily life routine. (KNO)

## Missing From Srinagar, Two Minors Traced In Handwara

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Srinagar Police have traced and reunited two minor children with their families, who were reported missing for four days from Jamaat-ul-Uloom BK Pora in Srinagar's Nowgam, police said.

A police spokesperson in a statement said that based on written information at police station Nowgam, a case FIR No. 68/2024 under section 137(2) BNS was registered and investigation was set into motion. The statement reads that utilizing a combination of technical data and human intelligence, police followed a lead to Vilgam, Handwara.

"With the cooperation of Handwara police, the missing children were located and safely recovered from a remote area in Vilgam in less than four hours and they have been reunited with their families. Further investigation into the matter is going on," it reads.

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION DIVISION KASHMIR, J & K SPORTS COUNCIL, SRINAGAR

Tender Notice: fresh E-NIT No: 16 of 2024-25  
DATE D: 07.08.2024

S. No	Name of work	Adv cost (Rs. in lacs)	Class of Contract	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of Tender documents	Administrative Approval No. & date	Time of Completion
1	Upgradation of play field at Manghal Chak Kamal Anantnag.	Rs 80.00 Lacs	AAY Class	Rs. 160,000/-	Rs. 1600/-	SC No:2738 dated: 04.07.2024	180 days
2	Development of play field at Utersoo Nowgam Anantnag	Rs. 80.00 lacs	AAY Class	Rs 160,000/-	Rs 1600/-	SEA(R&B)14 of 2024-25 dated:13.07.2024	180 days

Position of Fund = Under Capex 2024-25  
Position of TS = Accorded  
1. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility Criteria, specification, Drawings, bill of quantities(B.O.Q) Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-  
Critical Dates Table

S. No	Date of issue of Tender Notice.	07.08.2024.
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	07.08.2024 from 2.00 PM to 21.08.2024 upto 4.00PM.
3.	Bid Submission Start Date.	07.08.2024 from 02.00 PM
4.	Bid submission End Date.	21.08.2024 upto 04.00 PM
5.	Date & Time of opening of Bids (online)	22.08.2024 at 10.00 AM in the office of Ex. Engineer, Const. Division Kashmir, J&K Sports Council at Administrative Block, Bakhshi Stadium, Srinagar. (or any convenient date)

The Cost of the tender documents shall be deposited into the bank account by the bidder for which the following information can be used by the bidder. (No Demand Draft shall be entertained).

1) Name of Bank	=	J&K Bank Ltd.
2) Account Title	=	Executive Engineer, Construction Div. Kmr, JKSC
3) Account No	=	CDG-0365010200000842
4) Branch	=	Lal Mandi
5) IFSC Code	=	JAKA05BOARD

The bidders must upload the scanned copy of bank payment acknowledgment slip.  
No.: SC/CDK/e-01/1513-15  
dated: 07.08.2024

Executive Engineer  
Construction Division Kashmir  
J&K Sports Council

### NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender Notice: E-NIT No: 17 of 2024-25 DATED: 08.08.2024

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor, UT of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible bidders registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Government for the following work:-

S. No	Name of work	Adv cost (Rs. in lacs)	Class of Contract	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of Tender documents	Administrative Approval No. & date	Time of Completion
1	upgradation of play field at Tarzoo Sopore.	Rs 85.53 Lacs	AAY Class	Rs. 1,71,600/-	Rs. 1600/-	SE(R&B) Bla 39 of 2024-25 No:2738 dated: 29.07.2024	180 days

Position of Fund = Under Capex 2024-25  
Position of TS = Accorded  
1. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility Criteria, specification, Drawings, bill of quantities(B.O.Q) Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-  
Critical Dates Table

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Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Construction Division Kashmir

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,2452222,2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
- Ambulance: Kashmir EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

### AIRPORTS

SHIEKH UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

### RAILWAYS

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BIJBERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

### HIGHWAY STATUS

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

**HIJRI CALENDAR**  
04 Safar  
1446

### PRAYERS

FAJR	4:14
ZUHR	12:37
ASR	5:26
Magrib	7:29
ISHA	9:00

## This Day In History

- 70 Second Temple in Jerusalem set on fire by Roman army under Titus during the capture of the city (approx)
- 610 - In Islam, the traditional date of the Laylat al-Qadr, when Muhammad began to receive the Qur'an
- 654 - Pope Eugene I elected to succeed Martinus I
- 843 - Treaty of Verdun: Brothers Lotharius I, Louis the German & Charles the Bald divide France
- 955 - Battle of Lechfeld: Otto I, King of the Germans defeats the Hungarian, ending 50 years of Magyar invasion of Western Europe.
- 991 - Battle of Maldon: English, led by Bryhtnoth, confront a band of inland-raiding Vikings near Maldon in Essex. The English are defeated and the story is immortalised in a well-known poem.
- 1304 - Battle at Zierik Sea: Dutch & French fleet beat Flemish fleet
- 1316 - Second Battle of Athenry, Anglo-Norman victory over Gaelic clan alliance
- 1461 - Alfonso ed Espina, bishop of Osmar urges for an Inquisition in Spain
- 1500 - Portuguese sea captain Diego Diaz is first European to sight Madagascar
- 1511 - Portuguese troops occupy parts of Malacca
- 1512 - Battle of Saint-Mathieu (also called the Battle of Brest): an English fleet of 25 ships commanded by Sir Edward Howard and a Franco-Breton fleet of 22 ships commanded by René de Clermont.
- 1557 - Battle of St Quentin in Picardy: Lamoraal, Count of Egmont and Philibert, Duke of Savoy (Spanish Empire) beat the Duke of Montmorency (France)
- 1566 - Protestant Iconoclasm "Beeldenstorm" begins in European Low Countries
- 1585 - English Queen Elizabeth I signs Treaty of Nonsuch: Aid for Netherlands
- 1622 - John Mason and Ferdinand Gorges receive a land patent of the Province of Maine.
- 1653 - Battle of Scheveningen: Final naval battle of the First Anglo-Dutch War, English fleet defeats a Dutch fleet led by Maarten Tromp who himself is killed by a sharpshooter in the rigging of William Penn's ship
- 1659 - Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb has his brother and competitor for the throne Dara Shukoh executed on religious grounds
- 1664 - Austria and the Ottoman Empire sign the Peace of Vasvár
- 1678 - Netherlands & France sign peace treaty in Nijmegen
- 1774 - 1st Surinam newspaper (1st Wednesday Suriname) begins publishing
- 1776 - American Revolutionary War: word of the United States Declaration of Independence reaches London.
- 1809 - Ecuador declares independence from Spain (National Day)
- 1822 - Antioch Syria, hit by Earthquake; about 20,000 die
- 1869 - O B Brown patents moving picture projector
- 1913 - 2nd Balkan War ends, Treaty of Bucharest, Bulgaria loses
- 1914 - German battle cruiser Goeben reaches Dardanelles/Turkey joins Germany
- 1914 - German troops reconquer Mulhouse in Elzas
- 1914 - WWI: French fall back at Alsace
- 1916 - Turks annex Persian city Hamadan from Russia
- 1920 - Allies recognize Poland, Czechoslovakia & Romania
- 1920 - Treaty of Sevres (Allies & Turkey)
- 1920 - Turkish government renounces its claim to Israel, recognizes British mandate
- 1926 - Italian-Spanish peace treaty signed
- 1943 - Hitler watches lynching of allied pilots
- 1944 - Battle for Guam ends, US troops recapture Guam from the Japanese
- 1945 - Japan announces willingness to surrender to Allies provided status of Emperor Hirohito remained unchanged
- 1960 - Discoverer 13 launched into orbit; returned 1st object from space
- 1961 - UK applies for membership of the European Common Market
- 1983 - 1st World Championships in Athletics: Carl Lewis wins gold in Men's Long Jump
- 1988 - UN estimates Asia's population hits 3 billion
- 1992 - Satellite TOPEX/Poseidon launched
- 1992 - Soyuz TM-15 lands
- 1998 - The Royal Proclamation of HRH Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah as the Crown Prince of Brunei.
- 2006 - Scotland Yard disrupts major terrorist plot to destroy aircraft travelling from the United Kingdom to the United States. All toiletries are banned from commercial aircraft.
- 2013 - 14th World Championships in Athletics open at Moscow, Russia
- 2014 - Israeli and Palestinian officials agree to another 72-hour ceasefire proposed by Egypt
- 2015 - Google announces its restructure as Alphabet, a holding company with Google, YouTube, Android and Chrome as subsidiaries



## Govt Clarifies on Documents Needed for Citizenship

Press Trust Of India  
New Delhi: The Centre has expanded the ambit of the rules issued under the citizenship law CAA through which Indian nationality will be given to persecuted minorities coming from Afghanistan, Bangladesh or Pakistan.

The Union home ministry announced that "any document" issued by the central or state governments or quasi-judicial body in India proving that either of the parents, grandparents or great-grandparents is or had been a citizen of one of the three countries will be acceptable.

The clarification of the home ministry came after many applicants seeking Indian nationality under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 were reported to be facing difficulties due to a particular clause of the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024.

"Any document that shows that either of the parents or grandparents or great grandparents of the applicant is or had been a citizen of one of the three countries i.e. of Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan," the earlier clause of the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024 says.

In its latest clarification, the home ministry said: "It may be clarified that the documents under Sr No. 8 of the Schedule -IA may include any document

issued by the central government/state government/ any judicial or quasi judicial body in India such as land record, judicial order etc., identifying or representing that the applicant or the parents or grandparents or great grandparents had been a national of Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan." "The above clarification may be taken note of while deciding any citizenship application under Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA), it said.

The CAA was enacted in December 2019 for granting Indian nationality to persecuted Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist, Parsi and Christian migrants from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan who came to India on or before December 31, 2014.

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

Since May, the government has been granting citizenship to those coming from the three countries under the CAA.

The nod to the CAA in 2019 sparked protests in different parts of the country with agitators terming it "discriminatory".

Over a hundred people lost their lives during the anti-CAA protests or police action in various parts of the country.



## Families Flee New Israeli Assault in Gaza's Khan Younis

Agencies

Gaza City: Israeli tanks returned to the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis on Friday, forcing thousands to evacuate along congested roadways, as Palestinian fighters continued to attack Israeli troops from the ruins, residents and the military said.

Thousands of people fled eastern Khan Younis in vehicles and on foot, belongings heaped on donkey carts and motorcycle rickshaws as they made their slow escape along congested roads.

With Israel and Lebanon braced for a possible escalation in fighting, leaders from the United States, Egypt, and Qatar attempted a last-ditch effort to revive efforts to halt the fighting in Gaza, scheduling a new round of talks for August 15.

For the latest updates on the Israel-Palestine conflict, visit our dedicated page.

In recent weeks Israeli forces

which swept into nearly the entire Gaza Strip over more than ten months of war have been returning to the ruins of areas where they previously claimed to have driven Hamas fighters out.

In the latest assault, the military dropped leaflets ordering residents and displaced people sheltering in eastern Khan Younis, Gaza's main southern city, to evacuate from an area that has already seen repeated waves of fighting.

Families packed into buses and cars, many seeking shelter in Al-Mawasi, a sandy stretch of ground along the coast, though some expressed fear that it has been attacked in the past despite being designated as a safe zone by Israeli forces.

Um Raed Abu Elyan said she and her family were "running from the fire, we are running with our children from fear."

Asked where would she go she replied: "God knows, we are walking now. They said to go to

humanitarian areas, but there is no safe place here in Gaza. It is all destroyed and damaged."

Later on Friday, an Israeli air strike killed six Palestinians in Al-Mawasi, medics said. Another strike on a house nearby killed four people, including a girl and wounded several others, they added.

Among the dead were two local journalists, Tamim Abu Muamar and Abdallah Al-Susi, along with several of their relatives, medics and follow journalists said. Their deaths brought the number of Palestinian journalists killed by Israeli fire to 165 since Oct 7, the Hamas-run Gaza government media office said.

The Israeli military said troops hit dozens of targets belonging to Hamas militants in Khan Younis and Rafah close to the Egyptian border, seizing arms depots, destroying infrastructure and killing dozens of fighters equipped with weapons including rocket propelled grenades.

## Syrian Army Shells US Proxies In Deir Ezzor As Tribal Uprising Continues

Agencies

Damascus : Syrian army troops shelled positions of the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) on 8 August, responding to attacks from the Kurdish militia on its territory in the countryside of the eastern governorate of Deir Ezzor.

The Syrian Arab Army (SAA) shelled SDF positions in Al-Bu-sayrah city and the towns of Al-Sabha, Bariha, Jadid Bakara, and Al-Dahla in Deir Ezzor's eastern countryside, Al Mayadeen reported on Thursday.

The SDF's media center announced on 8 August that its militants targeted the Syrian army and allied forces in the Al-Zubari and Sa'lu villages of the Deir Ezzor countryside with artillery and mortar shells.

"The SDF artillery strikes came with support and cover from the US," Al Mayadeen reported.

One day earlier, the SDF accused Hossam Louqa, head of the Syrian government's General Intelligence Service, of orchestrating Wednesday's large-scale tribal assault on the SDF in the Deir Ezzor countryside.

"Hussam Louqa was the one who ordered and planned the attack on the areas controlled by SDF in the Deir Ezzor countryside... the attacks failed to achieve their goals," Washington's Kurdish proxy said in a statement on 7 August.

SDF forces continued "search operations in the towns of Abu Hamam, Dhiban, and Gharanij in the eastern countryside of Deir Ezzor," and were able "to regain control of

some sites on the bed of the Euphrates River," the statement added.

A coalition of Syrian Arab tribes, dubbed the Army of Tribes, seized several towns from the SDF in the countryside of eastern Syria's Deir Ezzor governorate on 7 August.

Tribesmen launched the "largest" attack on SDF sites since the start of the Arab tribal rebellion against the US-backed militia last year, Sputnik reported.

The Arab tribal forces reached the vicinity of the US base in the Al-Omar oilfield in the Deir Ezzor countryside. US army helicopters intervened and opened fire at the tribesmen, Al Mayadeen reported on Wednesday.

Arab tribes launched their rebellion against the SDF in late August last year, with fierce clashes raging for several weeks afterward.

Despite brief instances of de-escalation, tensions and armed clashes between the two sides have remained ongoing. At the time, it was said that the tribal forces were coordinating with and receiving military aid and training from the Syrian army.

Fighting was ongoing in the Deir Ezzor countryside on 8 August following the massive tribal assault the day before. Yet Al Mayadeen reported on Thursday that the clashes were "less intense."

It added that the SDF has deployed large numbers of reinforcements and has maintained its supply lines, noting a "power imbalance" between the two sides in favor of the Kurdish militia.

## Iran Says Guards Navy Gets 'Large Number' Of New Missiles, Drones

Agencies

TEHRAN: Iran's Revolutionary Guards Navy has added long-range missiles and drones to the force's navy, official media said Friday, amid heightened regional tensions following Hamas leader's killing in Tehran blamed on Israel.

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), the ideological arm of Iran's military which has links to Tehran-aligned armed groups across the Middle East, played a key part in the Islamic republic's first direct attack on Israel in April.

Iranian state TV on Friday said that "a large number of new anti-ship cruise missiles were added to the IRGC naval forces by the order of the Guards chief."

The missiles "have new capabilities" with "high-explosive warheads and being untraceable," it added.

According to the report, a total of 2,654 military systems including long-range and medium-range missiles, drones for combat



and reconnaissance, and electronic warfare units were added to the Guards' naval forces.

IRGC chief General Hossein Salami, speaking at an event where some of the new weapon systems were showcased, stressed the importance of being able to "stop the enemy from afar."

"If we cannot engage with the enemy in the depths of the sea and oceans at any desired point and stop the enemy from afar, we will naturally have problems at our

national borders," he said.

"In today's world, one must either be strong in order to survive and be safe, or surrender. There is no middle way."

The unveiling of the weapons came as the region, already affected by the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza since early October, was on high alert after Iran and its allies have vowed retaliation for the killing last week of Hamas's political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran.

## 'No One Deserves This': UK Muslims Reel After Far-Right Violence

Agencies

London: Noor Miah was a student when riots broke out in northern England in the summer of 2001, with angry young British South Asians clashing with police after a series of racist attacks and incidents.

The northern town of Burnley was engulfed in the riots which began an hour away in Oldham, as the far-right stoked racial tensions and minority communities accused the police of failing to protect them.

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community to get emotionally hyped up and give a reaction. But we have been trying to keep everyone calm," Miah said.

"It's a very low thing to do. No one deserves this... things like this shouldn't happen in this day and age."

Restricting movement The attack has added to the fear among Burnley's Muslims, after anti-immigrant, Islamophobic riots occurred in other northern towns and cities in the last week.

The violence followed a mass stabbing on July 29 in Southport, near Liverpool, in which three children were killed, which was falsely



More than two decades later, Miah recalled that dark period as he tried to calm Muslim youths in Burnley after several Muslim gravestones in the local cemetery were defaced and far-right riots targeted mosques in nearby cities.

"2001 was a difficult time for Burnley. We have moved onwards since then, picked ourselves up. The next generation has a lot of hope," Miah, now a secretary for a local mosque, told AFP.

On Monday, Miah received a message from a friend who found a family member's grave covered in paint.

"When I rushed to the cemetery there were already a couple of families, who were really concerned, really emotional," Miah said, with around seven gravestones vandalized with grey paint.

The act is being treated as a hate crime by local police.

"Whoever's done this is trying to provoke the Muslim

blamed on social media on a Muslim migrant.

Miah worries about his wife going to the town center wearing a hijab and has told his father to pray at home instead of at the mosque "to limit how much time he spends outside."

"I helped build that mosque, I physically moved bricks there. I was part of that mosque, but I have to think about my family's safety," he said.

But Miah still hoped there would be no violence.

"We haven't had riots yet here. Hopefully the riots won't come to Burnley."

In Sheffield, violence hit close to home for Ameena Blake. Just a few miles away in Rotherham, hundreds of far-right rioters attacked police and set alight a hotel housing asylum seekers on Sunday.

While Blake, a community leader on the board of two local mosques, said Sheffield is a place of "sanctuary," Rotherham "is literally on our doorstep."

## US CENTCOM Chief Makes Second Visit to Israel To Assess Security

Agencies

JERUSALEM: The Israeli military said Friday the head of US Central Command, General Michael Kurilla, had arrived in Israel for his second visit this week to assess the security situation amid fears of a region-wide Middle East war.

Israel's army chief Lt. General Herzi Halevi and Kurilla, who arrived on Thursday, held a "situational assessment on security and strategic issues, as well as joint preparations in the region, as part of the response to threats in the Middle East," the military said in a statement. Kurilla also visited on Monday.

**Office Of The Executive Engineer**  
**PWD(R&B) Electric Hospital Division Kashmir**

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NIT No.: HDE/23 of 2024-25  
Dated: 07/08/2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor Union Territory of J&K, sealed bids (Two Cover) valid for 180 days are invited from Registered Electrical Contractors / firms having sufficient experience of the relevant job (as per CVC guidelines) for the following works:

S No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs Lacs)	Earnest Deposit Amount (2%) (in Rs)	Money/Cost of tender documents (Rs) (Non-Refundable)	Head	Time of Completion
1	Annual Stage contract for Maintenance of Electrical Network at Government Chest Diseases Hospital Srinagar.	1.00	2,000/-	Rs 200/-	M&R	As per work orders

The bidding document consisting of BOQ (Bill of Quantities), set of Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the government website <https://jktenders.gov.in>

**CRITICAL DATES**

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	07/08/2024
2	Document download Start Date	08/08/2024 at 9:00 a.m.
3	Document download End Date	16/08/2024 at 3:30 p.m.
4	Bid submission Start Date (Online)	08/08/2024 at 9:00 a.m.
5	Bid submission End Date (Online)	16/08/2024 at 3:30 p.m.
6	Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bids (Online)	17/08/2024 at 3:30 p.m.

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Executive Engineer,  
PWD(R&B) Electric Hospital Division,  
Srinagar.

DIPK-4483/24  
dated: 09-08-2024

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Subject: Uploading of Final Score for the post of Programme Assistant(Computer) on University Web portal and providing of individual access to candidates thereof.

Reference: Advertisement Notice No. 05 of 2023 dated 31.03.2023

**NOTICE**

In continuation to Notice issued under endorsement No. Au/Adm/GAD/Adv-NT/2024/1557-1561 dated 01.08.2024, it is notified for the information of all the concerned candidates, who have applied for the post(s) of **Programme Assistant(Computer)** advertised vide Notice No. 05 of 2023 dated 31.03.2023 that the revised/final score(s) shall be made accessible through University web portal [www.skuastkashmir.ac.in](http://www.skuastkashmir.ac.in) from **10<sup>th</sup> of August, 2024 to 12<sup>th</sup> of August, 2024.**

The Individual Score(s) be treated as final and no correspondence/representation in this regard shall be entertained henceforth.

Sd/-  
(Parveez Ahmad Bhat)  
Joint Registrar

No. Au/Adm/GAD/Adv-NT/2024/1582-85  
Dated: 09 .08 .2024



## 'Upgradation Of Hazratbal Health Centre'

### HC Directs LCMA To Consider Plea By H&MED

M Ahmad

SRINAGAR: The High Court has directed J&K Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) to consider within three weeks an application of Health & Medical Education Department (H&MED) for upgradation and extension of the existing Health Centre to Sub-District Hospital at Hazratbal Srinagar.

"It is directed that LCMA shall consider the application of the applicant department (H&MED) for the proposed extension/renovation which has been submitted by them in terms of order passed by this Court dated 03.09.2019," a bench of Justice Chief Justice (Acting) Tashi Rabstan and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi said and directed LCMA to decide the application within three weeks.

The court pass the order while hearing an application filed by H&MED submitting that it had approached the LCMA with an application for upgradation and extension of the existing Health Centre for but no decision was taken by the authority.

In its order on 3 October 2024 the court had underlined that while it would appear in the interest of justice to permit the upgradation, it cannot be denied that the conservation and protection of the Dal Lake has to be ensured even while undertaking the upgradation. The court further underscored



that it was the duty of the authority to ensure that the permission does not cause any detriment to the environment and existence of Dal Lake.

In its fresh plea, H&MED among others stated that considerable expenses have been incurred and the executing agency has also expressed its concern as the workforce and equipment have remained idle resulting in significant financial loss to the department. Moreover, it said, due to restrictions imposed by the Court, not only the patient care is suffering but also there is apprehension that the funds would lapse at the cost of public health. It also stated that the Health Centre is already in dilapidated condition and is suffering for want of urgent repairs and upgradation so as to cater to the needs of the patients to its fullest capacity as such immediate steps are required for upgradation and extension of the existing structure.

It is stated that in view of the Court's order, the LCMA has expressed its reservation for granting permission to the proposed renovations.

## 3 Kashmiri Scientists Discover New Species Of Hoverfly

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Three Kashmiri scientists have discovered a new species of hoverfly that mimics the wasp in the high-altitude alpine forests.

The findings of the three entomologists -- scientists who study insects -- Aijaz Ahmad Wachkoo (team head), Amir Maqbool, and Suhaib Firdous Yattoo were published in the 'Journal of Asia Pacific Entomology'.

Talking to IANS, senior entomologist Wachkoo said, "Despite more than 100 years of zoological research in India, insects from large portions of the country remain poorly characterised, and this is especially true for members of the hoverfly species."

"The hoverfly exploration in the Kashmir Himalaya has significantly increased in the last few years, leading to the discovery of new species, and several new records. The recent fieldwork resulted in the collection of several interesting taxa within the boundaries of India."

"India's insects represent an untapped resource with great potential benefits that will guarantee the discovery of something novel and fascinating. These new systems will either confirm or refute the earlier theories."

About his other two team members, Wachkoo said, "One of the team members, Amir Maqbool, is under my Ph.D. su-



pervision while Suhaib Yattoo completed his Masters from the Imperial College London and is currently enrolled in Cambridge for his Ph.D."

Wachkoo, who studies at the Punjabi University in Patiala, is mentoring a new generation of entomologists in Kashmir to study the taxonomy of insects in the Kashmir Himalaya.

The discovery of the new species of hoverfly adds to the understanding of the rich insect life in the Kashmir region besides highlighting the importance of local expertise in scientific discovery.

Hoverflies act as important pollinators in high-altitude alpine regions and help in nutrient recycling. The female of the newly discovered hoverfly has been named Spilomyia Recta.

The breakthrough came during a biodiversity survey conducted by the research team in the Rafiabad forests.

"To confirm the identification, male specimens were required, and it took the team more than two years to locate and capture the male specimens for the

study. After a detailed morphological analysis and DNA sequencing, it was confirmed that the species was indeed new to science, despite its close resemblance to the European Congener."

"What makes this discovery particularly exciting is the hoverfly's uncanny resemblance to Wasps. This mimicry likely helps protect it from predators, who mistake it for the more dangerous Wasp."

"Our initial observations suggest that this hoverfly species plays a crucial role in nutrient recycling in its habitat. Moreover, we believe it could be a potential pollinator of high-altitude medicinal plants, which are vital to the region's biodiversity and traditional medicine practices," said Amir Maqbool.

The discovery underscores the biodiversity of the Kashmir region and its potential for further scientific exploration. It also demonstrates the valuable contributions of local scientists to global entomological knowledge and ecosystem understanding.

## 'Academia Industry Partnership To Strengthen Livestock Sector'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Kashmir under Public Private Partnership with Khyber Greens Pvt. Ltd to mitigate fodder scarcity has established a State of Art Silage Production facility at KVK Ganderbal.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed at Shalimar, Srinagar on 09-08-2024 between SKUAST-Kashmir and M/s Khyber Green Private Limited.



The MoU was signed for extension and inclusion of mutually beneficial collaborations to strengthen the livestock sector in feed and fodder production, preservation and fortification activities. The MoU was signed by Prof. D.M. Makdoo on behalf of SKUAST-Kashmir and Mr. Rouf Trambo on behalf of Khyber Green Pvt. Ltd in presence of Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K. Under this MoU commercial production of silage shall be undertaken at KVK-Ganderbal, Shuhama to mitigate fodder

scarcity and make available quality fodder to farmers associated with dairy and sheep sector. This collaboration shall help year round availability of fodder, help in improvement of animal productivity and boost the economic returns and profitability of the livestock sector. Others present during the MoU signing ceremony included, Dean, Faculty of Horticulture, Prof. Shabir Ahmad Wani, OSD to Vice Chancellor, Prof. Azmat

Alam Khan, Officers of Directorate of Extension, Dr. Ishfaq Abidi, PC KVK Ganderbal and the scientific staff of the KVK.

The Vice Chancellor expressed the hope that MoU will on one hand facilitate quality Animal feeding and at the same time boost entrepreneurship in Dairying Sector. He urged scientists to carry out the impact study of this novel intervention & dovetail the programme with the ongoing research projects. He also advocated replication of this novel intervention at other KVVs of the Valley.

## Regional Training Of 21st Livestock Census On Software & Breeds Conducted



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India and Jammu & Kashmir conducted a "Regional Training of 21st Livestock Census on Software (Mobile & Web Application/ Dashboard) and Breeds for State and District Nodal Officers (SNO/DNO) of Jammu & Kashmir and UT of Ladakh". The workshop was held in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir to train the State/District Nodal Officers of these states on newly launched mobile and web applications for conducting 21st Livestock Census which is scheduled during September-December 2024.

Alka Upadhyaya conveyed her best wishes and greetings for the 21st Livestock Census virtually. She shared insights of the impact of Livestock Sector on the Indian Economy and the position of India in terms of global trade of livestock sector produce.

Advisor (Statistics), Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India Shri Jagat Hazarika inaugurated the workshop in the presence of Shri G A Sofi, Secretary, Department of Agriculture Production, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir, Dr. B P Mishra, Director, ICAR-NBAGR, Shri V P Singh, Director, Statistics Division, DAHD, Govt. of J&K, and Dr. Altaf Ahmad Laway, Director, DAHD, Kashmir, Govt. of J&K.

Jagat Hazarika highlighted the importance of this workshop in his address, underscoring the department's commitment to leveraging technology for accurate and efficient data collection. He emphasized the collective re-

sponsibility of all stakeholders to ensure the success of the 21st Livestock Census, which will play a critical role in shaping the future policies and programs of the Animal Husbandry sector and urged them to leverage the latest technologies to ensure the success of the census.

G A Sofi addressed the workshop and highlighted the need for comprehensive training and capacity building at the grassroots level. He underscored the importance of the livestock sector to India's economy and food security. He called for meticulous planning and execution of the census, stressing that the data gathered would play a crucial role in shaping future initiatives and addressing challenges in the sector.

In his address, Dr. Altaf Ahmad Laway emphasized the integration of sustainable practices within the livestock sector. He pointed out that the analysis and logical use of the data obtained after the livestock census will pave the way for formulating future departmental policies and implementing programs, as well as creating new schemes and generating employment in the field of animal husbandry for the benefit of livestock farmers. He highlighted the adoption of best practices in milk production across India by the J&K government and articulated how livestock contributes to the financial empowerment of farmers, addressing their cash needs effectively. He also talked about the latest technologies developed by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), such as the use of sex-sorted semen. He extended a warm welcome to delegates from all states and wished them a successful training session.

## Dry Spell Delays High Density Apple Picking In Kashmir

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The persistent dry spell has delayed the apple picking process and the insufficient rainfall has slowed the ripening process of the apple in the Valley.

Growers from different areas of Kashmir said that high-density apple orchards have been gaining popularity in Kashmir due to their higher yield potential and shorter gestation period.

However, despite having drip irrigation facilities, they too have been affected by the current weather conditions, the growers said, adding that the lack of sufficient rainfall has slowed the growth and ripening process of the apples, pushing the picking season back by weeks.

Farooq Ahmad, a high density apple grower from Shopian said that despite having drip irrigation facilities, high density apples have also got affected by the current weather as the rains are pivotal for growth of any plant. He said that some growers have quality fruit but there are some who have fruit that is smaller in size and less shiny.

"The dry spell has indeed made things difficult, but we are adapting as best as we can," said Abdul Rahim, a high-density apple grower in Pulwama district.

"We are hopeful that the weather will improve soon, allowing us to pick the apples at the right time and get good returns."

While the persistent dry spell presents significant challenges, the hope for good returns keeps the growers optimistic. Growers said that they are hopeful that there will be good demand for high density apples like the last few years. --(KNO)

## JAMMU AND KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD (JKSSB)

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### NOTIFICATION

Subject: Document Verification of candidates falling under consideration zone for various posts - regarding.

The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB), vide Notification No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/16/2024-06 (7471425) dated: 10-06-2024, issued the Result/Score-sheet of the candidates who appeared in the OMR based written examination held on 19-05-2024 for the following posts:

S.No.	Advertisement No.	Item No.	Department	Name of Post
1	06 Of 2020	206	Hospitality and Protocol Department	Table Boy
2	06 of 2020	207	Hospitality and Protocol Department	Table Boy
3	01 of 2021	111	Hospitality and Protocol Department	Table Boy
4	04 of 2020	053	Culture	Binder
5	06 of 2020	210	Hospitality and Protocol Department	Waiter (For Delhi)
6	06 Of 2020	211	Hospitality and Protocol Department	Room Bearer (For Delhi)
7	04 of 2021	642	Animal/Sheep Husbandary and Fisheries Department	PBX Operator
8	01 of 2021	113	Horticulture	Katib
9	06 of 2020	205	Hospitality and Protocol Department	Telephone Operator
10	06 of 2020	208	Hospitality and Protocol Department	Telephone Operator
11	04 of 2021	638	Animal/Sheep Husbandary and Fisheries Department	Junior Grader
12	04 of 2021	639	Animal/Sheep Husbandary and Fisheries Department	Rakhoverseer
13	01 of 2021	070	Horticulture	Cameraman
14	06 of 2020	235	Home	Orderly
15	06 of 2020	236	Home	Chowkidar
16	01 of 2021	030	Horticulture	Assistant Seaman

The J&K Services Selection Board (JKSSB), vide Notice No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/16/2024-06 (7471425) dated: 18-07-2024, issued Clubbing Notice, wherein, the candidates who had appeared in the above said examination and had applied for multiple advertisements, with some items not being reflected on their admit cards or issued multiple admit cards were asked to submit their details w.e.f. 18-07-2024 to 21-07-2024, as per devised format on jkssbclubbingrequest@gmail.com for clubbing of their Roll Nos.

The requests so received in the Board have been examined and clubbed. Accordingly, keeping in view the need and objective to fill all requisitioned vacancies, the candidates who are falling under the consideration zone for the aforementioned posts, given in Annexure "A" to this notification, are hereby called upon to appear physically before the designated Document Verification Committees of the Board for the verification/scrutiny of their documents/certificates as per the schedule and venue indicated against each.

In case, any item number/advertisement notification is missing in Annexure "A" against any candidates name/roll number, such candidates are advised to submit clubbing requests as per the format enclosed (Annexure B) on 09-08-2024 at JKSSB, Central Office, CPO Chowk, Panjtirthi, Jammu/JKSSB, Central Office, Zamzam Complex, Rambagh, Srinagar.

No further claim in this regard shall be entertained by JKSSB after the expiry of the stipulated period or through any other medium.

The candidates are required to produce following documents/certificates in original, along-with one set of self-attested copies, before the designated Document Verification Committee:

- Copy of Application Forms.
- Two passport size recent colour photographs.
- One original photo ID Proof i.e. Aadhar card/Voter Card/Pan Card/Passport etc.
- D.O.B Certificate (10th Diploma/Marks card).
- Valid Category Certificate, if belongs to reserved categories.
- Domicile Certificate.
- Marks Sheet of Matric/Matric with Science.
- Prescribed Qualification/Certificates/Diploma/Experience certificates as per Advertisement Notifications.
- Bonafide certificate on the format prescribed by the Board duly issued by the Controller/Registrar of the concerned Institute/Board in respect of candidates, who have obtained the qualification/Diploma from outside the UT of J&K.
- Checklist sheet/form to be submitted by candidates at the time of their D.V. (as per Annexure-C).
- The candidates must also submit their order of preferences for various items/posts/advertisements (as per Annexure-D) in offline mode to the Document Verification committees.
- Candidates who have been shortlisted under Item Nos. 235 and 236 of 06 of 2020 need to submit an Undertaking in the shape of an Affidavit, where the prescribed qualification is minimum Matric and maximum 10+2. The undertaking should be in the shape of an Affidavit duly attested by the Executive Magistrate 1st Class to the effect that:
  - He/she is possessing the minimum qualification of Matric and Maximum of 10+2 and he/she is not possessing the higher qualification than that is prescribed for the post as on cut-off date.
  - If at any stage of the selection or later on, it is found that he/she is possessing the higher qualification than that is prescribed for the post, his/her candidature shall be cancelled ab-initio, without any further notice and he/she shall have no objection if his/her name for the said post(s) is rejected.

The candidates who fail to appear before the respective Document Verification Committee(s) on the scheduled date shall forfeit their right to selection.

No.: JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/16/2024-06 (7471425)  
Dated: 08-08-2024  
DIPK-4412-24  
DT: 09/08/2024

Sd/-  
Reyaz Ahmad Malik (JKAS)  
Controller of Examinations  
JKSSB Services Selection Board

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No:- 770-W/169/WA-1/FZR-149-2024-Sr.DEN-IFZR & 150-2024-25-ADEN-LDH acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date: 28.08.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Bid System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
07.08.2024	14.08.2024	28.08.2024

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of offer	Period of Completion
1.	149-2024-25-Sr.DEN-IFZR	Supplying & Laying Geo Textile after Pre and post tamping track measurement survey using Trimble GEDO VORSIS trolley system between LDH-JRC (UP & DN Line) in the Jurisdiction of Sr.DEN-IFZR	9153925.00	60 Days	60 Days	06 Months
2.	150-2024-25-ADEN-LDH	Upgradation/Improvement of Sanehal Goods Shed under ADEN/LDH	41851221.92	60 Days	60 Days	06 Months

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
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Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Bid System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
08.08.2024	16.08.2024	30.08.2024 / 15:00 Hrs.

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# The New Legal Overhaul

Implications and Challenges of New Criminal Laws in India

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India's legal framework is experiencing a significant overhaul with the introduction of new criminal laws. The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) are set to replace the long-standing Indian Penal Code (IPC) of 1860, the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) of 1973, and the Indian Evidence Act of 1872. This shift reflects an effort to modernize the legal system to better address contemporary needs while prompting important discussions about implementation and effectiveness.

One of the central issues in this legal evolution is the balance between modernization and the preservation of India's rich architectural and archaeological heritage. The question arises: Can the country afford to erase or demolish elements of its historical and cultural identity in the pursuit of progress? It is evident that while modernization is crucial, preserving India's historical and cultural identity remains paramount.

Article 21 of the Indian Constitution guarantees that no person shall be deprived of life or personal liberty except according to a procedure established by law. This fundamental right forms the basis of the Indian Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, and the Indian Evidence Act, which have long served as the cornerstone of the criminal justice system in India. These criminal laws form the bedrock of criminal justice system in India, shaping the day-to-day functioning of society.

The new criminal laws aim to



address several pressing issues. For instance, the revised legal framework seeks to promote gender neutrality, a significant shift from previous laws where offenses such as outraging the modesty of a woman were exclusively applicable to male perpetrators. Under the new provisions, both men and women can be held accountable for such crimes.

Additionally, the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita introduces new provisions to address contemporary criminal issues. These include offenses related to sexual intercourse by deceitful means, gang rape of minors, mob lynching, organized crime, terrorist acts, and Ponzi schemes. Conversely, the new laws have removed certain offenses such as sedition, attempted suicide, and adultery.

The new laws also incorporate innovative approaches to punishment and the use of technology.

Community service has been introduced as a form of punishment for petty offenses and defamation. Furthermore, the integration of technology into the criminal justice system aims to enhance efficiency and safeguard civil liberties. This includes digitization, the use of forensic experts in crime scenes, and the audio-visual recording of searches and seizures.

One of the critical objectives of the new Criminal Procedure Code is to address longstanding delays in the judicial process. The BNSS introduces provisions that allow for the electronic examination of witnesses and evidence, which could significantly reduce delays in trials. Additionally, trials are mandated to be completed within three years, with judgments issued within 45 days of being reserved. While these changes are promising, their success depends

on the availability of resources and infrastructure to support these new procedures.

However, the implementation of these new laws faces several challenges. Adequate training for judiciary and law enforcement personnel is crucial to effectively adapt to the new technologies and procedures. Moreover, the current infrastructure may need significant upgrades to support these advancements.

Another area of contention is the naming of the new laws. The use of Hindi names for the new acts has generated criticism, although the government contends that the content of the laws remains in English. This issue highlights concerns about accessibility and regional disparities within the legal system.

In conclusion, the introduction of new criminal laws in India marks a significant step towards modernizing the legal system and addressing contemporary issues. Nonetheless, the effectiveness of these reforms will depend on the successful implementation of new technologies, adequate resources, and ongoing adaptation to evolving legal practices. However, the successful implementation of these reforms will depend on overcoming challenges related to infrastructure, training, and regional accessibility.

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There is a problem, fundamentally, in viewing the regime change in Bangladesh as a 'stand-alone' event. The caveat must be added right at the outset that when it comes to processing situations, nothing happens for no reason at all. There is very little awareness in India, especially in the media, about what has been going on. Mostly, it's 'cut-and-paste' job culled out from the jaundiced western accounts from a new Cold War angle.

Aren't we suffering from a tunnel vision by hoping India could insulate itself by working with the Americans once they are in charge in Dhaka? Surely, Americans will be looking at India as a 'counterweight' to China? Such notions have already appeared in print.

The very fact that it was the NSA, Ajit Doval who was deputed to receive Sheikh Hasina at the Hindan Air Force Station speaks volumes about the government's narrow vision. We are nervous about offering political asylum to Sheikh Hasina at a time when she has been virtually blacklisted by the US and the UK.

In a comparable situation, it took about an hour for our Mission in Islamabad to get a response on the 'hot line' from the Foreign Secretary late JN Dixit conveying the verbal approval of then-PM Narasimha Rao granting political asylum for Afghan President Najibullah who was abdicating power in real time. Rao apparently took a split second to make up his mind.

Rao's decision was consistent with our cultural ethos and history. We didn't agonise whether the Mujahideen groups or their mentors in Rawalpindi — or the high command in Washington (who detested Najib) — would resent it. On the contrary, we were confident that India's stature would only rise in the esteem of the Afghan nation. And that was precisely how it turned out to be.

Just watch the video clipping of an interview with Mohammad Yunus by Times Now (below) who heads the interim government in Dhaka. Don't have any illusions that he has warm feelings towards India. Yunus alleged that it was Awami League cadres who slaughtered Hindus and burnt down their properties. He is non-committal about friendship with India and advises New Delhi to work harder to earn respect and friendship.

Such a combative tone comes only because the Americans are solidly backing him. Yunus has been assiduously built up by the Americans through decades. It is not a secret that Nobel Prize is awarded for promising proxies.

True to an established pattern in colour revolutions, the proposal nominating Yunus as the head of the interim government apparently originated from an obscure self-styled student leader who was himself lionised in the western media as a rising star — and was likely prompted to plant the idea. The proposal was immediately accepted by the president!

The chronicle of Nobels has an interesting story to tell — they hail overwhelmingly from countries that are regarded as unfriendly by the US and chosen for their potential to bring disrepute to their own countries' ruling elite or discredit certain regimes whose independent policies and

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'strategic autonomy' are resented by Washington.

Take a cursory look at the past 5-year period alone. The chosen few were Narges Mohammadi, Iranian human rights activist (2023); Ales Bialiatski, Belarusian 'pro-democracy activist' (2022); Dmitry Muratov, Russian journalist (2021); Maria Ressa, Filipino-American journalist who focused on the human rights record of former President Rodrigo Duterte whose 'anti-Americanism' was a legion (2020).

The Deep State spotted Yunus as early as in 1965 when he was taken away as a Fulbright Foreign Student to Vanderbilt University and spent the next few years in America. (In the recent decades, Americans use Singapore as the training ground for their proxies.) Over the years, American mentors lavishly patronised Yunus's NGO known as Grameen Bank, which, since its creation in 1983, provided a whopping \$7.6 billion (as of end of 2008) in collateral-free loans in over one lakh villages in Bangladesh, creating a vast network of influence in the country!

In September 2010, the House of Representatives of the US Government unanimously passed a bill to award Yunus the Congressional Gold Medal, which is, by the way, along with the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Presidential Citizens Medal the highest civilian award in the United States the highest awards given by the USG.

President Barack Obama promptly signed the bill. Only the previous year, in 2009, Yunus was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Obama. Thus, Yunus joined the pantheon of America's world heroes who received all three distinctions — Nobel Peace Prize (2006), Presidential Medal of Freedom (2009) and the Congressional Gold Medal (2010). The only other 6 heroes keeping company with Yunus were Martin Luther King Jr., Elie Wiesel, Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, Norman Borlaug and Aung San Suu Kyi.

Yunus never looked back.

But, as Americans would say, there is nothing like free lunch. From circa 2010, Yunus was launched as a participant in the campaigns of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), a platform created by Ronald Reagan in 1983, to provide the CIA with a convenient tool to destabilise foreign governments by sponsoring projects of non-governmental groups for 'democratic roles.'

NED is a unique, well-rounded institution funded by the US Congress. Its 'nongovernmental' character gives it flexibility that makes it possible to work in difficult circumstances, and respond quickly when there is an opportunity for political change. Simply put, it enables the CIA to hide its hands in the destabilisation game.

NED claims to be dedicated to fostering the growth of a wide range of democratic institutions abroad, including political parties, trade unions, free markets and business organisations, as well as the many elements of a vibrant civil society that ensure human rights, an independent media, and the rule of law.

With seamless backing from the US Government, NED has grown by leaps and bounds and in recent years acquired a sharper focus on strategic priorities — such as in Georgia, Ukraine, Armenia, Thailand. Yunus's main qualification as the choir boy of NED's 'democratisation' project was that he ran an NGO backed by US funds. Suffice to say, a mythical halo was created around it by the Americans, which of course, they are good at while building up the profile of their proxies.

In 2011, Bangladesh government forced Yunus to resign from Grameen Bank, sensing his political ambitions.

The big question is what next? It is highly improbable that Yunus, 84, is equipped to be a nation-builder in the rough-and-tumble Bangladeshi politics.

The Americans, however, need some breathing space before replacing him — likely elevating him as next president. The colour revolution was hastily staged although conditions were ripe for mounting one. The students are demanding power-sharing; the conservative, centre-right Bangladesh Nationalist Party is raring to go; the Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, the largest of the country's Islamist political parties, is cadre-based and can be storm troopers of the highest bidder.

If a US-UK-Pakistani intelligence axis was indeed instrumental in the dethroning of Hasina, as seems the case, all bets are off. Trust them to keep the new set-up going by hook or crook — as in Islamabad since 2022.

The US secretary of state Antony Blinken in his first remarks to the media pointedly avoided any demand that the country should hold early elections. Blinken said, "we're monitoring the situation very closely. I would just say that any decisions that the interim government makes need to respect democratic principles, need to uphold the rule of law, need to reflect the will of the people."

"We for our part take very seriously the safety and security and well-being of American citizens, of our personnel. We went, as I think you know, to ordered departure of our non-essential personnel, and of course we'll be watching this day in, day out."

To be sure, Washington is nervous whether it has bitten more than it could chew. It is entirely conceivable that the pattern in Pakistan may be repeated in Bangladesh — a comprador class ushered into power through 'elections' while the military calls the shots from behind the scenes with the support of the US-UK-Pakistani condominium, which engineered the overthrow of Hasina. The future is foreboding, because, for Washington, geopolitics by far supersedes regional security and stability.

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# Increasing Film Tourism in Jammu and Kashmir

A blend of mesmerizing locations and breathtaking memories

Mohammad Hanief

Jammu and Kashmir, with its breathtaking beauty and incredible landscape that is dotted with meadows, valleys, high altitude passes, dense forests of pine and conifer, lakes, apple orchards, snow capped peaks of Pir Panjal Ranges, provides just the perfect background for shooting a film and no wonder then, that it is highly sought after. Several movies have been shot in this beautiful region, with film tourism in Jammu and Kashmir remaining as popular as ever.

Jammu and Kashmir has built a legendary association with Indian and International Film Industry as an ideal destination for film shooting and other associated activities.

Kashmir has always been a highly sought after film location in India, and has always attracted film makers, producers, directors and actors. Bollywood's love affair with Kashmir began from the 1960's, when several movies like Himalaya Ki God Mein, Jab Jab Phool Khile, Kashmiri ki Kali and Janwar were some of the popular films shot in Jammu and Kashmir. Not only did the pristine alpine location play a large role in contributing to their success, but also increased Kashmir's popularity as a shooting location.

The valley is considered to be a fitting backdrop for romantic movies. Many romantic Bollywood flicks have been shot in valley among which Kashmir Ki Kali, Jungle, Jab Jab Phool Khile, Kabhi Kabhi, Bobby, Silsila are famous ones. Recently movies like Jab Tak Hain Jaan, Ye Jawani Hain Deewani, Rockstar, Highway, Haider, Bhajrangji Bajjaan have also been shot in Kashmir.

Who can forget "Betaab Valley" of Pahalagam in romantic songs of movie "Betaab" or world famous Dal lake in "chand sa roshan chehra" of "Kashmir ki kali." The song "jiya Re" of "Jab tak hain jaan" saw Anuska Sharma dancing on a shikara, in the middle of the Dal Lake. The "madno" song of movie "lamhaa" was shot at various Mughal gardens in Srinagar. One of the recent Abhishek Kapoor directed movies, fitor was shot in Nishat garden and banks of Dal lake.

Not only as a beautiful backdrop, Bollywood has, from time to time, made movies about Kashmir. Raja, Dilse, lamhaa, Tahaan, Mission Kashmir, Sikander are few movies where Kashmir was treated as a subject. Bajrangji Bhajjaan, the Salman Khan-Ka-



reena Kapoor starrer movie, was shot in certain notable locations of Kashmir, one of them being Sonmarg. Sonmarg is a hill station in the Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir. This beautiful hill station lies amidst the majestic Himalayan Ranges and is thus, extremely scenic.

Not only is it good for the movie, but also spreads its popularity as a lovely tourist destination among tourists and travellers. Jammu and Kashmir was the most preferred among the other film tourism destinations in the past few decades, and even today, continues to remain a favourite, attracting filmmakers from all over India and across the globe.

The trend of shooting movies in Jammu and Kashmir continued well into the 1970's and 1980's too, with its splendid location and locales continuing to cast their magic spell on the audiences. But it was not just national, but also international filmmakers who were attracted to it. Two international movies, The Razor's Edge in 1983, and The Climb in 1986, were shot in two different locations in Kashmir Valley.

Although the entire region of Jammu and Kashmir is blessed with breathtaking beauty, there are some places which stand out from the others, making them the best locations for film shooting in Jammu and Kashmir and among them are Sonmarg, Doodhpathri, Dal Lake, Aru Valley, Pahalagam, Nishat Bagh, Gulmarg etc.

Film tourism has emerged as a powerful tool for economic development and cultural exchange, and nowhere is this potential more evident than in Jammu and Kashmir. The region's unparalleled natural beauty,

combined with its rich cultural heritage, makes it an ideal location for film productions. This was the central theme of discussion at the recent Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Conclave, held at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) last month. Bollywood filmmakers and local stakeholders gathered to explore the economic impacts and opportunities presented by film tourism in the region.

Jammu and Kashmir, often referred to as "Paradise on Earth," boasts some of the most breathtaking landscapes in the world. From the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas to the serene Dal Lake and lush valleys, the region's natural beauty provides an idyllic backdrop for filmmakers. This scenic splendor, coupled with the UT's unique cultural tapestry, makes Jammu and Kashmir an attractive destination for film producers seeking exotic and picturesque locations.

First and foremost, film productions generate direct revenue through the hiring of local talent, the use of local services, and the payment of location fees. This immediate influx of money can have a significant positive impact on local businesses and communities. Furthermore, films shot in specific locations often attract tourists who wish to visit the places they have seen on screen. For a region like Jammu and Kashmir, which is keen to develop its tourism sector, the potential for increased visitor numbers due to film tourism is substantial.

Jammu and Kashmir Film Policy, which has streamlined the process for obtaining film shooting permissions. Since its launch, over 350 shooting permissions

have been granted, reflecting the growing interest of filmmakers in the region. One of the significant steps taken under the new policy is the establishment of a Single Window System. This system simplifies the bureaucratic process, making it easier for filmmakers to get the necessary approvals. By reducing red tape, the government aims to make Jammu and Kashmir a more attractive and accessible destination for film productions.

Local stakeholders play a crucial role in supporting film productions. From providing accommodation and catering services to offering logistical support and transportation, the involvement of local businesses is essential. Moreover, employing local talent as cast and crew members not only provides job opportunities but also helps in building a skilled workforce in the region. Community engagement is another critical aspect. For film tourism to be sustainable, it must be welcomed and supported by the local population.

Ensuring that local communities are involved in the decision-making process and that they benefit directly from film tourism can help foster a positive environment for filmmakers. While the potential benefits of film tourism in Jammu and Kashmir are significant, there are also challenges that need to be addressed.

By leveraging its natural beauty and cultural richness, Jammu and Kashmir can position itself as a premier destination for film productions. Collaboration is the key to success. The government, film industry, local businesses, and communities must work together to create a conducive environment for film tourism. By addressing the challenges and maximizing the opportunities, Jammu and Kashmir can unlock the full potential of film tourism and reap its economic and cultural benefits.

Film tourism in Jammu and Kashmir holds immense promise. The region's stunning landscapes and rich cultural heritage make it an ideal location for filmmakers, while the economic benefits of film tourism can drive growth and development. By fostering a supportive environment, addressing challenges, and promoting sustainable practices, Jammu and Kashmir can emerge as a leading destination for film tourism, benefiting both the local economy and the broader cultural landscape.

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## 16-Year-Old Kashmiri Prodigy Captivates with Weather Forecasts

KO Web Desk

Ali Mustafa, a 16-year-old from Srinagar, Kashmir, is making waves in the world of meteorology. With a keen interest in weather patterns since childhood, he has carved a niche for himself as a promising young forecaster.

Under the moniker "Bengaluru Weatherman," he has gained a following on Twitter where he shares weather predictions for the city.

"I began my journey in Bengaluru, where I spent a significant part of my life. It was during this time there that I developed a deep fascination with weather forecasting," Ali told Kashmir Observer.

Despite his young age, he has already garnered both admiration and skepticism. While many in the local forecasting community have been supportive of his talent, there are also those who have met his enthusiasm with indifference or even hostility.

According to Ali, "While there were many naysayers, I found my friends in Labeeb Gulzar, Afnan and Sabir who are hidden gems of the weather forecasting community for me."

Undeterred by the challenges, Ali continues to refine his skills and expand his knowledge. His story is an inspiration to many young people, demonstrating that with passion, dedication, and hard work, one can achieve remarkable things at a young age.

Ali is one of the new entrants in the emerging young freelance forecasters community that we have seen in Kashmir in the last few years.

Ali is still in school and attends DPS Srinagar. Yet, he's not letting his young age come in the way of his passion.

"My long-term goal is to become a robotics engineer, a field I believe will complement my interest in weather forecasting," Ali told KO.

## 3 Silent Ways Pent-Up Resentments Poison Our Lives

Here's how resentments can corrode our lives and relationships

Jeffrey Bernstein

Picture this: You've just had another argument with your partner about something trivial—maybe it was about the dishes left in the sink or the tone of voice used during a conversation. The issue seems minor but reopens a wound from an unresolved conflict months ago.

You hold back, deciding not to escalate things further. But instead of letting it go, you store it away, adding it to the growing pile of grievances in your mind. You've just ingested the first poison of pent-up resentment: the slow burn.

### Poison 1: The Slow Burn

When left unspoken and unresolved, resentment doesn't just sit quietly. It festers. The slow burn begins when you suppress your feelings, convincing yourself it's not worth bringing up. But over time, that suppressed emotion smolders beneath the surface, feeding off every slight irritation until it transforms into a full-blown inferno.

Imagine a married couple where one partner consistently feels unappreciated. They stay silent, hoping things will change, but the appreciation never comes. Instead of expressing their need, they let it burn inside, turning what was once love into contempt. Over time, this poison consumes their thoughts, and every interaction with their partner becomes another log on the fire.

### Poison 2: The Toxic Lens



Once resentment takes root, it distorts your perception. This is the second poison—the toxic lens. You begin seeing the world, particularly the people around you, through the murky filter of your unresolved anger.

Consider a friendship where one person feels they're always the one reaching out, making plans, and being there when times are tough. The other friend, oblivious to the imbalance, carries on as usual. The resentful friend starts to view every

interaction as proof of their friend's selfishness, even when they're not. They can no longer see the good intentions, only the perceived neglect.

This toxic lens alters your view of others and warps your self-perception. You start seeing yourself as a victim, helpless and unheard, reinforcing your resentment. It's a vicious cycle that becomes harder to break the longer it continues.

### Poison 3: The Relationship Erosion

The final and most destructive poison is relationship erosion. When researching my book, *The Anxiety, Depression, & Anger Toolbox for Teens*, I learned a lot about it from a parenting perspective. As resentment builds and the toxic lens colors your world, the foundations of your relationships begin to crumble. What once was solid and supportive now feels fragile and contentious.

Take the example of a parent-child

relationship where the child feels constantly criticized. They stop opening up, fearing judgment or disappointment. On the other hand, the parent feels unappreciated and disconnected, not understanding the child's withdrawal. The silent treatment begins, small slights become full-blown arguments, and the once-close bond erodes to breaking.

Resentment acts like acid, slowly eroding the ties that bind us to those we care about. It turns every interaction into a battleground, where neither side can genuinely win because the unspoken grudges tip the balance toward dysfunction.

### Breaking Free From the Poison

The good news is that these poisons can be neutralized. The antidote lies in open communication, forgiveness, and the willingness to confront and resolve underlying issues. It's about recognizing when the slow burn starts, removing the toxic lens, and rebuilding what resentment has eroded.

Next time you feel that familiar bitterness rising, ask yourself: What's the real issue? How can I address it before it turns toxic? By facing resentment head-on, you can break free from its grip and reclaim the health of your relationships and peace of mind.

Resentment may be a natural human emotion, but it can be tamed. Don't let it poison your life—let it be the catalyst for positive change instead.

The article was published by Psychology Today



# 'Brain Cells Maturing Quickly Possibly Behind Intellectual Disabilities, Autism'

Press Trust Of India

**A** faster-than-normal development of brain could be a possible reason for humans to develop intellectual disabilities or autism, according to a study.

Brain cells or neurons, especially those in the cognition region - the cerebral cortex - take years to fully mature, a process called 'neoteny' and known to be critical for developing advanced cognitive (thinking) processes distinct to humans.

The gene SYNGAP1, accord-

ing to researchers, encourages a prolonged development of these neurons.

However, the researchers at the Flemish Institute for Biotechnology, Belgium, found that changes or mutations to the gene disrupted the prolonged development, which they said could underlie some forms of intellectual disability and autism.

Intellectual disabilities refer to a set of neurodevelopmental conditions that affect one's functioning in two aspects - cognitive (thinking) processes, including learning and problem solving, and adaptive processes involving daily activities such as communication and being



social. Autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder in which one

displays repetitive behaviour along with affected social skills.

For the study, published in the journal Neuron, the researchers transplanted human neurons having mutated SYNGAP1 genes into brains of mice and then followed their development and function.

Studying the connections between neurons in the mice, the mutated neurons were found to "display a strong acceleration of their development" even as they "looked normal in most aspects", according to first author Ben Vermaercke.

"Most strikingly, they connected much faster with other neurons," Vermaercke said. The mutated neurons merged

faster into those in the cortical region and responded to visual information months ahead of their normal development schedule, indicating that maturing quickly led to early functionality of the neurons, the authors said.

While the previous studies have found that changes to the SYNGAP1 gene are a major cause of intellectual disabilities, the specific effects of the resulting disruption to the brain cells remained largely unknown, according to the researchers.

The findings have implications for understanding and developing treatment for intellectual disabilities and autism, they said.

# 'Women With PCOS At Higher Risk Developing Disordered Eating'

Press Trust Of India

Women with hormonal condition PCOS could be at about 50 per cent more risk of developing eating disorders, including bingeing, according to a new study.

Affecting roughly one in eight to 10 women in their reproductive ages globally, polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS) is marked by higher-than-usual testosterone levels and related symptoms, including irregular menstrual cycles and excess body hair.

The analysis is the first to confirm "an increased risk of specific eating disorders, including bulimia nervosa, commonly called bulimia, and binge eating disorder" among women affected by the hormonal condition, according to first author Laura Cooney, an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin, US.

Bulimia is marked by episodes of binge-eating, followed by resorting to means to avoid weight gain, which can include induced vomiting, excessive exercising or fasting.

Women having PCOS are known to be at a higher risk of experiencing metabolic disorders, such as diabe-



tes, and reproductive issues, including infertility.

"Many women with PCOS experience weight stigma, and that can be detrimental to mental health generally and contribute to disordered eating," Cooney said. For the study, published in The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism, the authors looked at results from 20 cross-sectional studies across nine countries. Data from close to 29,000 women with PCOS and over 2.5 lakh women not having the condition were included in the analysis.

"Individuals with PCOS had higher odds of any eating disorder, which persisted in studies where PCOS was diagnosed by Rotterdam criteria," the authors wrote.

According to the Rotterdam criteria, women are diagnosed with PCOS when they have two of these three key features - increased numbers of ovarian follicles containing immature eggs (called polycystic ovaries) seen on ultrasound, slightly higher levels of testosterone or related symptoms like excess body hair, and irregular or no menstrual periods.

Looking at the body mass indices (BMI) of women, the researchers found that both women with normal and those having a higher weight had a higher risk of disordered eating, suggesting that the risk of developing eating disorders did not depend on BMI.

"Our findings emphasise the importance of screening women with PCOS for eating disorders before clinicians share any lifestyle advice," Cooney said. "The lifestyle modifications we often recommend for women with PCOS - including physical activity, healthy diet and behaviour modifications - could hinder the recovery process for eating disorders. Health care providers need to be vigilant about screening for eating disorders in this population," Cooney said.

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## Expression of interest from registered dairy cow suppliers for participating in livestock Mandi/ Mela to be held on 16th August 2024

Department of Animal Husbandry Kupwara is going to establish single cow dairy units (a total of 17 single cow dairy units) under Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY) on 85% Govt. Share and 15% beneficiary share) in the village Oagbal. In this context the department is going to organize buyer-seller livestock Mandi/ Mela in village Oagbal on 16th August 2024. The arrangement of livestock Mandi cum Mela is envisaged to have an open choice for the beneficiaries for selecting a good quality animal at a reasonable price under the Technical guidance of the departmental experts and the Procurement Committee.

Accordingly applications as per the format given are hereby invited from the registered cattle dealers, preferably from district Kupwara for expression of their interest for participating in the said Mela.

### Terms & Conditions

- Registered Cattle dealers shall have to bring their livestock at the designated venue on 16-08-2024.
- The livestock (cows should be in good condition of health and productivity and free from any disease/vices. Technical parameters required are:

1.	Breed	Cross bred Jersey / HF cows
2.	Milk Yield/capacity	Minimum 06-08 litres per day
3.	Lactation	1st and 2nd
4.	Status	Milking with or without pregnancy

- All the animals made available for the sale should be pre-tagged and should be sourced/procured from outside district or outside UT of J & K.
- The procurement committee for the purposes shall be free to disqualify any animal if that does not qualify the above technical parameters.
- The milking cows supplied shall be subjected to a trial of 10 days for certifying the milk production capacity of cow and in case the cow fails to yield the desired quantity of milk, the supplier shall have to replace the animal within one week.
- The participating suppliers shall in no way force, pressurize or influence by any means the designated procurement committee for accepting or rejecting any animal from any supplier(s); doing or trying to do so shall disqualify the supplier for the whole exercise.
- Demand Draft of Rs 20000/= (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) favoring Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Kupwara is to be submitted under A/C No: 074804051000004 in J & K Bank B/U Regipora Kupwara along with application as security/caution money, that shall be adjusted/refunded after final outcome of the process. However, if any supplier fails to participate in the Mandi despite applying for it, he/she shall forfeit the claim on the deposited Demand Draft.
- Last date for receiving duly filled application forms in the office of the undersigned shall be 13/08/2024

Chief Animal Husbandry Officer  
Kupwara

### Application Form for Participation as Supplier in Livestock Mandi/Mela for Establishment of Single Cow Dairy Units under Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY)

Name of the Entrepreneur \_\_\_\_\_  
S/O, D/O, W/O \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Block \_\_\_\_\_ Tehsil \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact No \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration No \_\_\_\_\_  
Whether the caution money deposited or not yes /No  
If yes, Demand Draft No \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Submission \_\_\_\_\_

Certified that I shall abide by all the departmental norms and provide the supplies as per the terms and conditions laid down by the department and the information submitted is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed therein.  
DIPK-4471/24 DATED: 09-08-2024 Signature of the Dealer

GOVT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR  
**Office Of The Medical Superintendent**  
(AYUSHMAN BHARAT PM-JAY) DISTRICT HOSPITAL SHOPIAN  
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EXTENSION  
TENDER NOTICE  
Subject: Providing of diagnostic services (Histopathology at District Hospital Shopian)

Sealed Quotations are hereby invited from reputed diagnostic /registered Centres/ laboratories by the undersigned for finalization of the rates for providing Histopathology/Microbiologist service(s) to the patients admitted under the PMJAY at District Hospital Shopian. As such the facility to conduct the Biopsy at District Hospital Shopian is not available till date

In this regard a Quotation vide NO: DH/SPN/EST/AB-PMJAY/NHM/2024-25/ 478-81 Dated 31-07-2024 has been published on dailies J&K is hereby extended upto 12-08-2024 due to poor response.

Sd/-  
Medical Superintendent  
District Hospital Shopian

No:- Estt/MS/DH/SPN/2024-25/547-50  
DIPK-4472/24 Dated: 09/08/2024

**Office of the Chief Education Officer, Mini-Secretariat Shopian**  
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Subject:- Absorption/ regularization of eligible CPW's/ LFW's as Class-IV (MTS) in District Cadre Shopian for information of general public/ stakeholders

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Director School Education Kashmir constituted a committee for the absorption of CPW's/ LFW's as Class-IV employees vide Order No. 403-DSEK of 2021 dated-12/07/2021 in terms of SRO-308 dated:-16/10/2008; and

Whereas, this Office issued a tentative seniority list of qualified CPW's/ LFW's vide this Office Notification No. CEO/SPN/Estt/23/1205-11 dated:- 13/03/2023 for invitation of objections, if any, regarding seniority position and remarks/ observations raised by the District Level Screening Committee against each CPW/ LFW.

Whereas, after scrutinizing of the files, District Level Screening Committee during verification furnished a final seniority list of 163 cases of CPW's/ LFW's with the recommendations.

Whereas, the final seniority list was published through information department in Good Morning Kashmir, Victory of Kashmir and Fajar newspapers on August 20, 2023 vide this Office Notification No. CEO/SPN/Estt/NT/3610-18 Dated:-18/08/2023 for information among all stakeholders.

Whereas, after fulfillment of all formalities regarding absorption of CPW's/ LFW's in terms of SRO-308 dated:-16/10/2008, this notification is being published for information of general public/ stakeholders that Thirty Seven (37) cases of CPW's/LFWs are under consideration for absorption as Class-IV.

Whereas, this Office is proposed to issue regularization Orders in favour of these eligible Thirty Seven (37) CPW's/ LFW's who were recommended by the Departmental Promotion Committee for regularization/ absorption as Class-IV (MTS) in district cadre Shopian on available vacant posts and satisfactory receipt of Character and Antecedents report from the CID JK.

Therefore, this Notification is being published for information to all the stake holders and the general public that this office has issued absorption/ appointment orders in favour of Thirty Two (32) CPW's/ LFW's, in whose favour satisfactory Character and Antecedent report from CID J&K has been received.

Chief Education Officer Shopian

No: CEO/SPN/Estt/NT/24/10861-10903 Dated: 02-08-2024

Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER SHOPIAN**

Annexure 'A' to Notification No. CEO/SPN/Estt/NT/24/

S. No.	Seniority No.	Name of CPW/ LFW regularised	Parentage	Residence	Date of Birth	Date of Engagemnt of CPW/ LFW	Date of Eligibility
1	3	Ali Mohd Naikoo	Bashir Ahmad Naikoo	Sedow Dachuna	07/02/1967	07/11/1983	07/02/1985
2	4	Manzoor Ahmad Lone	Ab Razak Lone	Heerpora	01/03/1968	16/04/1982	01/03/1986
3	8	Gh. Hassan Ganie	Gh. Mohdammad Ganie	Chotipora	05/06/1969	01/06/1984	05/06/1987
4	10	Mohd Ahsan Thoker	Ab Aziz Thoker	Shirmal	14/03/1970	29/07/1988	29/07/1988
5	13	Mohd. Yaqub Lone	Gh. Mohd Lone	Sedow	13/04/1974	17/11/1991	13/04/1992
6	14	Mohd Anwar Lone	Abdul Gani Lone	Padderpora	01/12/1967	20/10/1992	20/10/1992
7	18	Ab Hamid Teeli	Gh Nabi Teeli	Safanagri	14/03/1975	15/03/1991	14/03/1993
8	22	Mohammad Rafiq Wani	Ab Gani Wani	Wangam	10/03/1975	03/03/1994	03/03/1994
9	23	Bilal Ahmad Bhat	Gh Mohd Bhat	Pergochi	09/03/1976	01/04/1991	09/03/1994
10	24	Mohd Yousf Ganai	Gh. Hassan Ganai	Zaipora	10/08/1976	02/10/1993	10/08/1994
11	29	Arifa Jan	Gh. Hyder Shah	Alyalpora Shopian	05/04/1976	25/07/1995	25/07/1995
12	30	Abdul Rahim Mugloo	Abdul Gani Mugloo	Batamuran	20/04/1970	01/04/1996	01/04/1996
13	32	Dilshada Akhter	Ab Gani Khanday	Cheremarang	02/12/1972	04/11/1996	04/11/1996
14	33	Basharat Ahmad Bhat	Gh Mohamad Bhat	Bonabazar Shopian	15/12/1978	01/04/1996	15/12/1996
15	41	Farida Akhter	Gh. Qadir Wagay	Pinjura	12/11/1982	07/03/1999	12/11/2000
16	44	Tariq Ahmad Lone	Nazir Ahmad Lone	Adijan	10/03/1984	01/12/1994	10/03/2002
17	46	Shugifta Nazir	Nazir Ahmad Ganai	Memender	16/04/1984	25/12/1997	16/04/2002
18	47	Bilal Ahmad Bhat	Gh Mohd Bhat	Kanigam	10/01/1984	03/06/2002	03/06/2002
19	48	Mohd. Sayar Naikoo	Gh. Mohd. Naikoo	Dangam	04/06/1984	01/03/1997	04/06/2002
20	51	Showkat Ahmad Ahangar	Ab Ahad Ahangar	Kanjuller	30/03/1985	03/06/2002	30/03/2003
21	54	Ab. Hamid Malik	Gh. Mohiddin Malik	Hushangpora	07/04/1975	23/03/2004	23/03/2004
22	59	Mohd Waseem	Nazir Ahmad Malik	Largam	30/12/1986	01/10/2002	30/12/2004
23	66	Sayar Ahmad Wani	Mohd Yousuf Wani	D,K Pora	15/03/1988	02/11/2005	15/03/2006
24	68	Bilal Ahmad Dar	Abdul Rashid Dar	Kachdoora	21/03/1988	01/03/2000	21/03/2006
25	72	Rafea Jan	Mohamad Yousuf Thoker	Pudsoo	12/06/1988	15/09/1997	12/06/2006
26	73	Ashaq Hussain Chek	Sona- ullah Chek	Nowgam	05/04/1985	23/06/2006	23/06/2006
27	86	Nissar Ahmad Khan	Bashir Ahmad Khan	Chek S. Khan	05/04/1979	01/03/2008	01/03/2008
28	87	Bilal Ahmad Bhat	Ab Rashid Bhat	Berthipora	26/01/1987	16/04/2008	16/04/2008
29	89	Sheeraz Ahmad Malik	Ab Ahad Malik	Hergam	18/06/1985	20/05/2008	20/05/2008
30	91	Riyaz Ahmad Naikoo	Ali Mohd Naikoo	Shahlatoo	10/08/1989	01/07/2008	01/07/2008
31	92	Ishfaq Ahmad Wani	Fayaz Ahmad Wani	Checki Reshnagri	10/05/1990	01/07/2008	01/07/2008
32	93	Adil Maqbool	Mohd Maqbool Hajam	Bohrihallan	03/07/1990	01/08/2003	03/07/2008

DIPK-4486/24  
dated: 09-08-2024

Chief Education Officer  
Shopian



## Investors' Wealth Swells By ₹4.46 Lakh Crore As Stocks Rebound

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Market investors became richer by ₹4.46 lakh crore on Friday as stocks made a smart comeback after the previous day's decline, driven by a rally in global peers.

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 819.69 points or 1.04 per cent to settle at 79,705.91. The benchmark surged 1,098.02 points or 1.39 per cent to hit the day's high of 79,984.24.

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms went up by ₹4,46,308.99 crore to ₹4,50,21,816.11 crore (\$5.37 trillion). "Strong global market cues provided a major impetus to local shares as Sensex surged more than 1,000 points in intra-day trade on all-round buying support. Despite volatility in foreign fund flows this year, capital infusion by domestic institutions have been robust over the past year or so, which is giving local markets a major succour in times of volatile phase," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research) at Mehta Equities Ltd, said.

Most of the Sensex firms settled in the positive territory. Tech Mahindra, Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra, JSW Steel, HCL Technologies, State



Bank of India, Reliance Industries and Infosys were the biggest gainers.

Kotak Mahindra Bank and Sun Pharma were the laggards from the Sensex pack.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge jumped 1.21 per cent and smallcap index climbed 0.79 per cent.

All the indices ended in the positive territory, with IT surging by 1.59 per cent, consumer discretionary by 1.57 per cent, realty by 1.56 per cent, auto by 1.51 per cent, tech by 1.41 per cent and capital goods by 1.37 per cent.

A total of 2,330 stocks advanced while 1,579 declined and 97 remained unchanged on the BSE.

"Positive US jobless claims data eased the fears of recession and provided a favourable broader market reaction," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

## Sebi Focuses On Improving Quality Of Info Given To Investors

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Sebi is looking to set up two new institutions -- Performance Validation Agency and Data Benchmarking Institution -- to improve the quality of information provided to investors in the securities market.

The first institution, Performance Validation Agency, will validate the claims of performance related to services offered by Investment Advisors (IAs), Research Analysts (RAs) and Algo providers.

Data Benchmarking Institution will provide a central repository of standardised and comparable data related to various asset classes.

Both institutions are aimed at improving the quality of information provided to investors in the securities market, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in its annual report for 2023-24.

Additionally, the regulator has proposed to create a closed ecosystem for fee collection by registered IAs and RAs through a separate mechanism to help investors ensure that their payments are reaching only registered IAs and RAs and help them identify, isolate and avoid unregistered entities, who would be unable to access this closed ecosystem.

For the year 2024-25, Sebi said that one of its focus areas



is capital formation for real estate and infrastructure sectors, and regulations may need to be customised to facilitate the growth of infrastructure and real estate in our country.

Towards this end, the regulator has set up an advisory committee for real estate investment trusts (REITs) and infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs) to understand needs of the market and its stakeholders.

Noting that every segment of infrastructure may need a somewhat different solution and a homogenous single set of regulations may not work in sectors as large as infrastructure and real estate, Sebi said regulations may need to be customised to the products that industry needs and such an approach can facilitate the growth of infrastructure and real estate in our country.

Investment in Infrastructure is also of great importance to the urban local bodies as municipal bonds are steadily gaining popularity for fundraising for investment in urban infrastructure.

## CAG Flags Financial Loss Of Rs 2,604 Cr To Railways On Interest Payments, GST Recovery, More

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has flagged financial losses to the Indian Railways to the tune of Rs 2604.40 crore in 33 case studies of non-recovery of loans and GST, improper decision to generate non-fare revenues, ineligible grant of concession, and unfruitful expenditures.

According to the CAG, the instances mentioned in the report are those which came to notice in the test audit for the period 2021-22 as well as those which came to notice in earlier years, but could not be reported in the previous Audit Reports.

In one of these 33 cases, the CAG said that the Ministry of Railways suffered a loss of Rs 834.72 crore in interest it was forced to pay to a third party on a loan of Rs 3,200 crore it had extended to IRCON for development of a land parcel.

IRCON paid the loan along with interest but no development of the land parcel was done, it said.

It recommended the fixing of the responsibility for this huge loss and avoid "decisions for generating Non-Fare Revenue at the fag end of the financial year without conducting proper feasibility studies."

In another case, the CAG found that the Railways didn't levy charges for shunting activity of engines resulting in loss of revenue of Rs 149.12 crore from 2018 to 2022 in East Coast Railway.

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A case of non-compliance to Goods and Services Tax (GST) provisions regarding

levying of GST on services provided by the Railways to Siding owners has also been flagged by the financial watchdog which resulted in non-collection of Rs 13.43 crore from siding owners.

It asked the Railways to realise the outstanding GST from the Siding owners at the earliest to avoid loss to the exchequer and fix a responsibility "at appropriate level for non-implementation of the provision of the GST notification."

According to the CAG, the West Central Railway administration did not revise the licence fee of the Land and Building, leased to the Department of Posts for Railway Mail Services which resulted in non-realization of Rs 10.61 crore from the Department of Posts.

"Ministry of Railways may ensure execution of agreements and realization of revised licence fee from the Department of Posts at the earliest," it recommended.

The CAG also noticed that undue favour in award of contract by IRCON International Limited.



## Lok Sabha Passes Bhartiya Vayuyan Vidheyak Bill 2024

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Lok Sabha on Friday passed a Bill to replace the 90-year-old Aircraft Act and further improve the ease of doing business in the aviation space.

The Bhartiya Vayuyan Vidheyak Bill 2024 seeks to remove redundancies and replace the Aircraft Act, 1934 -- which has been amended 21 times -- at a time when India is one of the fastest-growing civil aviation markets in the world.

The Bill seeks to resolve existing anomalies between various aviation laws and ensure a coherent regulatory environment with well-defined chapters and clauses.

With the proposed legislation, the ministry also aims to promote the ease of flying by having a robust regulatory framework, encouraging foreign direct investment, and ensuring compliance with international conventions and best practices.

Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, who moved the Bill for passage, emphasised the government's commitment to addressing issues related to airfares.

He announced plans to establish an efficient online grievance redressal mechanism to manage passenger complaints and ensure timely resolutions.

This mechanism aims to balance the interests of airlines and passengers, preventing exploitation through excessive airfares while maintaining the financial viability of airlines.

The Bill supports the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative by introducing provisions for regulating aircraft design and manufacturing. This aims to promote self-reliance within the aviation sector, enhancing domestic production capabilities and technological advancements, he said.

Naidu also highlighted the Bill's role in fostering growth in the helicopter industry, noting that India currently operates around 250 helicopters.

The new regulations are expected to boost domestic manufacturing and design capabilities.

Naidu addressed concerns about the language used in the Bill, clarifying that only a small portion of the text is in Hindi, with the majority being in English.

## Layoffs Continue In US, Canada As Companies Uncertain Of Economy

Reuters

**LONDON:** Companies in the United States and Canada have continued their job cuts in 2024 after letting go thousands last year, as the outlook on interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve remains uncertain even as recession fears recede rapidly.

Here is a snapshot of job cuts announced so far this year:

- \* Amazon's job cuts include less than 5% of employees at Buy with Prime unit, 5% at audiobook and podcast division Audible, several hundred in streaming and studio operations, 35% at streaming unit Twitch, a few hundred at healthcare units One Medical and Amazon Pharmacy. It also announced layoffs at Amazon Web Services (AWS) impacting several hundred roles in sales, marketing, and global services and a few hundred roles in the physical stores technology team.

- \* Layoffs at Alphabet include dozens at the division for developing new technology X Lab, hundreds in the advertising sales team, hundreds across teams, including the



hardware team responsible for Pixel, Nest and Fitbit, and a majority in the augmented reality team.

- \* Microsoft is cutting around 1,900 jobs at gaming divisions Activision Blizzard and Xbox.

- \* IBM plans to lay off some employees in 2024 but will hire more for AI-centered roles.

- \* Intel said it would cut more than 15% of its workforce, some 17,500 people, as the chipmaker pursues a turnaround focused on its money-losing manufacturing business.

- \* Paramount Global said it would cut 15% of its US workforce as the media conglomerate navigates the decline of the cable television business. The reduction is part of Paramount's efforts to cut \$500 million in costs ahead of its merger with Skydance Media and will affect roughly 2,000 people.

## JKEDI Hosts Sensitization Workshops For Govt Officials At Poonch, Kishtwar

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute JKEDI Friday conducted a sensitization workshop under J&K Startup Policy 2024-27 for the officials of various line departments of district Poonch and Kishtwar.

At Poonch, the workshop was held DC Office complex and saw participation from officers and officials of various departments including Sandesh

Kumar Sharma, ADDC Poonch, Principal Degree College, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer and General Manager District Industries Centre, Poonch.

In Kishtwar, the workshop was attended by the Principal and faculty of Government Degree Colleges, ITI and Polytechnic College of Kishtwar, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer and Assistant Director DE&CC Kishtwar. Officers and officials of various line departments

also attended the day-long workshop.

The workshops were aimed at enhancing government officials understanding of the J&K Startup Policy 2024-27 including the benefits under Startup JK and Startup India schemes. The officials were also sensitized on procurement of products and services from startups and organizing hackathons cum challenges to solve problems faced by the departments by seeking solutions from the startups.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

### OFFICE OF THE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER J&K RAIL HEAD COMPLEX, JAMMU / OLD SECRETARIAT SRINAGAR

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#### Notice Inviting Tenders (e-NIT) through GEM e-procurement Portal

The Transport Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir has decided to Implement the outsourcing of Centralized Printing of Driving Licenses (DLs) and Certificates of Registration (RCs)-Smart Card Printing Solutions in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

Through the medium of this Notice, all the eligible bidders are hereby informed that the Transport Commissioner J&K has, in this regard, published e-Bid through GEM Portal under GEM Bid Number: - GEM/2024/B/5267021 Dated: 08-08-2024 for seeking e-bids from the eligible bidders who intend to participate in the tendering process for the tender titled "Outsourcing of Centralized DL & RC Smart Card Printing Solutions in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir". Detailed tender document containing the RFP and other terms and conditions have been published through the GEM Bid referred to above. The same has also been made available for download from the following website of the department viz., www.jaktrans.nic.in.

Last Date of Submission of bids (Online): 29/08/2024 at 06:00PM

No. TCJK-ACC/ 239-41  
Date: - 08-08-2024

DIPK-4488-24  
DT: 09/08/2024

(Vinay Samotra), JKAS  
Joint Transport Commissioner, J&K  
(Chairman, Tender Inviting Authority)

### HEALTH & MEDICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, ANANTNAG

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**Subject:** Engagement of Iqrah Hussain Shah as Scientist B (Medical) on contract basis for Viral Research Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) project in CMC Anantnag.

**ORDER NO: 282 GMCA of 2024 DATED: 08 / 08/2024**

Pursuant to the selection list issued vide notification No. GMCA/Estt/Rec/VRDL/2024/3168-75 dated 22-07-2024 and CID verification report received from CID, J&K, Iqrah Hussain Shah, R/O Dalgam Anantnag is hereby engaged against the post of Scientist B (Medical) in GMC Anantnag on contract basis for Viral Research Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) project from DHR, ICMR under the scheme of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, initially for a period of one (01) year or till the continuation of project, whichever is earlier and yearly extendable subject to the good performance. The engaged candidate is directed to join GMC Anantnag at main campus Dalgam within a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this engagement order and shall be allowed to join on production of following documents/ testimonials in original for verification.

- Degree Certificate.
- Marks Certificate(s) of Degree Certificate
- Registration Certificate
- D.O.B Certificate.
- 10th/12th Marks sheet
- Domicile
- Experience Certificate (if any)

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- In case the selected candidate fails to join within a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this engagement order, it will be presumed that the said candidate is not interested and for that reason waiting list shall be operated.
- If the candidate found guilty of impersonation or submitting fabricated or tampered documents/testimonials or making statement which are incorrect/ false or suppressing material information shall render such person liable for legal action under law and his candidature shall be cancelled. In case such a defaulter is traced after selection, his contract shall be terminated.
- The candidate shall have to submit an affidavit duly attested by the Judicial Magistrate to the effect that:-
  - I am permanent resident of J&K UT
  - I will adhere to the roster duties to be issued by the Administration.
  - I am not an active in-service candidate.
  - I will not leave the department/ institute before the completion of one year contract.
  - I shall not claim for any regular appointment in the department.
  - I will not participate in any kind of strike during my tenure.
  - I am not involved in any criminal/subjudice activity nor there is any FIR pending/registered in Police Department against me.
  - If the documents submitted by me are found tampered/wrong at any point of time, my contractual engagement shall be cancelled
- The engagement is purely on contract basis for a period of one year or till the life of project whichever is earlier. However, in case of unsatisfactory performance, the contractual engagement can be terminated by the department.
- The contractual engagement shall not confer any right on the appointee to claim extension or for regular appointment at any point of time.
- The salary of the engaged candidate shall be kept withheld till the receipt of verification report of documents/ testimonials from the concerned quarter.

No. GMCA/Estt/Rec/VRDL/2024/3498-3505  
Dated: 08/08/2024

DIPK-4451-24  
DT: 09/08/2024

Prof.(Dr) Rukhsana Najeeb  
Principal  
GMC Anantnag



# CS takes stock of PDS through FCS&CA

## Also reviews functioning of Legal Metrology Department

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today held meetings of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) Department and Legal Metrology Department regarding their performance and functioning here in the UT.

Those present includes Commissioner Secretary, FCS&CA; Contoller, Legal Metrology Department; Director, FCS&CA, Jammu/Kashmir and other concerned officers either physically or virtually from Jammu.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary took note of the progress made by the Department in automation of their Fair Price Shops (FPS), Aadhar authentication and addition of eligible families besides implementation of one ration card one nation programme.

He also assessed the performance of the Department regarding updation and digitization of ration cards and timely delivery of ration to the consumers at government approved rates.

Dulloo took this occasion to impress upon the department to include Kashmiri Pandits in the NFSA database for extending benefits of different schemes to them. He also directed for completing the registration of e-Shram card holders under PDS as per Apex Court directions.

The Chief Secretary further



took note of the transportation of ration for door step delivery to consumers in different parts of the UT.

The Commissioner Secretary, FCS&CA, Zubair Ahmad informed the meeting about the current status of ration distribution and other initiatives taken by the department to make PDS more efficient in the UT.

He said that the Department is providing free and subsidized grains to around 25.11 lakh families comprising of 98.62 lakh beneficiaries. He added that out of these 66.17 lakh beneficiaries covered under NFSA are provided free rations and rest of the 32.44 lakh souls at highly subsidized rates.

It was further revealed that

the Department is distributing fortified rice to all the beneficiaries covered under different schemes. The meeting was also apprised that more than a million deletions were made while carrying out the de-duplication exercise and 67000 households added to PDS on shifting to RCMS.

About the digitization of ration cards, Aadhar seeding and automation of FPS, the meeting was apprised that these had already been saturated by the Department. It was further disclosed that 3736 IDs had been created after entering into an MoU with the CSCs for transformation of fair price shops in J&K.

Regarding One Nation One Ration Card policy, the meeting

was informed that the facility is available across the UT on 6377 POS devices using which consumers can avail rations from anywhere they prefer. It was given out that 35 lakh portability transactions were made here till now.

While highlighting the future course of action it was disclosed that the Department is envisaging e-KYC of all the beneficiaries under all the schemes which currently stands at 83% for NFSA and 66% for Non-NFSA consumers besides implementing smart PDS and inclusion of PDS left out e-Shram registrants.

The Controller, Legal Metrology, Majid Khalil Drabu while throwing light on the performance of the Department

made out that it enforces provisions of the Legal Metrology Act to regulate weights & measures here by way of their verification/ re-verification besides licensing of dealers, manufacturers and importers of packaged commodities.

Regarding the performance of the Department it was divulged that out of the 75,871 applications the Department has approved 70,158 applications with remaining with the applicants for certain clarifications.

During current financial year, it was given out that 120 verification camps were held across different districts of the UT. It was said that 203 petrol pumps were also verified with calibration of 2407 nozzles during this period.

About generation of revenue from stamping/verification by the Department it was enunciated that an amount of Rs 299 lakhs were collected besides Rs 12.29 lakh on account of user charges from weighbridge crane.

It was further added that the Department this year conducted about 23,193 inspections registering 1206 cases here in the UT. It was further disclosed that inspections of packaged commodities, weigh bridges, LPG cylinders for ensuring accuracy in their weights besides acting on complaints of the customers regarding violations of rules are some of the regular activities carried out by the Department all across J&K.

## KPDCL reaches out to domestic consumers with solar roof subsidy, power amnesty

### With UT share sanctioned, PM Surya Ghar now subsidized up to 60%

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) today described heavily-subsidized PM Surya Ghar Scheme and late payment surcharge waiver under Power Amnesty Scheme as major steps to reduce financial burden on the domestic consumers.

Beneficiaries of solar rooftops up to 3 kwp shall now be eligible for subsidy of Rs.94,800/- thereby making the PM Surya Ghar Scheme subsidized up to 60% of the project cost of Rs.1.59 lakh. Similarly, under the Power Amnesty Scheme, domestic consumers are already getting interest waiver if they pay their principal amount due in one go or instalments, till March 31, 2025.

In a press release issued here today, a KPDCL spokesperson said PM Surya Ghar Scheme has become more attractive after UT Government provided additional subsidy of Rs. 3,000 for 1 kwp, 6,000 for 2 kwp & Rs.9,000 for 3 kwp plant, which takes the maximum ceiling of subsidy from Rs.85,800/- earlier to Rs.94,800/- for a plant up to 3 kwp under the scheme. "UT Government shall reimburse its share along with MN&RE subsidy directly into the account of the beneficiary consumer, after successful commissioning of the plant

is uploaded on the National Portal," he said, adding that Government has sanctioned Rs.27.07 crore for 44,000 beneficiaries of Kashmir Division as UT share of subsidy, which shall be spread over till 31.03.2027.

Time-bound release of subsidy, empanelled vendors and online tracking of SRT on National Portal are the major highlights of the PM Surya Ghar Scheme for residential households. "Government has fixed a target of 1,000 solar rooftops per month for Kashmir DISCOM for which KPDCL has nominated engineers to facilitate the process of installation of SRT panels and submission of commissioning reports," he added.

The spokesman further urged the domestic consumers to avail the late payment surcharge waiver under the ongoing Power Amnesty Scheme, which is set to close on March 31, 2025. "So far, 1.05 lakh beneficiaries have settled their claims by paying the principal amount to KPDCL to the tune of Rs.150 crore," he added.

KPDCL spokesman further called upon the remaining 45,000 domestic consumers with huge electricity arrears to approach their Electric Subdivisions to avail the Amnesty Scheme at an earliest.

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### Security Concerns

Kumar also assured that the enthusiasm and high voter turnout seen in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections would not be diminished by such minor challenges.

"We are fully committed to ensuring that nothing disrupts the election process. Such situations will not arise, and we will not allow any forces to succeed by delaying the polls," he said.

"The forces and administration are more than capable of dealing with any such situation. The flag of democracy will continue to fly high," he added.

He said a "positive challenge" was the anticipated increase in participation from both candidates and voters.

"The challenge lies in making this a reality on the ground," he said.

Kumar stressed that all officials have been directed to be proactive in making the necessary arrangements at polling stations and on the ground.

"There was significant enthusiasm among young voters, and we aim to build on this momentum by providing an appropriate atmosphere, which is also a challenge we are ready to meet," he said.

The CEC outlined various directives regarding security, voter facilities, and providing the best possible environment for the elections.

**'Exact Poll Dates**  
small attempts to disrupt the polls can't derail the democratic process.

Addressing the press conference in Jammu, the CEC said, "Our forces are capable of dealing with the situation. We will not allow these small attempts to derail the election process in J&K," he said. "As far as the exact dates, we will conduct a final security requirement assessment back in Delhi and announce the poll dates accordingly." He kept the suspense about the exact dates of polls in J&K on.

He said that the political parties of J&K are on the same page as all of them want early polls. "The feedback we got from the security heads, officers from the administration and the district police chiefs is that though there are a few security challenges, they are ready for the peaceful elections in J&K," the CEC said.

The CEC, who was flanked by two Election Commissioners, said that he had come here earlier in connection with the Lok Sabha polls. "In May 2022, after the delimitation of J&K was done, the J & K Reorganisation Act was passed in the parliament in December 2023. Soon after that, we started the process of holding elections in J&K," he said. "Lok Sabha polls are over and Amarnath Yatra is still on. The people of J&K scripted history by participating in the polls in record numbers. World and people of India hailed the participation of women and youth in large numbers."

**Poll Panel Chiefs**  
"We are working with full commitment and resolve that nothing will be allowed to disrupt the elections. If we don't, it will become a chicken-and-egg situation. Whenever we will talk about elections, such activities will increase and we will be forced to step back. That will be like conceding defeat without even fighting. That won't happen," Kumar asserted.

"These things will not have an impact on the elections at all. Our forces

and the administration are capable enough to deal with any situation that arises. The flag of 'Jambhuriyat' (democracy) has been raised and will be raised further," he added.

"Historic Achievement"  
On the Commission's meetings with political parties in Jammu and Kashmir since it arrived in the Union Territory on Thursday, Kumar said they had spoken to national and recognised parties, all of whom had praised the people and the Election Commission for the way the Lok Sabha elections had been conducted there.

The state had seen a voter turnout of 58.46%, which was the highest in 35 years, and Kumar said all the parties had called that a "historic achievement".

"The parties said it had good participation and no violent incidents took place, which boosted people's confidence. All the parties demanded that the Assembly polls be held at the earliest so that there are elected representatives in Jammu and Kashmir who have a better connect with local residents," Kumar said.

Jammu and Kashmir has been without an elected government for over six years and the last Assembly elections were held there in December 2014. The Supreme Court has set a deadline of September 30 for the Election Commission to hold Assembly polls in the erstwhile state, whose special status under Article 370 was removed and it was bifurcated into two Union Territories on August 5, 2019.

**Srinagar Hotter**  
33.2 degree Celsius.

Banihal stations recorded 29.6 degree Celsius while Batote, Katra and Bhaderwah recorded 27.0 degree Celsius, 30.6 degree Celsius and 31.6 degree Celsius.

Meanwhile, for the next two days, the weather here has predicted a brief spell of rain and thundershower at few places during day time with possibility of light to moderate rain and thundershower at scattered places of Kashmir division and many places of Jammu division towards late night and early morning.

Director MeT, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that from August 12 to 14, a brief spell of rain and thundershower is expected at a few places during day time with a spell of rain and thundershower at scattered places towards late night and early morning.

Meanwhile on August 15, a spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower is expected towards early morning and late night over many places of Jammu division and brief spell of light rain and thundershower at isolated places of Kashmir division during early morning and evening.

He further stated that on August 16 & 17; there is a possibility of light to moderate rain and thundershower at many places of J&K.

Nonetheless, in its advisory, the MeT has predicted the possibility of flash floods, landslides & heavy rainfall over Jammu division on August 10, 11, 14 and 15. (KNO)

**Air India Suspends**  
Israeli city on March 3.

Air India had suspended flights to and from Tel Aviv starting on October 7, 2023, after the Hamas group's attack

on the Israeli city.

### Will Argue In

court did not hear him before directing his virtual presence from jail.

The bench asked Malik to approach the Supreme Court to mount a challenge to the production order if he was aggrieved.

Stating that he did not want to go to the top court, Malik urged the bench to grant him a hearing through virtual or physical mode.

"I want to come physically but if the court allows virtual hearing, I will appear through that mode," he stated.

The bench observed that the case needed a "substantial hearing", which may not be possible if one of the parties was present virtually and suggested the appointment of either an amicus curiae or a lawyer of Malik's choice to protect his interest.

During the hearing, the court also asked if Malik could be called or a "special court" could be assembled somewhere else.

"I argued myself (earlier). I will argue myself. I know my case much better. There was no lawyer in the trial court," he responded.

On May 29 last year, the high court issued Malik notice on the NIA's plea seeking death penalty for him in the terror funding case and sought his presence before it on the next date.

Subsequently, jail authorities filed an application seeking permission for his virtual appearance on grounds that he was a "very high-risk prisoner" and it was imperative to not physically produce him in court to maintain public order and safety.

The request was allowed by the high court.

In the present matter, on May 24, 2022, a trial court here sentenced Malik to life imprisonment after holding him guilty for offences under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the Indian Penal Code.

Malik had pleaded guilty to the charges, including those under the UAPA, and was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Appealing against the sentence, the NIA emphasised that a terrorist cannot be sentenced life term only because he has pleaded guilty and chosen not to go through trial.

While seeking enhancement of the sentence to death penalty, the NIA said if such dreaded terrorists are not given capital punishment on account of pleading guilty, there would be complete erosion of the sentencing policy and terrorists would have a way out to avoid capital punishment.

The trial court, which had rejected the NIA's plea for death penalty, had said the crimes committed by Malik struck at the "heart of the idea of India" and were intended to forcefully secede Jammu and Kashmir from the Union of India.

It had, however, noted that the case was not the "rarest of rare", warranting death penalty.

### SC Refuses To

Entrance Test (NET)-Postgraduate exam was initially supposed to be held on June 23. It was postponed by the Union Health Ministry as a "precautionary measure" in the wake of alleged irregularities in certain

competitive exams.

### Rs 1.18 Lakh Cr

With close monitoring of public debt, the UT government was successful in tapering down the off-Budget borrowings. The government also restrained the non-priority expenditure through austerity measures and biometric verification of beneficiaries. For the first time in 77 years, UT contributed to the contingency funds created by RBI.

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo and Principal Secretary Finance, Santosh Vaidya led the UT's efforts in this direction. Crucial meetings were held in June and July 2024 in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Finance to review the fiscal performance of the UT Government. Union Home Minister and Union Finance Minister personally reviewed the fiscal management of the UT Government.

Considering the challenges faced as also the reforms undertaken by the UT government, the Central Government has approved the special financial support of Rs.17,000 crore for Jammu and Kashmir. As a result of this Rs. 17,000 crore special package, the fiscal deficit to GDP ratio of Jammu and Kashmir will reduce to 3.0% in the financial year 2024-25. The Union Government will provide for the salary, pension and other costs of Jammu and Kashmir Police for which an allocation of Rs 12,000 crore has been made in the Union budget. In addition, a special grant of Rs 5,000 crore is being provided to Jammu and Kashmir.

As part of the special package, the UT government has also committed to discharge its dues with J&K Bank in a timely fashion. In fact, the UT government has repaid about Rs. 4,600 crore to the Bank to clear the past dues. It will reduce the fiscal stress of the UT government in multiple ways. The package will provide additional fiscal space to the Government to work towards fulfilling the developmental needs and aspirations of the people. It will also enable J&K police to undertake upscaled investments in modern weapons, police housing, and infrastructure facilities.

The budget of Jammu and Kashmir for 2024-25 makes provisions for the ongoing initiatives for infrastructure development, sustainable agriculture, new industrial estate, PRI level works, employment generation, developing tourism, and social inclusion.

### 2 Cr New Houses

crore houses proposed are expected to benefit nearly 10 crore individuals, the statement said.

"The approval would facilitate all the houseless and people living in dilapidated and kutcha houses to build safe and secure houses of good quality with all the basic amenities. This will ensure safety, hygiene and social inclusiveness of the beneficiaries," it said.

To achieve the objective of "Housing for All" in rural areas, the central government had launched the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana -Gramin with effect from April 2016 with a target of constructing 2.95 crore houses with basic amenities with a deadline of March 2024.

### Rs 33 Cr Heroin

a case was registered in this regard at the Police Station Bus Stand.

"Prima facie it appears that the accused obtained the consignment from the border areas and was taking it to Punjab. However, further investigation is underway to unearth the forward and backward linkages and the complete picture," he added.

Jain further said that police has acted tough against drug peddling as well as peddlers in the recent past.

The police has attached properties of the drug peddlers worth Rs 8 to 9 crore in various districts of Jammu region.

### 31-member JPC

Devarayalu, Mr Dilleshwar Kamait, Mr Arvind Sawant, Mr Mahtre Balya Mama Suresh Gopinath, Mr Naresh Ganpat Mhaske, Mr Arun Bharti and Mr Asaduddin Owaisi.

The 10 members of the Rajya Sabha on the committee are Mr Brij Lal, Dr Medha Vishram Kulkarni, Mr Gulam Ali, Dr Radha Mohan Das Agrawal, Dr Syed Naseer Hussain, Mohammed Nadimul Haque, Mr V Vijayasai Reddy, Mr M Mohamed Abdulla, Mr Sanjay Singh and Dr Dharmasthala Veerendra Heggade.

### Mirwaiz Says

agents for electoral purposes". Addressing the Friday congregation at the historic Jamia Masjid here, he said the introduction of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill in the Parliament has caused "great anguish and concern for the Muslims in India and naturally in Muslim majority Jammu and Kashmir."

The Waqf (Amendment) Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on Thursday and referred to a joint parliamentary panel after a heated debate, with the government asserting the proposed law did not intend to interfere with the functioning of mosques and the opposition calling it targeting of Muslims and an attack on the Constitution.

The Mirwaiz said, "Many controversial provisions have been proposed, including changing the composition of the board. Non-Muslims will now be made part of the board and a non-Muslim can even be made the CEO of the board which is a direct interference in religious matters."

In the proposed Bill, a district collector can make the decision in the case of a dispute on the final status of the Waqf land -- whether it is Waqf property or government land, he claimed.

"Since this government come to power, many disputes have been raked up about mosques, and till the dispute is settled the land will be deemed to be government land," he added.

Hundreds of Waqf mosques in Jammu and Kashmir are centuries old and some do not have documents to prove it, the Mirwaiz said and claimed "All of those will then be deemed to be on government land."

"Unfortunately, the agenda of this government seems to persist in disempowering Muslims and using them as polarising agents for electoral purposes," he said. "As Muslims, we need to remain alert about these tactics and safeguard our interests as much as we can. If the government goes ahead with this discriminatory law, it will be resisted by the Muslims of Jammu and Kashmir," he added.



## Rivalry With Neeraj Is Inspiring Youngsters In Both India, Pakistan: Nadeem

Press Trust of India

**PARIS:** History-making Pakistan javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem is quite pleased that his rivalry with Indian superstar Neeraj Chopra is becoming as talked about as the cricketing battles between the two feuding neighbours as he believes it will fuel the sporting ambition of youngsters in both the nations.

Nadeem bested Chopra for the first time in their 11 face-offs to claim the Olympic gold medal with a sensational Games record of 92.97m on Thursday night.

Chopra took the silver with a season's best effort of 89.45m, adding another chapter to their storied rivalry.

"The rivalry is there when it comes to cricket matches and other sports, definitely. But at the same time, it is a good thing for



youngsters in both countries who are pursuing a sport to follow us and follow their sports icons and bring laurels to their countries," the 27-year-old Nadeem told reporters after becoming the first Pakistani to clinch an individual Olympic gold medal.

He is also Pakistan's first individual medallist since the 1988 Seoul Olympics where boxer Hussain Shah claimed a middle-weight bronze.

Nadeem and Chopra, despite being fierce competitors on the field, are good friends off

it. A few months back, when Nadeem made a social media appeal for funds to buy a quality javelin, Chopra was among those who stepped forward to offer their support.

The over six feet tall Nadeem was the dark horse in Thursday

night's final where Chopra entered as the top qualifier.

But the Pakistani, who won the 2022 Commonwealth Games gold with an over 90m effort, stunned the high-quality field with two throws that measured over 90m, one of them being a new Olympic record, which was previously held by Norway's Andreas Thorkildsen, who cleared 90.57m in the 2008 Beijing Games.

"I am thankful to the nation. Everyone prayed for me, and I was hopeful of doing well. Over the years, I got a knee injury and recovered, and worked hard on my fitness. I was even confident of throwing beyond 92.97m, but that throw was enough for me to get the gold," Nadeem said of his performance.

"I will continue to work hard and give my best in the days and months to come. I am planning to throw beyond this mark as well."

## Director YSS Inspects Under Construction Sports Fields In Jammu



Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Department of Youth Services and Sports Director Subhash Chander Chibber kicked off a plantation drive at Khel Goan Nagrota here on Friday.

Accompanying Director YSS were Deputy Director Central Jatiner Mishra, Deputy Director Planning Ravi Kumar, DYSSO Jammu Sunil Kumar and other officers and officials of the department. A total of 150 students actively participated in this initiative.

The primary objective of this

programme was to instill a sense of cleanliness and sanitation among the youth, promote community involvement in Swachta Pakhwada, and cultivate a culture of responsibility towards maintaining cleanliness and hygiene.

Later on Director YSS along with other officers of the department inspected the ongoing construction works of playfields, athletic track, hockey turf and indoor complex hall at the Khel Goan. He was briefed by Deputy Director planning Ravi Sharma about the pace of work.

## District Level Cricket Tourney Continues In Anantnag

Observer News Service

**ANANTNAG:** Several matches of the Inter-District Cricket Tournament were held by the Department of Youth Services and Sports in Anantnag.

At Sports Ground Bhijbehra, HSS Mehind secured a victory in the opening match by setting a target of 132 runs. Shahid Saleem shone with a brilliant 77 off 34 balls. HSS Pahalgam's Sajid took 2 wickets and later scored 68 off 38 balls in the chase. However, his efforts were not enough, as HSS Pahalgam fell short by 15 runs. Kashif from HSS Mehind claimed 4 wickets, including a maiden hat-trick, the first of the tournament.

In the second match, HSS Brak-

pora dominated, posting a formidable 170-run target. Salfee Amin was unbeaten with 85 runs, hitting 9 sixes and 4 fours. DPS Sangam struggled in their chase, managing only 63 runs, losing by 107 runs.

In another battle HSS Khanabal set a target of 128 runs in the third match, with Sharid Shafi scoring 58 off 33 balls. HSS Seer, in response, managed only 63 runs, losing by 65 runs. Sameer led the bowling for HSS Khanabal with 3 wickets.

At Sports Stadium Dooru, Zone Shangus achieved a resounding 10-wicket victory, chasing down a 125-run target in just 8.2 overs against Zone Achabal. Faizan scored 54 off 22 balls, and Owais contributed 47 off 26.

## Sub Junior Football Selection Trials On August 11, 12

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The J&K Football Association on Friday announced open selection trials for Sub Junior boys and girls teams to represent J&K in the upcoming Junior National Football Championship 2024-25.

The trials will be held on August 11 and 12 at Polo Ground from 3 PM onwards.

As per JKFA, the eligibility criteria is as follows:

Boys Category: Born between 01-01-2011 to 31-12-2012

Girls Category: Born between 01-01-2011 to 31-12-2012

"All interested players must attend the selection trials on their respective dates and bring their Original Date of



Image via AIFF

Birth Certificates," the FA said in a statement.

"TW3 Tests for Selected Players is Mandatory and will be done in Presence of AIFF Officials. For any queries or further information, please feel

free to contact Mohammad Latief Bhat at +917889409438 and Mehraj-ud-din Wadoo, Football Coach, J&K Sports Council whose contact no. is 7889557053," the statement added.

## J&K Lose 2-0 In Junior National Football Championship Semis



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** J&K was ousted in the semi-finals of the Junior Boys National Football Championship for Dr B.C Roy Trophy 2024-25 on Friday. The team went down 2-0 against Telangana at Nurul Amin Stadium Ground 1 in Nagaon, Assam.

Aditya A scored both goals for Telangana, with the first coming in the 40th minute and the second in the 52nd.

"We are incredibly proud of the determination, spirit, and effort displayed by our boys and the officials who supported them every step of the way," the J&K Football Association said in a statement.

The Satpal Singh Kala-coached team topped their group by going unbeaten, but couldn't cross the final hurdle to reach the ever elusive championship title.

"Our boys have gained invaluable experience, and we are confident that they will come back stronger in the days to come," the FA added.

## Short TAKES

### Sports Activities Organised At Hardu Panzo In Budgam



The Department of Youth Services and Sports Budgam organised various types of sports competitions on Friday.

The district recently hosted the Inter-District Level Football Tournament at Sports Stadium Char-i-Shareef. Meanwhile, an Under-19 boys cricket tournament concluded at Zone Hardu Panzo.

In the final, the team of Block Sukhnag defeated Boys Higher Secondary School Hardu Panzo and won the title. At the closing ceremony, Block Development Officer Sukhnag Sana Khan and In-charge Zone Sheikh Feroq Ahmed jointly awarded the winning and runner-up teams.

### Sri Lanka Cricket Team Fears For Safety Amid UK Riots

Sri Lanka have raised security concerns with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) amid the ongoing anti-immigrant riots in Britain, with players requesting increased security ahead of their upcoming test series against England.

Sri Lankan players already in England for training before the three-match test series have asked their cricket board for better arrangements as they do not have a security plan before the entire test squad reaches London on Sunday.

### CAS Verdict On Vinesh Expected Before End Of Olympics

The Court of Arbitration For Sport (CAS) Ad Hoc division in Paris has registered an application filed by Indian Wrestler Vinesh Phogat, seeking a joint silver medal in the sub-50kg category, from which she was disqualified before the final round for being 100 grams 'overweight'.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport has agreed to hear Vinesh Phogat's plea seeking a joint-silver medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics, and is expected to issue a decision before the end of the Olympics.

### Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem Showered With Cash Awards

Pakistan's sensational javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem who won the country's first individual Olympic gold in 40 years is being showered with cash awards by Punjab and other provincial governments and organisations.

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz on Friday announced a cash award of rupees 100 million for Nadeem. Similarly, the Pakistan Peoples Party's Sindh government announced rupees 50 million for the athlete while the Sukkur city mayor also announced a 'gold crown' for him.

### Barcelona Sign Spain Midfielder Olmo From Leipzig On 6-Year Deal

Spain attacking midfielder Dani Olmo has joined LaLiga giants Barcelona from Bundesliga club RB Leipzig on a six-year deal, the Spanish club said on Friday.

Barca, who kick off their domestic season next week at Valencia, said the 26-year-old Olmo had signed until June 2030, returning to the club where he spent seven years in the youth academy before joining Dinamo Zagreb aged 16.

The transfer fee is reportedly around 55 million euros.

## Community Shield: Injuries Loom Large Over Man United Once Again

Agencies

**LONDON:** Coach Erik ten Hag insisted last season could have turned out very differently had injuries not hindered Manchester United's progress, but further setbacks ahead of the new campaign have dampened the mood around Old Trafford once again.

New co-owner, British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe, has assumed control of soccer matters at English football's most successful club and has begun to make drastic changes, at boardroom level as well as on the pitch.

Plans are afoot to build a new stadium to rival any sporting arena in the world. Supporters, however, are most keen to see changes made to the squad in the short term, after United finished in their lowest ever Premier League position last season.

Above Ten Hag, who signed a new contract following United's FA Cup final victory over Manchester City, Ratcliffe and his INEOS company have brought in Dan Ashworth as sporting director, Jason Wilcox as technical director and poached Omar Berrada

from City as CEO ahead of the new campaign.

"We are so pleased that around the football, around the first-team, we have a strong structure that will help us," Ten Hag told MUTV last month.

"They are supportive and that will help us in many ways, like in scouting and recruitment, like in the departments of medical and performance. They will be so supportive and that will raise the bar."

The start of the transfer window got fans further excited as United brought in striker Joshua Zirkzee from Bologna, as well as in-demand teenage defender Leny Yoro - both in positions that were seen as a must for reinforcements.

However, Yoro has suffered a foot injury that will keep him out for three months, while Lisandro Martinez, who would likely have partnered Yoro in central defence, has only just returned to full training after an injury-hit campaign last term.

The player Netherlands interna-

tional Zirkzee is meant to provide cover for, Danish striker Rasmus Hojlund, limped out of the pre-season friendly loss to Arsenal and will miss the start of the season. Several other key play-



ers are up against it to be ready for Saturday's Community Shield clash with champions Manchester City.

## New Challenge Is To Break Our Own Records, Says Man City's Guardiola

Agencies

**LONDON:** Manchester City followed up the treble with an unprecedented fourth straight Premier

season's Community Shield curtain-raiser on Saturday.

City face Manchester United at Wembley in a repeat of the FA Cup final, which they lost 2-1 to their local rivals, and Guardiola said they will give their all to win the trophy.

"It is important, it is a final against United, a part of that is trying to refine ourselves. It is step-by-step. (It is important to see) how young players behave on the biggest stage. We will go for it," Guardiola told reporters on Friday.

The 53-year-old Spaniard's name has been linked with the vacant England job after Gareth Southgate resigned last month. However, despite his contract with City running out next year, Guardiola said he was focused on the present.

"I have to decide what I want to do in my life - (whether to) continue here (at City), take a break, a national team, anything. Of course, right now, I am here," he said.

"My energy rises again, I'm fully excited for the season. We will see, it's a new challenge to break our own records, we will see the ambition in ourselves."

Guardiola also said City and Atletico Madrid have agreed a deal for Argentina forward Julian Alvarez to join the LaLiga side, who British media said will fetch around 81 million pounds (\$103.19 million) which would be a club-record sale.

"I know he wanted a new challenge. He felt or feels that is what he has to do," Guardiola said of the 24-year-old.

"I understand in certain moments, important moments, maybe he thought he was going to play. I respect that a lot. The decisions of the players, I said many times I am a part of the club, but the club has the final decision.

"A contract can be broken, if you are not happy why should you be here? When you believe happiness is around another corner, you have to go there to take a look. He believes his period here is over and okay."



# Study Reveals Priorities Of Indian GenZ's, How Hard They're Willing To Work

Gen Z usually refers to those born between 1997 and 2012

**Agenceis**

New Delhi: One in every four GenZ respondents in India is more inclined towards new-age job fields like Artificial Intelligence, cybersecurity and content creation while 43 per cent are willing to sacrifice the work-life balance to succeed in their career, a study has found.

The study, the Quest Report 2024, which unveils Gen Z traits and trends on dreams, careers, and aspirations, also found that only 9 per cent of respondents want to pursue entrepreneurship as they seek stability and security in work life.

Gen Z usually refers to those born between 1997 and 2012. "One out of 4 Indian respondents are more inclined towards new-age job fields like content creation, data analysis, AI, and cybersecurity," the study commissioned by iQOO in association



with CyberMedia Research, said. iQOO is a sub-smartphone brand of the vivo group.

"43 per cent of respondents in India and 46 per cent globally are willing to give up work-life balance to succeed in their career," it said, adding that around 62 per cent of the Indian youth are willing to give up their hobbies and other interests to achieve their dreams.

"Recent debate on work-life balance due to deliberation on 14-hour work day & 70-hour workweek have stirred conversations amongst the Gen Z," the study noted.

The study of 6,700 Gen Z respondents, aged between 20-24 years, from seven countries including the US, the UK, Malaysia Brazil and India, stated that 19 per cent of Indians surveyed prefer career advancements in big organisations while 84 per cent of Indian respondents believe their jobs align with their goals, compared to 72 per cent globally.

As many as 45 per cent of Questers said that they would take up higher studies to support their quest while 32 per cent believe they should take up relevant

jobs to support their dreams. Around 46 per cent feel financial constraints as a barrier to pursuing their choice of career. However, over 90% are confident in achieving their dream despite the barriers.

"2X of women feel gender affects the pursuit of their dreams compared to men," the study said. The study covered three broad areas- Gen Z Questers' spirit & motivation to fulfil their dreams, obstacles & barriers that disrupt their quest for passion, and career choices that drive their interests.

## Owner Of Dog, That Fell On Girl From 5th Floor And Killed Her, Arrested



**Agenceis**

Thane: Police have arrested the owner of the pet dog that fell on a four-year-old girl from the fifth floor of a building in Maharashtra's Thane, which resulted in her death, officials have said.

The police arrested the accused on Thursday night and also registered an offence against him and three other persons in connection with the incident that occurred around 4.30 pm on Tuesday in Mumbai area of Thane city.

"The police have arrested the owner of the pet dog that fell from the fifth floor on the girl, who was walking on the road below with a woman on August 6.

The child suffered grievous injuries and was rushed to a hospital where doctors declared her dead on the same day," an official of the Mumbra police station said.

A case was registered against the owner of the dog and three others under sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for culpable homicide not amounting to murder, death by negligence, negligent conduct with respect to animals and acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention, he said.

The police had initially registered a case of accidental death, the official said. A video of the dog falling on the girl has gone viral on social media.

## Gujarat Teacher On School Payroll Despite Settling In US 8 Years Ago

**Agenceis**

Palanpur: The Gujarat government has ordered a probe against a government schoolteacher who allegedly continues to be on the payroll despite settling in the US and remaining absent from duty for nearly eight years, an official said on Friday.

The in-charge principal of a primary school in Panchha village in Banaskantha district claimed the teacher, Bhavna Patel, has been on the school's payroll despite reporting to duty only for a month every year and going on unauthorised leave as she lives in the US.

On learning about the principal's allegations, Gujarat Education Minister Kuber Dindor ordered a probe.

Talking to reporters, Dindor said, "I have ordered an inquiry and sought a report from district officials. We do not allow such practice. If found guilty of unauthorised absence, we will punish the teacher and recover the salary she was paid." Minister of State for Education Pratul Pansheriya asserted that the teacher had not been paid since January.

"She is one of 11 teachers in Danta taluka of Banaskantha. As per a primary report submitted by officials, she has been taking leaves at regular intervals. However, the report clearly stated that she has not been paid a single rupee since January. We will take action if she is found guilty



of availing any other benefits despite living abroad," Pansheriya said.

The issue came to the fore after Parul Mehta, the in-charge principal of the school, informed local media that despite settling in the US in 2016, Ms Patel continues to be on the payroll.

"Bhavna Patel settled in the US in 2016. But, to ensure her service continues, she comes to school once a year and serves for a month. This has been going on for several years. Children are suffering because of her long absence. She should either resign or join duty," Mr Mehta told reporters.

She also shared a letter dated July 18, wherein she urged District Education Officer Vinubhai Patel to take action against the teacher, who will retire in 2027.

Mr Mehta claimed the teacher takes two months' salary each year despite being on "leave without pay" as per the school muster.

The DEO, in his response, said Bhavna Patel is on an unau-

thorised leave for the last eight months and has not been paid since January.

"Our taluka primary education officer (TPEO) found out about this during an inspection in May and sent her a notice. The official rejected her explanation and informed us to take further action. We have not paid her in the last eight months," he said.

He said the teacher reported to duty in January and left for the US. After getting the notice in June, she sent an explanation on WhatsApp.

As per state government rules, teachers can be dismissed from the service only when they are absent for a year or more, the DEO said.

"In her reply, she said she would join duty in September. However, her reply was rejected, and she was asked to report to work immediately. In the past, we have dismissed 10 teachers for unauthorised absence for more than one year. We will again issue a notice and take strict action against her," he said.

## UP Barber Arrested For Spitting On Customer's Face, Shop Bulldozed



**Agenceis**

Kannauj: A barber here was arrested a day after a video of him applying his spit on a customer's face made rounds on social media, police said on Thursday. The barber's makeshift shop was bulldozed by the local administration.

Superintendent of Police Amit Kumar Anand said, "We received a report regarding a video in which a barber, Yusuf, was seen applying his spit on the face of a customer. Acting on the complaint we arrested him on Wednesday night."

According to the police, the incident occurred a fortnight ago but the video was posted online recently and it began doing rounds on Wednesday.

"The accused is seen applying some cream on the face of the customer in the video. While doing so he stops, spits in his palms and applies it on the customer's face," Circle Officer Kapoor Kumar said.

The local administration on Thursday reached the spot and bulldozed the makeshift salon.

"The salon was made using tin sheets and was an encroachment. It was removed with a bulldozer today," the CO said.

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